



GROSSMONT-CUYAMACA  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

# The Courier

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## NEWS FROM THE MARCH 17 GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

### Welcome Chancellor Miles

Chancellor **Cindy L. Miles** received a warm welcome from board members, faculty, staff and students at her first governing board meeting.

**Dr. Miles** thanked everyone for putting their faith in her. "Thanks for the opportunity to sit in this chair. It's been a wonderful 12 days so far. The welcome I received at both colleges, the district and the community is so heartwarming."

**Dr. Miles** said she is on a "learning and listening tour" including "Conversations with the Chancellor" forums at both campuses. "My interest is in hearing from you and doing the best job I possibly can," said **Chancellor Miles**.

### CBOC Prop. R Annual Report

**Sharon Bullard**, Prop. R Citizens Bond Oversight Committee (CBOC) communications committee vice chairperson, presented the CBOC's 2008 *Annual Report to the Community*. "The oversight committee continues to monitor Prop. R to ensure it is expended according to the plan," said **Bullard**. She said six consecutive years of clean audits with no findings reflects the sound fiscal administration of these funds by the district.

The report is available online at [www.gccd.edu](http://www.gccd.edu) under "Construction News."



*Left to right: Trustees Greg Barr, Mary Kay Rosinski, Bill Garrett, and Rick Alexander; Cal-PASS Executive Director Brad Phillips; Grossmont College English Instructors Ryan Griffith, Sue Jensen and (retired) Mary Donnelly; Trustee Deanna Weeks; Student Trustees Charles Taylor III and Dan Lewis; Chancellor Cindy L. Miles; and Bob Biddle from the Campaign for College Opportunity.*

### Cal-PASS and Project Success Receive Awards

**Chancellor Miles** introduced **Bob Biddle** to present two Practices with Promise awards from the Campaign for College Opportunity. Of the 15 projects honored this year from around the state, two are in this district at Grossmont College.

The first award was to **Brad Phillips**, Cal-PASS chief executive officer, and Grossmont College project co-coordinator, English instructor **Ryan Griffith**, for the Freshman Composition Alignment Project.

**Phillips** noted that all community colleges, all but four state universities and two-thirds of all high schools currently participate in Cal-PASS. The project's co-coordinator **Micah Jendian** was unable to attend but was also recognized.

The second award was to **Sue Jensen**, English professor, and the Project Success "founding mother" (now retired) **Mary Donnelly** for Grossmont College's Project Success Learning Communities.

**Jensen** said **Donnelly's** recognition that students did better in all their classes when they took a reading class with a writing class has grown to a system of 25 links for developmental reading and writing, resulting in better student retention, success, and persistence.

Governing Board President **Bill Garrett** congratulated the recipients, saying "We are doing things here that really make a difference to our students."

#### 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: Cindy L. Miles, Ph.D. • Grossmont President: Sunita V. Cooke, Ph.D. • Cuyamaca Interim President: Cristina Chiriboga, Ed.D.

## Search Process Approved for Cuyamaca President

Board members approved the Cuyamaca College president search process, including the search committee composition. The timeline anticipates the president assuming office in January 2010.

## Other Board Items

Trustee **Deanna Weeks** asked about the status of the districtwide travel “freeze,” noting that travel items are on the agenda. Chancellor **Miles** said selective travel is being approved for critical trips. Criteria are being applied in addition to the usual process.

## Reports to the Board

Cuyamaca College Student Trustee **Chuck Taylor** reported on numerous student activities.

Grossmont College Student Trustee **Dan Lewis** said ASGC has surveyed students about the smoking ban and found that students are concerned about lack of enforcement.

Trustee **Mary Kay Rosinski** said the district is very fortunate that good planning has meant we are not in the position of laying off staff. She recognized classified staff and faculty for being asked to do more and more.

