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Highlights from the Governing Board Meeting



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Board Focus on Student Success

The Student Success series continued this month with an open, lively, and thoughtful discussion on the District's 10-month journey toward raising awareness about student success, what was learned about completion rates for the 2006 cohort of students, and the California Leadership Alliance for Student Success (CLASS) Project findings.

While speaking during the Board meeting, Chancellor **Cindy Miles** said she hoped the data provided to the District's leadership would be shared with others. She thanked Acting Sr. Director Institutional Research and Dean Mathematics, Natural Sciences/Exercise Science **Jerry Buckley** for hosting the session, and thanked all the Governing Board members who have attended the sessions.

Board Member Reports

Cuyamaca College Student Trustee **Chuck Taylor** thanked Interim President **Bob Garber** for attending Associated Student meetings.

Grossmont College Student Trustee **Christopher Enders** discussed the recent attention on bullying issues in the news. He urged everyone in the District to do whatever possible to offer support to students and others subjected to bullying incidents, including District programs showcasing diversity and acceptance. Trustee **Deanna Weeks** said, "I'm grateful for the national spotlight on bullying, but so sad about the reason for it."

Trustee **Rick Alexander** thanked the Classified Senate for its invitation for lunch and conversation.

Board President **Bill Garrett** thanked everyone who attended the pre-board meeting on student success. "We recognize and appreciate that [student success] takes a lot of effort by many people. We have a diverse population of learners who come to us, and many of them need a bit of extra attention," he said.



Chancellor's Report

Henri Migala, Executive Dean Institutional Advancement, has agreed to join the District Auxiliary and work with Auxiliary Director Stan Schroeder to lead an initiative in developing a Districtwide grants development and administration system.

Miles commented on recently-passed state transfer legislation that will improve and help smooth student transfers into the California State University system.

Chancellor/Classified Senate Award Presented to Barbara Hashiguchi

Barbara Hashiguchi, Account Technician, District Services, was presented with the quarterly Chancellor/Classified Senate Award by Chancellor **Miles**, Classified Senate President **Debi Miller**, and Accounting Manager **Linda Jensen**, who nominated **Hashiguchi**. **Hashiguchi** was nominated for embracing the values of student access and success. She was commended for her involvement in the development and implementation of the new Nelnet Student Payment Plan enabling the District to work with students on



reconciling debts to the District. Since the program was implemented, the District has recovered \$2.3 million. "Barbara is wonderful, we love her. She is so student-oriented," **Jensen** said.

Hashiguchi's family, including her husband Glen and her children Jan and Michael, were in the audience as she was presented her award.

Board Actions

The Governing Board approved all items on the [agenda](#); the majority were approved by consent, with discussions on the following items:

201 Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee

Trustees appointed and welcomed **Jacqueline Luis**, Associated Student Government of Cuyamaca College President, to the *Prop R* Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee as the Cuyamaca College student representative. She replaces **Pat Ardilla**, who resigned.

Item 304 Ratification of Signatures on Agreement

Governing Board Members requested clarification regarding construction change orders and ratified document signatures.

Item 402 Grossmont College Griffin Center/Student and Administrative Services; Ratification of Award

Governing Board Members discussed ongoing efforts to solicit multiple bids to ensure competition and lowered bids and disabled veteran business outreach for District contracts.

Item 504 Certification of Positions Exempt from Overtime

After hearing public comment, the Governing Board approved all Academic and Classified Managers as exempt from overtime provisions, restoring eligibility to Confidential support staff for overtime and compensatory time (non-exempt employees).

Grossmont College Foundation Gala

Governing Board members offered many compliments on the Grossmont College Foundation Gala event, calling it elegant and fun. The entertainment provided by the band "Steam Powered Giraffe," which includes Grossmont College alumni, received rave reviews.

Staff Notes

Welcome to new Cuyamaca College employees **Julianna Barnes**, Vice President, Student Services and **James Pechulis II**, Instructional Media Services Technician; and Grossmont College employee **Wendy Stewart**, Dean of Counseling and Enrollment Services.

Presidents' Reports



- ◆ Vice President Administrative Services **Tim Flood** said Grossmont College was presented its "Best of San Diego Award" as the Best Local College/University by readers of the *San Diego Union-Tribune*.
- ◆ More than 300 people attended the Grossmont College Foundation's 2010 Dinner Gala and Auction fund-raiser. Preliminary fundraising total is \$130,000, including \$25,500 for Osher scholarships.
- ◆ The grand opening celebration for the new Health and Sciences Complex was held last month. Attendees especially enjoyed seeing the building's facilities in use and the many demonstrations of teaching tools and equipment that were part of the opening celebration.



- ◆ Interim President **Robert Garber** said the new Veterans' Club held its first meeting in the Student Center. The club is open to all veterans, including faculty and staff, providing an opportunity to connect with fellow veterans.
- ◆ Thirty-nine Dutch educators visited Cuyamaca College on October 11. Chancellor **Miles** and other campus representatives presented information on District and regional educational best practices.
- ◆ **Garber** said **Henri Migala** attended the recent Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU) meeting. Colleges with 25 percent or more of its students who identify themselves as Hispanic qualify for membership, and for significant grant and funding opportunities. Currently, 24.30 percent of Cuyamaca College students identify themselves as Hispanic.

Vice Chancellor's Report

Vice Chancellor **Sue Rearic** said District Services continues to implement its reorganization. To help people adjust to new roles, a District Services guide and contact information will be developed for faculty and staff.

Rearic reported that a new link offering textbook rentals will be available this January on WebAdvisor.

The new state budget, which includes no negative Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA), was reviewed by the Districtwide Strategic Planning and Budget Council. It was recommended that growth funds not be referred to as "growth," because it is really only a partial restoration of what the state previously took away. The District is keeping a close eye on apportionment delays and when it will be necessary to borrow funds to meet monthly expenses. Concern remains that we may face mid-year reductions.

Public Comment

Cuyamaca College student **Ryan Darsey** spoke about bullying and the recent tragedies across the nation involving five young people who took their lives because of bullying. He requested that the District train professors about bullying; provide more visibility on how it affects peers; install a bullying hotline; and enforce policies about bullying. Chancellor **Miles** confirmed policies are in place against discrimination and harassment, and said procedures exist for students to be heard. **Miles** said a new team is working to develop a plan for promoting tolerance and a welcoming culture for students and employees in all sectors and invited **Darsey** to attend the upcoming team meeting.

Associated Students Grossmont College Controller **Cheryl-Anne Phillips** reported on grant awards, recent and upcoming activities, upcoming conference involvement, and student complaints about food service.

Staff Reports

AFT representative **Michael Golden** and CSEA President **Jan Recktenwald** both reported that their members are busy with state and local election activity.

AFT members and ASGC members will hold a “teach-in” next week about the political process to encourage more student participation in the election.

Classified Senate President **Debi Miller** reported the senate held its annual retreat on September 24. She said plans are going forward to create a float for the upcoming Mother Goose Parade.

Cuyamaca Academic Senate President **Michael Wangler** said preparations are underway for the upcoming state Academic Senate Fall Plenary.

Grossmont College Academic Senate President **Chris Hill** said the Academic Senate will hold its election for a new president who will take office in June 2011. She discussed the possible ramifications of the state transfer legislation.

Board Meeting Schedule

The next regular meeting of the Governing Board will be held Tuesday, November 16, 2010, in the Student Center, Cuyamaca College. The open session will begin at 6:30 p.m., following closed session, scheduled for 5:20 p.m.

The schedule of regular Governing Board meetings for 2010 is posted online at: [2010 Governing Board Meeting Schedule](#).