

Coast Board Connection

Highlights from the
Coast Community College District
Board of Trustees Meeting

February 5, 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

DISTRICT BRACES FOR MID-YEAR BUDGET CUTS

Vice Chancellor C.M. Brahmbhatt provided an update to the Board on efforts the colleges are undertaking to respond to the Governor's call for mid-year cuts to the 2002-03 budget. The District will likely be forced to cut between \$5 million and \$9 million from the 2002-03 budget, depending on what the final cuts package from the state includes. The Governor and the Legislature are still negotiating on that final cuts package.

Meanwhile, faculty, staff, students and administrators throughout the District are making decisions now regarding how to manage cuts in a way that minimizes impacts on students and employees as much as possible.

In addition, several District-wide measures have been agreed to, including:

- Conference-related travel will be frozen.
- All purchase orders, except those of an emergency nature, will be cancelled.
- The current District-wide hiring freeze will remain in effect.
- No institutional memberships, except accreditation, will be processed for the remainder of the year.
- Approval of release time at colleges will be reviewed thoroughly by the President.
- All summer school expenditures will occur in the 2003-04 fiscal year, which starts June 30.
- Spring semester classes will be cut unless they meet minimum standards set by each college.
- The Board may be asked to reduce the District's unrestricted reserve, as a last resort.

Certain exceptions to these measures exist at each college. Check with your college president for clarification.

REPORTS

Board of Trustees

- Trustee Paul Berger noted that the passage of over \$1 billion in community college facilities bonds will be a boost for the local economy.
- Trustee George Brown attended GWC's Police Academy graduation ceremony and congratulated the faculty and staff on an impressive event.
- Trustee Walt Howald congratulated Don Ackley on his retirement and thanked him for all of his help to the Board throughout the years. Trustee Howald also commented on the article in the Daily Pilot regarding OCC's School of Sailing and Seamanship and noted the importance of keeping the community informed about the happenings within the District.
- Trustee Armando Ruiz recently attended the Community College League of California's Legislative Conference where discussion was held regarding current and future state budget issues and Proposition 98.
- Student Trustee Derek Shelly noted that a new semester is underway and the impact of the reduced number of section offerings has resulted in all of his classes being full and left several students scrambling to add "closed" classes.

Presidents

- CCC Vice President of Instruction Barbara Hollowell announced that Dr. Ding-Jo Currie just returned from a military education conference and symposium. Military education programs are a vital source of revenue for CCC.
- GWC President Ken Yglesias announced that the campus is welcoming 6% more students this semester.
- KOCE President Mel Rogers proudly announced that Real Orange will be spruced up with updated graphics, visuals and music.
- OCC Interim President Gene Farrell announced that the OCC Foundation was the grateful recipient of an 80-ft. yacht.

Academic Senate Presidents

- Nancy Jones, CCC senate president, announced that a meeting will be held on Friday, February 7 to bring faculty up to date on the current budget issues.
- Warren Carter, GWC senate president, announced that the senate is working to disseminate the information regarding the state budget. The senate is focusing on increasing class sizes and maintaining the integrity of instruction while providing access for students.
- Carole Burke, OCC senate president, congratulated the OCC dance team for their first place victory in national competition.

Student Government Organizations

- Keri Dawn Jubran, ASGWC president, announced that they were busy this week welcoming new students to campus with food and entertainment. Next week the ASGWC will sponsor a blood drive.

Employee Representative Groups

- Tina Bruning, Coast Federation of Teachers, Local 1911/American Federation of Teachers president, announced that negotiations are taking place with the GWC Academic Senate over the class size issue.
- Dr. Robert V. Covert, Coast Community Colleges Association California Teachers Association/National Education Association president, thanked the board for placing the bargaining agreement on the agenda.
- 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:

- Donald Ackley, OCC, Dean, Library and Media Services, effective 02/01/03. Donald Ackley joined the staff of OCC in 1971 as the evening librarian. Ackley designed and launched OCC's first web site more than a decade ago. A member of several community college organizations, Ackley was also active in the Coast District Management Association. Ackley and his wife will reside in Huntington Beach.
- David Barr, GWC, Associate Dean, effective 03/01/03. David Barr has served as the Associate Dean of the GWC Criminal Justice Training Center since 1997 but has been with the college for 22 years. Barr's leadership of the GWC Training Center has enhanced the image and reputation of the program on a statewide level and he was responsible for the for the Fallen Officers' Memorial. Barr plans to spend his retirement touring the country with his family.
- Shirley Ledbetter, CCC, Division/Area Office Coordinator, effective 02/05/03. Ledbetter has been at Coastline for more than 18 years. She has served the District in many ways including secretary, adjunct professor and budget manager. Ledbetter was the recipient of the Unsung Hero award after completing her business degree while working at CCC.
- Scotty Ross, GWC, Staff Assistant Senior, Community Services Office, effective 06/28/03. Scotty Ross has been with GWC since 1970 and has served in many positions. Most recently, Ross has been responsible for the recycling program at GWC, which is credited with helping to save more than 700 trees. Ross refers to his retirement as "a new adventure" and will move to Knoxville, TN with his wife to pursue fishing, photography and motorcycle riding.
- Barbara Southron, CCC, Typist Clerk Senior, effective 12/31/02. Barbara Southron has spent many years with CCC's Special Programs and Services for the Disabled program. Southron plans to become a Certified Therapy Dog Trainer so that she can provide support to those suffering from Alzheimer's disease.

ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATIONS

The Board authorized the following resignations:

- Jim Hanggi, CCC, Director, Public Relations and Institutional Advancement, effective 02/10/03.
- Britt Holman, OCC, Instructional Associate – Learning Disabilities Program, effective 01/16/03.
- Katia Powers, OCC, Clerk Senior, effective 01/21/03.
- John Koofer, Jr., GWC, Information Systems Technician I, effective 01/24/03.

MEETING CALENDAR

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