Board Member **Rick Alexander** said the state budget was the main topic of discussion at the recent Community College League of California (CCLC) Legislative Committee meeting. **Alexander** said problems with transfers to San Diego State University were brought to light and he requested some CCLC research.

Trustee **Greg Barr** asked both college presidents to inquire with campus enforcement officials about oversight of the smoking ban.

Trustee **Deanna Weeks** said the Office Professional Training program will receive a site visit from the San Diego Women’s Foundation, as background for possible funding.

Governing Board President **Bill Garrett** thanked staff for their hard work putting together Chancellor **Omero Suarez’** retirement party. **Garrett** said he is thrilled that Grossmont College will receive “earmark” money for the nursing

program. “It is something that will be terrific for the college and the program,” **Garrett** said.

**Ben Lastimado**, Vice Chancellor-Human Resources and Labor Relations, reported that the new human resources online system is “live.” **Dr. Lastimado** said the system will offer a great return on investment including savings on paper, time spent recruiting, and increased applications.

**Sue Rearic**, Vice Chancellor-Business Services, said the 2008-09 state budget continues to delay payments to the district. For 2009-10, the state’s budget currently shows growth funding, no fee increases and no COLA. “Even though we didn’t do layoffs, we are headed for a rough ride,” said **Rearic**.

**Dana Quittner**, Associate Vice Chancellor, said only six community colleges out of 110 received federal earmark funding. Four proposals have been submitted for the upcoming year.

## Staff Reports

Classified Senate President **Debi Miller** reported that the Senate is working on Classified Staff Appreciation Day on April 6.

Grossmont College Academic Senate President **Chris Hill** reported that she and Cuyamaca College Academic Senate President **Michael Wangler** and their vice presidents would attend the state spring plenary session and an area meeting. **Wangler** added that both colleges are finalizing schedules for Professional Development Week. The areas for focus will be diversity, sexual harassment, and disaster preparedness.

**Jan Recktenwald**, CSEA president, said votes will take place on conference delegates and changes regarding chapter dues. **Recktenwald** said CSEA is currently running media ads to educate the public about classified staff and their contributions to education.



## Grossmont College Report

**President Sunita V. Cooke** said accreditation reports are on schedule. A final report will come before the board in the fall.

**Dr. Cooke** said “Pathways to Tomorrow” is the theme of the campuswide Science Festival March 20-

21. KUSI-TV is scheduled to broadcast live from the festival Saturday morning.

Grossmont graduate **Tracy Worthington** has been named Nurse of the Year for the Critical Care Department at Scripps Mercy Hospital.



## Cuyamaca College Update

Interim President **Cristina Chiriboga** said 15 high school teams participated in the Science Decathlon co-hosted with Grossmont College.

Cuyamaca College hosted the first Sustainable Urban Landscape Conference in its new theatre with over 150 landscape professionals attending.

**Dr. Chiriboga** congratulated the Joint Forensics team for its recent success, commending the debate team instructors.

## Calendar of Events



Conversations with Chancellor Forums

- *Monday, March 23, 5:30 p.m.*  
Grossmont College, Griffin Gate
- *Tuesday, March 24, 5:30 p.m.*  
Cuyamaca College Student Center, Room I-207
- *Wednesday, March 25, 11:30 a.m.*  
Grossmont College, Griffin Gate
- *Thursday, March 26, 11:30 a.m.*  
Cuyamaca College Student Center, Room I-207

*Wednesday, April 15, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.*  
Grossmont College Health & Wellness Fair, Main Quad

*Saturday, April 25* Spring Garden Festival, Cuyamaca College Water Conservation Garden

## Next Meetings

Governing Board annual goal-setting meeting: Tuesday, March 31, 1 p.m., Fire Station 12 Conference Room, 8844 Dallas St., La Mesa.

Governing Board next regular meeting: Tuesday, April 21, 2009, at the Student Center, Cuyamaca College. The open session will begin at 6:30 p.m., following closed session, scheduled for 5:30 p.m.