

# Coast Board Connection

Highlights from the  
Coast Community College District  
Board of Trustees Meeting

## Board of Trustees

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**Chancellor**  
Kenneth D. Yglesias, Ed.D.

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## Governor's 2005-06 Proposed Budget Presented to Board

Vice Chancellor C.M. Brahmbhatt provided the Board with an update on the Governor's proposed 2005-06 budget, unveiled January 10.

No student enrollment fee increases were proposed for community colleges in the 2005-06 budget.

Brahmbhatt said the proposed budget includes the following potential funding increases system wide:

- \$136.7 million, or 3 percent, for enrollment growth
- \$195.5 million for cost of living adjustments (COLA), or 3.93 percent
- \$20 million in one-time funds for economic development, specifically earmarked to increase coordination between community colleges and high schools for career technical education curricula
- \$31.4 million set aside for potential restoration of Partnership for Excellence funds cut from last year's budget, pending the outcome of a district-specific accountability mechanism under consideration by the Board of Governors

Brahmbhatt told the Board that the growth cap for the Coast Community College District in 2005-06 is set at 1.23 percent, which means the District will only receive state funds for enrollment growth up to that point.

Brahmbhatt told the Board that while the Governor's budget did include some increases, it also includes proposals that would mean significant cuts to the District's budget. Those include the following:

- The Governor's budget proposes shifting STRS retirement costs from the state to the district level could reduce community college funding statewide by \$40 million. This would result in an ongoing cut of more than \$1.2 million to the Coast District budget.
- In the 2004-05 budget, \$80 million was included as the first of three years of funding aimed at bringing all community colleges closer to a per-FTE-based funding basis. However, a second installment of \$80 million was not included in the 2005-06 budget.

Brahmbhatt reminded the Board that the Governors' proposed budget will be revised based on state revenues in May, providing a clearer budget picture.

## REPORTS

### Board of Trustees

- Trustee Jerry Patterson commented on the Governor's State of the State address and noted his disappointment in the Governor's approach to education. Trustee Patterson said several of the Governor's proposals would be detrimental to our District, especially proposed changes to STRS and PERS contributions.
- Student Trustee Heather Larson announced that the next meeting of the District-wide Student Council subcommittee on textbook prices will be held on Friday. She announced that the results of the faculty survey regarding text book prices will be available soon.

### Chancellor

- Ken Yglesias, chancellor, discussed the proposed community college system district-specific accountability model developed by the State Chancellor's Office in response to AB1417. Districts have been asked to provide input on the proposal to the State Chancellor's office in time for the Board of Governors to provide their recommendations to the Legislature by March 25. In his proposed 2005-06 budget, the Governor has proposed restoring \$31,409 cut out of the community college budget last year pending the development of an acceptable accountability measurement mechanism.

### Presidents

- Ding-Jo Currie, CCC president, extended an open invitation to attend CCC's opening day session on February 4 at 3:00pm at the Garden Grove Center.

### Student Government Organizations

- Taryn Dickinson, president, ASGWC, thanked Interim President Sharon Donoff for her service to the college and thanked board members for their wisdom in selecting Wes Bryan as the new president. Dickinson announced that on February 28, GWC will hold a

Grand Opening event for the new Student Center. Dickinson reported that the ASGWC will be collecting gifts and warm coats for the Tsunami Relief effort.

### Academic Senate Organizations

- Margaret Lovig, CCC senate president, announced that CCC's STAR AA program has been awarded the 2004 Exemplary Program Honorable Mention Award from the California Academic Senate. The award will be presented at the May Board of Governors meeting in Sacramento. Program nominations were solicited by the California Academic Senate and several programs from throughout the state were nominated. Two programs received the Exemplary Award and only four receive the Honorable Mention award.
- Dibakur Barua, GWC senate president, announced that members of the senate will attend the college job fair on January 22 in Los Angeles. At its second meeting of the semester, the senate will host a discussion of the academic master plan with all that wish to attend to assist in the finalization of the plan. The senate is also working on a student equity plan, scheduled for completion next fall. The senate is hopeful that these plans can be integrated into the life of the college and put to use by faculty and staff.
- Kevin Parker, OCC president, announced that the senate will be investigating standards for access to computers on campus and the legal rights of faculty, staff and students to load software on District-owned computers. Parker announced that beginning this spring, the senate will host a monthly luncheon for faculty members to discuss learning outcomes.

