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Tentative Budget approved

The governing board unanimously approved the District's 2009-2010 Tentative Budget. President **Bill Garrett** said staff has done an excellent job making reductions to date. He said board members will need to work with employee groups to find where changes can be made. "I recognize it will be a long arduous summer," said **Garrett**.

Board Member **Rick Alexander** noted that personnel costs are 87 percent of the district budget. "Every idea must be assessed no matter how outrageous. We have to be open to all suggestions," said **Alexander**.

Chancellor **Cindy Miles** reported that the latest state Budget Conference Committee proposal reduces categorical program budget cuts and raises student fees to \$26 per unit.

Speaker **Crystal Bernier-Sudano** expressed concerns about program cuts. Urging everyone to contact their legislators and let them know how potentially devastating cuts could be to students, Governing Board President **Bill Garrett** said it was important to let them know.

Student Trustees sworn into office

Governing Board President **Bill Garrett** administered the oath of office to Student Trustees



Chuck Taylor



Christopher Enders

Chuck Taylor (Cuyamaca) and **Christopher Enders** (Grossmont).

Workforce Partnership honors Mary Leslie



Mike Cafferty, the San Diego Workforce Partnership's President & CEO, honored **Dr. Mary Leslie**, Lead Instructor, Grossmont College Office Professional Training Program, as the Workforce Development Professional of the Year. Left to right: Chancellor **Cindy Miles**, **Mark Cafferty**, **Mary Leslie**, Governing Board Vice President **Deanna Weeks**, Governing Board President **Bill Garrett** and Grossmont College President **Sunny Cooke**.

CVT Program receives \$30,000



A happy team receives a \$30,000 check to the Grossmont College Foundation from Abbott Vascular for the Grossmont College Cardiovascular Technology program. Left to right: Chancellor **Cindy Miles**, CVT coordinator **Rick Kirby**, Abbott regional manager **Mike Allen**, Governing Board President **Bill Garrett** and Grossmont College President **Sunny Cooke**. Said **Allen**, "I have the unique experience of seeing the graduates in action. They literally do save lives."

Reports to the Board & Budget Discussion

Trustee **Deanna Weeks** thanked everyone involved in all end of semester celebrations. She also reported that the Rolando Elementary School fifth grade students she visited in April were exuberant about the follow-up tour of Grossmont College.

Trustee **Greg Barr** also commended the colleges for their work on commencement ceremonies. **Barr** added that the next few months will be crucial for everyone to work together solving the budget problems, and he hopes all can come together, compromise, and work out a solution.

Trustee **Rick Alexander** agreed with **Barr** and thanked staff for working so hard on the tentative budget.

Trustee **Mary Kay Rosinski** said everyone is concerned about the budget, and that the board was determined to maintain the integrity of the district's education program. She encouraged people to make more suggestions for budget savings, saying great suggestions from faculty and staff had already been received.

Cuyamaca College Student Trustee **Chuck Taylor** reported Phi Beta Kappa swore in 34 new members to the honor society. **Taylor** and Grossmont College Student Trustee **Christopher Enders** said their respective Associated Student organizations have sworn in their new boards.

From Closed Session

The governing board gave direction to counsel regarding the Cliffe and Agosto matters.

Other Board Items

Governing Board President **Garrett** announced that bargaining items with employee union organizations have been posted for public information and are attached to the governing board meeting docket. "Additionally," he said, "more specific initial proposals from the district and exclusive representatives will be presented at subsequent public meetings of the board."

Community member **Jim Mahler** expressed appreciation for Garrett's comments and said he hopes the district is not focused on the employees to solve the budget problem.

Trustee **Mary Kay Rosinski** voiced her concerns about the violations listed on the district's Labor Compliance report wondering if these violations cost the district. Vice Chancellor-Business Services **Sue Rearic** explained that fines are to the vendor, and that the report provides another method of accountability to the taxpayers.

Trustee **Rick Alexander** expressed concerns about a \$1,500 payment for a property appraisal. Board members **Greg Barr** and **Deanna Weeks** noted that the work had been done and payment should be approved. Chancellor **Cindy Miles** said the district would look at doing such an appraisal differently in the future, relying on expertise within the district. The measure passed with a 4-0-1 vote, with Alexander abstaining.

The governing board unanimously approved one-year extensions to the employment contracts of Cuyamaca College Interim President **Cristina Chiriboga** and Interim Vice President of Instruction **Tim O'Hare**.

Chancellor's Report

Chancellor **Cindy Miles** reported that it seems the best of times and the worst of times in the district. She noted the many celebrations and accomplishments of the students and faculty and staff. Over 2,000 degrees and certificates were awarded, testimony to good work.

Chancellor **Miles** noted that there was excellent media coverage, including stories on MSNBC and CNN featuring Cuyamaca College's valedictorian Tamra Slagle. She said the district celebrated its retirees at a luncheon, the end of parking off site at Grossmont College, and held a "topping off" ceremony for the Grossmont College Health/Physical Sciences Building. She reported that she and Trustee **Deanna Weeks** enjoyed participating in the La Mesa Flag Day parade.

Summer enrollment is the highest ever in the district with more than 12,000 students at the two colleges.

Governing Board President **Bill Garrett** has been elected chairman of the San Diego and Imperial Counties Community Colleges Association (SDICCA) Board Alliance.

The college representatives who secured three grants

through the San Diego Workforce Partnership were lauded for bringing stimulus funds to the district.

Addressing the budget crisis, Chancellor **Miles** said board action on the tentative budget reflects commendable work on behalf of many people who have already worked to achieve a four percent reduction with no staff layoffs, but that the district faces more significant cuts. The whole district will face them together. She thanked the board for putting out the opportunity for the early retirement incentive and also thanked everyone for contributing to the budget suggestion box (Budget.Suggestions@gcccd.edu) with good ideas.

Staff Reports

Jan Recktenwald, CSEA president, thanked the many classified employees who have communicated budget concerns to state assembly members and senators.

United Faculty representative **Ezequiel Cardenas** said the early retirement incentive is an example of working to find a budget solution that benefits everyone, and thanked the governing board for its approval. Board President **Garrett** told **Cardenas** he appreciated the employee groups meeting with the district to work out the fine details.

Debi Miller, Classified Senate president, said the executive board has approved a new reference guidebook for the Chancellor/Classified Senate Award process. A link to this guide will be provided on its Web site.

Staff Notes

Welcome to new District classified employees **Sylvester Jones** and **Hector Schlemmer**, Public Safety Officers.

Congratulations to **Sal Espiritu**, Maintenance Supervisor, Cuyamaca College, on his new assignment.

Calendar of Events



June 22 -July 31: "College for Kids"

Friday and Saturday, July 10-11: High School Football Passing Tournament, Grossmont College

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 regular meeting will be held Tuesday, July 21, 2009, at the Student Center, Cuyamaca College. The open session will begin at 6:30 p.m., following closed session, scheduled for 5:00 p.m.

Public Comment

Victor Leyva appealed to the governing board not to allow credit card company marketers on the college campuses.