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NEWS FROM THE JANUARY 13 GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

Board selects Miles as new Chancellor, March 1, 2009



The governing board voted unanimously to appoint **Dr. Cindy Miles** as the district's new chancellor effective March 1, 2009. Board President **Bill Garrett** and others said they look forward to working with **Dr. Miles**.

Campbell receives award



John Campbell, district programmer analyst senior, received the Chancellor/Classified Senate Award as Employee of the Quarter.

Chancellor **Omero Suarez** said he was pleased to congratulate **Campbell**, calling him a gifted computer programmer and saying that despite his reserved nature, many people know him and appreciate his work. **Ray Reyes**, Cuyamaca Financial Aid Supervisor;

Pam Fleming, Cuyamaca Financial Aid Advisor; and **Michael Copenhaver**, Grossmont Financial Aid Director, were among the multiple people nominating **Campbell** for the award. Reyes, Fleming, and Copenhaver told the board of Campbell's dedication, innovation and service to thousands of students who benefit from processes he develops. **Campbell** received an engraved plaque and gift certificate as part of his recognition.

Outreach efforts yield results

Gafcon Program Manager **Jim Davies** reported progress on campus construction projects including the Grossmont College Parking Structure, Cuyamaca College Business/CIS project and the Central Plant.

Davies said ongoing outreach efforts to maximize participation by East County contractors in the district's projects have yielded impressive results. Sixty-two percent of the work being done on the Cuyamaca Business/CIS building is by East County contractors—\$9.9 million out of the \$15.9 million project. At Grossmont College, \$11 million of the \$19.3 million in contracts for the Health/Physical Science building went to nine East County contractors.

Auxiliary and Foundation reports presented

District Auxiliary and Grossmont and Cuyamaca Foundation reports were presented to the governing board. Speaking for Auxiliary Director Stan Schroeder, **Ann Durham**, director of the Regional Health Occupations Resource Center, reported a 21 percent increase in income, an all-time high. Reserves are healthy and the Auxiliary received another clean audit. In its first six years, the Auxiliary has facilitated \$22 million that has gone to district and college programs and services to support students.

Cuyamaca College Foundation Board President **Rob Nolan** said the Foundation is in its best financial shape ever. Audits are clean, assets are high, and the board is hard working. **Nolan** said raising the Foundation's profile in the community is leading to better support.

Grossmont College Foundation Board President **Steve Devan** reported steady progress in a number of areas designed to enrich programs for students.

Shifting into his role as President and CEO of the Grossmont Schools Federal Credit Union, **Devan** said the Foundations have tremendous matching grant opportunities to build perpetual student scholarships through the Osher Foundation. To increase support for the match, Grossmont Schools Federal

Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College Governing Board Members:

Rick Alexander, Greg Barr, Bill Garrett, Mary Kay Rosinski, 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.

Credit Union will donate \$26,668 to establish a \$1,000 perpetual scholarship at Cuyamaca and another at Grossmont.

Board President **Garrett** thanked **Devan** and the Credit Union for “really stepping up to the plate.”

Other board items

Board members set meeting dates of August 11 and September 8, and moved the October meeting back to October 20.

The governing board voted 5-0 to increase the non-resident tuition fee to \$190 per unit for the fiscal year 2009-2010. This is the statewide average cost and the minimum amount the district may charge.

After hearing a protest from Sadler Electric, trustees voted 5-0 to award a contract to Precision Electric Company as part of the Grossmont College Health/Physical Sciences Building construction project. District legal counsel **Tim Garfield** told the governing board the challenge was not supported under the law and the bid was fairly awarded.

Board member **Mary Kay Rosinski** requested a report on all advertising purchased by the district.



Reports to the Board

Trustee **Deanna Weeks** attended the Nurse Pinning Ceremony, calling it moving to see individuals come in as students and leave as nursing peers. **Weeks** also praised the event dedicating the Wendell Cutting Center at Cuyamaca College.

Board Member **Rick Alexander** thanked everyone who put on holiday activities at both campuses.

Trustee **Mary Kay Rosinski** said she attended the chancellor candidate forums and complimented the process and college and Academic Senate presidents for acting as masters of ceremonies.

Grossmont College Student Trustee **Dan Lewis** said ASGC will host Welcome Back week activities starting January 26.

Governing Board President **Bill Garrett** attended the Corrections Officers graduation, calling it a great

program. He also thanked district counsel **Tim Garfield** and board members for the support he was given as he worked to bring **Dr. Cindy Miles** to the district.

Sue Rearic, Vice Chancellor-Business Services, provided a state budget update but said there is not much news to report. Payments will likely be further delayed, and COLA taken back. In addition, the state recently completed a review of mandated cost claims. The state continues to owe the district approximately \$3.7 million.

Rearic also provided trustees with a comprehensive report on the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) 45 Post Employment Benefits, which the district must comply with by June 30, 2009. Requirements, conditions and plans were reviewed. Recommendations will be presented to the board later this year.

Dana Quittner, Associate Vice Chancellor of Intergovernmental Relations, Economic Development & Public Information, said the recent visit by state legislative staff members has already had a positive impact. Proposals that would have damaged students were pulled off the table. **Quittner** said Congressman Duncan D. Hunter will serve on the House Labor & Education Committee.

Cuyamaca College Academic Senate President **Michael Wangler** said he was honored to be part of the Wendell Cutting Center dedication and that he thinks of Wendell every time he walks into the building. He thanked the board for the process used to appoint the new chancellor.

Classified Senate President **Debi Miller** said a more “user friendly” nomination form for the Chancellor/Classified Senate Award has been developed and encouraged nominations. A review committee is also working on an award handbook. Plans are under way for Classified Staff Appreciation Day on April 6.



Grossmont College Report

President **Sunita V. Cooke** said there will be an estimated \$1 million increase in financial aid this year over the previous year and there has already

been a 14 percent increase in applications.

Enrollment is currently up 6.1 percent over last spring.

Dr. Cooke said 56 students graduated from the Corrections Academy, and 38 nurses graduated from the Nursing program.



Cuyamaca College Update

Interim President **Cristina Chiriboga** thanked faculty chairs and deans for putting together a well constructed class schedule. Enrollment is currently up 14 percent above last year.

Faculty, staff, and administrators were thanked for their efforts in putting together the legislative education project visit program in December.

Dr. Chiriboga praised the Guardian Scholars Luncheon, which honors the achievements of students who were foster youth.

Staff Notes

Welcome to new classified employee **Cynthia Koether**, Learning Assistance Center Specialist, Grossmont College.

Calendar of Events



Tuesday, Jan. 20, 10 a.m. Spring Convocation, Student Center, Grossmont College

Wednesday, Jan. 21, 8 a.m. Spring Convocation, Student Center, Cuyamaca College

Thursday, Jan. 22, 6:30 p.m. Office Professional Training Graduation, Room 220, Grossmont College

Wednesday, February 11, 6 p.m. “County Supervisor Dianne Jacob State of the County Address,” Communication Arts Theatre, Cuyamaca College

Next Meeting

The Governing Board’s next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, Feb. 17, 2009, at Griffin Gate, Grossmont College. The open session will begin at 6:30 p.m., following closed session, scheduled for 5:30 p.m.