### Appointment of Staff

#### Administrator

Bryan, Johns Wesley, GWC, President, full time, 12 month position for the period 01/01/05 to 06/30/07.

#### Faculty

Harelson, Karen Rae, Instructor, Nursing, temporary, full time one semester position, for the period 01/31/05 to 05/29/05.

Martinez, Brenda, OCC, Instructor, Spanish, temporary, full time one semester position, for the period 01/31/05 to 05/29/05.

Obstfeld, Loretta, OCC, Instructor, English, temporary, full time one semester position, for the period 01/31/05 to 05/29/05.

Reyna, Edward J., GWC, Instructor, Cosmetology, temporary, full time one semester position, for the period 01/18/05 to 05/29/05.

Simental, Yolanda, GWC, Instructor, Nursing, temporary, full time one semester position, for the period 01/31/05 to 05/29/05.

#### Classified

Alvarez, Jr., Daniel L., OCC, Athletic Equipment Assistant, Classified Unit, .500 time, 10 mo position, new hire effective 01/18/05.

### Acceptance of Resignations

Guccione, Linnea D., OCC, Account Clerk Intermediate, Classified Unit, effective 01/18/05.

Lombard, Stephen C., GWC, Sports Information Director, Classified Unit, effective 01/31/05.

Vasquez, Julie M., CCC, Corporate Developer, Classified Unit, effective 01/04/05.

### Acceptance of Retirements

#### Faculty

Goodman, Michael J., GWC, Instructor, English, retirement effective 12/20/04.

Michael Goodman served as Professor of English at Golden West College for 34 years. He first joined us in 1970 after receiving his M.A. in English from UCLA, bringing into the classroom his broad experience of life. Born in England in 1935, this soft-spoken man with a British accent had received a degree in hotel management in England and Switzerland, served in Malaysia with the British Army, and farmed on a kibbutz in Israel. In the classroom his sensitivity to his students revealed itself in the imaginative way he would unfold his lessons, using his gentle humor and knowledge of his students to keep them engaged and help them see the importance of language and literature in their lives. Michael dedicated long and fruitful hours as founding editor of the GWC literary magazine Voices. His commitment and friendly manner, not to mention his own achievements as a poet, encouraged several first-rate writers (both amateur and professional) to contribute their work, which led to rewarding volumes of exceptional quality. Another of Michael's joys as a teacher was participating in the Study Abroad Program, traveling to

Italy and France, where his first-hand knowledge of Europe and gift for languages afforded his young charges keen insights into the people and places they were visiting. Genuinely interested in his students, Michael was generous with his time. Between classes he could often be seen talking with them outside the Humanities Building or going over papers with them in his office. He clearly enjoyed his teaching, his students and his fellow faculty members. Faculty retreats and parties were enlivened by his teaching demonstrations and poetry readings. In these expressive readings he captured the admiration of his fellow English teachers, evoking the pith and whimsy of ordinary situations in his wry, insightful poems. Michael plans to spend his time in retirement writing more poetry, working on a manuscript for a children's book and traveling with his wife Claudine, visiting her home country of France as well as England and New Zealand. The two are looking forward as well to enjoying more leisurely moments with their children and grandchildren. Grateful for his years of conscientious service, we wish him and Claudine a heartfelt *bon voyage*.

Tornheim, Norman, GWC, Instructor, Art, retirement effective 12/20/04.

Norm Tornheim has taught at GWC for 28 ½ years. His main teaching area has been Ceramics. Norm's eccentric teaching style and unorthodox sense of taste has been an inspiration for his students and colleagues. His dedication to his craft over the course of his teaching career has made him a distinguished artist. His retirement will afford him a long, wished-for opportunity to pursue his art on a full-time basis. Norm's wife, Irene, and his son and daughter will enrich his life as husband and father.

#### MEETING CALENDAR

February 2, 2005	Regular Meeting
February 16, 2005	Regular Meeting
March 2, 2005	Regular Meeting
March 16, 2005	Budget Workshop
April 6, 2005	Regular Meeting
April 20, 2005	Service Awards
May 4, 2005	Regular Meeting
May 18, 2005	Regular Meeting