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L-R: Cindy Miles, Chancellor; Amber Green, Employment Services Director; Jerry Buckley, Grossmont College Dean of Math, Natural Sciences and Exercise Science and Wellness; Debi Miller, Classified Senate President; Andy Groshans; Bill Garrett, Governing Board President; Linda Bertolucci, Purchasing and Contracts Sr. Director

Chancellor/Classified Senate Award

Andy Groshans, Information Systems Programmer Analyst, Senior, received the quarterly Chancellor/Classified Senate Award. Groshans has worked for the district for almost 37 years.

Chancellor **Cindy Miles** said that Groshans is “tremendously perceptive,” and “always there” and that, in addition to being known as a skilled information systems professional, he is also well known for his artistic creativity. Classified Senate President **Debi Miller** said the multiple nominations focused on Groshans' ability to interact well with people, and his valuable institutional memory, as well as his loyalty, attitude, and work ethic. Groshans was nominated by **Amber Green, Linda Bertolucci, and Jerry Buckley**, who noted that “**Andy** makes an incredible contribution every day.”

Early retirees lauded and applauded

Twenty-nine faculty, classified and administrative employees with hundreds of years of service among them accepted the district's early retirement offer.

Trustee **Deanna Weeks** spoke for many in offering congratulations to those who had taken the option. She noted it was the best way to sweeten a sad situation. “When I reflected about it, and thought about the decades, the many years of wisdom, institutional memory, and experience they represent, it will leave a huge hole.”

Chancellor Cindy Miles said, “It solves some of our problems. But there is a huge loss in this. The amount of knowledge and expertise going out the door is tough for us.” **Dr. Miles** said planning is under way for a celebration in August to thank them.

Oberndorfer appointed to CBOC

Grossmont College Foundation board member **Ron Oberndorfer** was appointed by the governing board to the Prop. R Citizens Bond Oversight Committee.

CBOC members **Sharon Bullard, George Hawkins, Ken McCormack, and Joseph Powell** were re-appointed for another two-year term.

Reports from the Board

Trustee **Deanna Weeks** enjoyed seeing, at a presentation prior to the board meeting, the ways Cuyamaca College is using technology and training people for green industry jobs, calling them “very impressive.”

Board member **Greg Barr** said the coming year

represents a new era for the district and a year where all will join hands and work on solutions. He reported on a meeting with employees at his home to discuss issues related to the budget crisis. The group came up with 13 questions. The questions and responses will be shared.

Board member **Rick Alexander** was pleased with the joint meeting of the governing board and the Districtwide Strategic Planning and Budget Council on Tuesday.

Governing Board President **Bill Garrett** and Trustee **Mary Kay Rosinski** welcomed **Jim Mahler**, representing the American Federation of Teachers, to the staff table.

Trustee **Rosinski** asked for a report on the use of traffic cones in the Cuyamaca College parking lot.

Cuyamaca College Student Trustee **Chuck Taylor** said ASGCC has been meeting this summer.

Governing Board President **Bill Garrett** commended everyone who worked with the Chancellor on the Districtwide Strategic Planning and Budget Council joint meeting for making it very seamless.

New Public Safety officers sworn in



Sylvester Jones (left above) and Hector Schlemmer (second from right) were sworn in by Governing Board President Bill Garrett as the newest officers to join the District's Public Safety Department led by Director Joel Javines.

Chancellor's Report

Chancellor **Cindy Miles** reported a 48-year summer enrollment record at Grossmont College and an 8 percent increase in summer enrollment at Cuyamaca College. Chancellor **Miles** said both colleges are doing tremendous jobs with shrinking personnel and budgets.



Cuyamaca College has double the number of enrollees for fall over the same time last year. Financial Aid applications are up 21 percent over the last six months.

Chancellor **Miles** discussed many exciting activities at Grossmont College, including photography workshops and a youth basketball camp. She commended the leadership for holding campus forums to help individuals at the college understand the budget and what's going on.

ASGC President **Marc Valenzuela** was congratulated on his appointment as a state student senate representative to the California Community Colleges Board of Governors.

Chancellor **Miles** invited everyone to the August 17 celebration of the Grossmont College parking structure.

Cuyamaca staff is working with the American Waterworks Assoc. to host a national planning conference.

Chancellor **Miles** offered kudos to the "College for Kids" program, which is bringing 200 students to both colleges, and the Cuyamaca Link program, which hosted 400 high school seniors. Over 300 will attend the program in the fall.

Both colleges will hold disaster drills in the near future.

State Budget

Chancellor **Miles** reported that the state budget agreement cuts community college funding by \$936 million statewide. The district is working hard to find an additional \$5 million in cuts to add to the \$4 million cut in the tentative district budget. Student fees will be increased to \$26/unit effective this fall.



Staff Reports

Mike Copenhagen, new president of the Administrators Association, announced the new slate of officers including **Janet Althaus**, **Tammy Huston**, **Randy Pogue**, **Walter Sachau**, and **Linda Haar**.

Jan Recktenwald, CSEA president, welcomed the district's new public safety officers; congratulated the retiring employees especially the classified staff; and also **Andy Groshans** on his award, calling him "very dedicated."

Recktenwald reported that she participated at a rally at Governor Schwarzenegger's San Diego office protesting state budget cuts.

Academic Senate Presidents **Mike Wangler**, Cuyamaca College, and **Chris Hill**, Grossmont College, welcomed AFT and **Jim Mahler**. **Wangler** said the three met earlier.

Debi Miller, Classified Senate president, said the Senate is looking forward to its August 7 retreat. She distributed copies of the June newsletter. **Miller** thanked Trustee **Greg Barr** for inviting classified staff to his home.

Jim Mahler, American Federation of Teachers (AFT), thanked everyone for the warm welcome extended to the organization and is looking forward to working with everyone to get through the budget crisis.

Staff Notes

Welcome to new classified employees **Kelly Laggner**, Physical & Natural Science Technician, Cuyamaca College; and **Luma Shamon**, Financial Aid Advisor, Grossmont College.

Calendar of Events



- *Tuesday, August 4, 6 p.m.*
GM/Automotive Service Educational Program (ASEP) Graduation, Cuyamaca College Student Center
- *Monday – Friday, August 10-14, 8 a.m. – noon*
Grossmont College inaugural Youth Basketball Camp
- *Monday, August 17*
7:30 a.m. Parking Structure Grand Opening, Grossmont College
9 a.m. Grossmont College Fall Convocation Student Center
- *Wednesday, August 19, 8 a.m.*
Cuyamaca College Fall Convocation, Student Center.

Next Meeting

The Governing Board's next meeting will be held Tuesday, August 18, 2009, at Griffin Gate, Grossmont College:



- Annual Capital Construction Workshop, at 3:30 p.m.
- Regular meeting Closed Session at 5 p.m.
- Regular meeting Open Session at 6:30 p.m.