

# Coast Board Connection

## Highlights from the Coast Community College District Board of Trustees Meeting

January 15, 2003

**Board of Trustees**  
Paul G. Berger  
George E. Brown  
Walter G. Howald  
Jerry Patterson  
Armando R. Ruiz  
Derek Shelly, Student Trustee  
**Chancellor**  
William M. Vega, Ed.D

### **Impact of Governor's Proposed Budget Aired at Board Meeting**

Vice Chancellor of Administrative Services C.M. Brahmhatt detailed for the Board how the Governor's proposed 2002-03 midyear budget cuts will impact the District's budget. In a worst-case scenario, the District could need to cut as much as \$9.3 million from its budget before July 1, 2003. A task force of community college advocates and the Board of Governors Consultation Council has developed an alternative midyear cuts package that reduces the Governor's \$278 million cut proposal to \$158 million.

The package "recognizes the need for all sectors of California government to help meet the budget shortfall," but limits community college reductions to the same 2.8% cut level as proposed for K-12 and protects base apportionments. If the system's alternative proposal is ultimately adopted, the District would still be looking at a \$5.4 million in cuts this fiscal year.

Vice Chancellor Brahmhatt told the Board that the Legislature is expected to finalize a mid-year cuts package by the second week of February. In the meantime, each college's Budget and Planning Committee has been asked to begin the process of reviewing its budget and developing a plan to meet the mid-year cuts target once it is determined.

The Legislature is expected to begin negotiations on the Governor's proposed 2003-04 budget in March. The Governor's proposal included an additional \$530 million cut to community colleges, which could translate into as much as a \$15 million additional cut to the Coast District budget.

### **Board Certifies Results of Bond Election, Adopts Bylaws for Citizen Oversight**

The Board of Trustees adopted a resolution certifying the passage of the District's bond measure, Measure C, in the November 5 election.

The Board also adopted bylaws for the bond measure's Citizens' Oversight Committee, which must be put into place by March 15, 2003. The Committee is charged with overseeing all bond fund expenditures.

The nine members of the committee will be appointed by the Board. By law, membership must include:

- One student enrolled and active in a community college support group, such as student government
- One member active in a business organization
- One member active in a senior citizens' organization
- One member active in taxpayers association
- One member active in a support organization for the college, such as a foundation
- Two members of the community at large

The remaining two members will also represent the community at large. Committee members can serve two consecutive terms.

The District is currently soliciting letters of interest from anyone interested in serving on the Measure C Citizens' Oversight Committee. Letters should be sent to the District Office, Attn: Chancellor's Office, 1370 Adams Ave., Costa Mesa, CA 92656.

By law, District employees, contractors, vendors and consultants cannot serve on the Citizens' Oversight Committee.

For more information, contact the District Public Affairs Office at (714) 438-4605.

## **REPORTS**

### **Board of Trustees**

- Student Trustee Derek Shelly announced that the next District-wide Student Council meeting will be held on Friday, January 24.

### **Presidents**

- KOCE President Mel Rogers announced that the station has moved back digital conversion a few weeks, to April 1.
- GWC President Ken Yglesias was proud to announce that the 124<sup>th</sup> Police Academy class will hold graduation services on January 31.

### **Chancellor**

- Chancellor Bill Vega congratulated OCC faculty member Toni Iseman on her recent appointment to the California Coastal Commission Board. Iseman, a member of the Laguna Beach City Council, was also recently elected by the City Council as mayor.

### **Academic Senate Presidents**

- Nancy Jones, CCC senate president, announced that intersession classes are underway.

### **Employee Representative Groups**

- Diane Sharp, president, CFCE Local 4794/AFT, expressed concerns regarding the number of new hourly employees hired within the District.

## **ACCEPTANCE OF RETIREMENTS**

The Board congratulates the following retirees:

- Alice Cross, OCC, Account Clerk Senior, effective 03/22/003. Cross joined the staff at OCC in 1984 as an office aide. Cross plans to travel and spend time with her family once she retires.
- Barbara Ross, CCC, Staff Aide, effective 06/28/03. Ross has been at Coastline for 15 years and has worked in the Counseling Office and the Office of Instruction. Ross plans to move to Tennessee with her husband and to spend time with her family.

## **ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATIONS**

The Board authorized the following resignations:

- Tami Danforth, CCC, Staff Assistant, effective 12/25/02.

## **MEETING CALENDAR**

February 5, 2003	First Wednesday
February 19, 2003	Third Wednesday
March 5, 2003	First Wednesday
March 19, 2003	Budget Workshop
April 9, 2003	First Wednesday
April 23, 2003	Service Awards
May 7, 2003	First Wednesday
May 21, 2003	Third Wednesday
June 18, 2003	Third Wednesday
July 16, 2003	Third Wednesday
August 20, 2003	Third Wednesday