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NEWS FROM THE SEPTEMBER 16 GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

Board approves naming building after Cutting

Governing board members unanimously approved a proposal naming the Cuyamaca College Science & Technology Center. "The Wendell Cutting Science & Technology Center," after the late board member who cared so deeply about this district.

Trustee **Deanna Weeks** thanked everyone at Cuyamaca College for taking this step. "Wendell was a cut above. He spent his entire life in public service and charitable causes. We are lucky. He loved our community college district best. This is very fitting."

Grossmont accreditation progress report

Grossmont College President **Sunita V. Cooke** reported that accreditation efforts are progressing on schedule thanks to the hard work of many people on campus and despite many challenges over the last nine months. A site visit is tentatively scheduled for November 5.

The four areas of focus are diversity, student learning outcomes, institutional planning processes, and improving relationships with constituent groups. "It was the efforts of many tireless people at the college and the district level that put this progress report together," concluded **Dr. Cooke**.

New Cuyamaca College faculty introduced



Cuyamaca College Academic Senate President Michael Wangler introduced new faculty members. Pictured above, left to right: Brian Josephson, counselor; Taylor Smith, music; Dr. Joe Marron, vice president of student development & services; Amaliya Blyumin, counselor; Hanz Barker, chemistry; Michelle Garcia, biology; Dr. Cristina Chiriboga, interim president; Dr. Will Jonen, exercise science; Jose Lopez, sociology; Michael Wangler; Governing Board President Bill Garrett; and Chancellor Omero Suarez.

Unable to attend, but also introduced were new faculty members Daniel Curtis, math; Donald Schultz, ornamental horticulture; Lauren Halsted, English; Guillermo Colls, ESL; and Nicole Jones, counselor.

From Closed Session

Governing Board President **Bill Garrett** reported that the board decided not to appeal a superior court judge's decision reversing the termination of Grossmont College instructor **Tim Cliffe** and that the vote was 3-2.

Prior to the governing board adjourning to Closed Session, **Verna**

Griffin-Tabor, Center for Community Solutions; **JoAnne Bushby**, East County resident, and **Wendy Hutson**, former ASGC president, urged board members to proceed with an appeal.

Zoe Close, United Faculty president, **Michael Golden**, Grossmont College professor, and **Karen Cliffe**, wife of **Tim Cliffe**, thanked the board for its decision.

Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College Governing Board Members:

Rick Alexander, Greg Barr, Timothy L. Caruthers, D.C., Bill Garrett, Deanna Weeks

STUDENT MEMBERS: Dan Lewis, Charles Taylor III

Chancellor: Omero Suarez, Ph.D. • Grossmont President: Sunita V. Cooke, Ph.D. • Cuyamaca Interim President: Cristina Chiriboga, Ed.D.

Reports to the Board

Trustee **Deanna Weeks** congratulated Cuyamaca College faculty and staff for its successful convocation event. She also praised the Grossmont College faculty and staff for their forbearance with the off-site parking and shuttle program.

Trustee **Greg Barr** added his compliments regarding the parking situation.

Trustees **Deanna Weeks** and **Tim Caruthers** praised Grossmont's Exercise Science & Wellness Complex grand opening.

Grossmont College Student Trustee **Dan Lewis** reported on activities remembering the anniversary of 9/11 and Constitution Week.

Cuyamaca College Student Trustee **Chuck Taylor** said the first College Hour of the semester was the most successful ever, attracting 500 students for a barbecue and free flu shots.

Governing Board President **Bill Garrett** attended the Grossmont College Scholarship Awards Breakfast, calling it "one of the best programs I go to."

Ben Lastimado, Vice Chancellor-Human Resources and Labor Relations, said he hopes to have online job application technology fully implemented by the next school year.

Sue Rearic, Vice Chancellor-Business Services, said that the district will borrow money from the County of San Diego to continue operations if there is no state budget by the end of the week. In the meantime, efforts will continue to develop an adoption budget by October 15.

Dana Quittner, Associate Vice Chancellor of Intergovernmental Relations, Economic Development & Public Information, added that the State legislature has promised to override any veto on their budget plan. In response, **Governor Schwarzenegger** has threatened to veto the approximately one thousands bills waiting for his signature, including several that would positively impact community colleges.

Grossmont College Academic Senate President **Chris Hill** thanked everyone for their efforts in making the parking situation work.

Cuyamaca College Academic Senate President **Wangler** said faculty is

responding positively to requests to volunteer for committee openings.

Classified Senate representative **Dave McDade** reported that Classified Senate will hold its annual planning session for the upcoming year this week.

CSEA President **Jan Recktenwald** thanked members for supporting the negotiating team with its e-mail campaign. Governing Board President **Garrett** responded to **Recktenwald's** statement about the timeline for setting bargaining talks with the mediator, saying the district has offered specific dates.



Grossmont College Report

- President **Sunita V. Cooke** thanked faculty and staff for working with the shuttle program to relieve parking congestion during construction.
- **Dr. Cooke** reported that enrollment is the second highest in Grossmont's 48 year history: 18,206 students, which is 4.3 percent more than last year.
- The Fall Scholarship Awards Breakfast was a major success, with 36 students receiving scholarships.



Cuyamaca College Update

- Interim President **Cristina Chiriboga** reported a healthy 11.7 percent increase in units this fall semester.
- **Dr. Chiriboga** announced that Cuyamaca has received two grants totaling \$1.2 million to develop a Workplace Learning Center and a Teacher Pipeline for Career Technical Education.
- The Student Center received an "Award of Excellence" from the Community College Facilities Coalition in the campus completion category. **Dr. Chiriboga** recognized **Dale Switzer**, Senior Director Facilities Planning, Development and Maintenance, for his work on this project.

Staff Notes

Welcome to new classified employees **Ryan Cline** and **Ronald Fleming**, Instructional Media Services Technicians, Senior; and **Brenda Flores**,

EOPS/CARE Program Specialist, all at Grossmont College. Welcome also to **William O'Hare**, Interim Vice President, Instruction, and **James Read**, Grounds Maintenance Worker, Senior, both at Cuyamaca College.

Congratulations to **Tommie Tenille Caleca**, Evaluations Advisor, Grossmont College; **Nanyamka Hill**, Acting Assistant Dean, EOPS, Cuyamaca College; and **Debbie Yaddow**, Associate Dean, Nursing, Grossmont College, on their new assignments.

Calendar of Events



Thursday, September 25, 10 a.m.
Business/CIS Building Kickoff,
Cuyamaca College

Thursday, September 25, 7-9 p.m. A
Celebration of Banned Books, Griffin
Gate, Grossmont College

Friday and Saturday, October 17-18 Fall
California Automotive Teachers
Conference, Student Center, Cuyamaca
College

Tuesday, October 21, 1-8 p.m. Transfer
Fair and High School Career & College
Fair, Student Center, Cuyamaca College

Public Comment

Aaron Landau, East County resident, expressed his disappointment in action taken by Cuyamaca College concerning his student status.

Next Meetings

The governing board will hold a special adoption budget workshop on Tuesday, Oct. 7, at 4 p.m., in the Student Center, Cuyamaca College.

The governing board will hold a special meeting to consider adoption of the budget on Tuesday, Oct. 14, at 4 p.m., in Griffin Gate, Grossmont College.

The governing board's next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, Oct. 21, 2008, at Griffin Gate, Grossmont College. The open session will begin at 6:30 p.m., following closed session, scheduled for 5:30 p.m.