

# Coast Board Connection

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

February 18, 2004

**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

### REPORTS

#### Board of Trustees

- Board President George Brown thanked the staff of the Coastline One-Stop Center for inviting him to attend the meeting with Congresswoman Sanchez to discuss workforce development for the state.
- Trustee Jerry Patterson recently attended a public records workshop.
- Trustee Armando Ruiz recently attended the American Association of Community College Trustees annual convention in Washington, D.C. Trustee Ruiz attended many legislative visits and noted that there is a renewed energy at the federal level for community colleges.
- Student Trustee Madeline Levy reported that the District-wide Student Council will learn about lobbying at their next meeting from Trustee Jerry Patterson.

#### Presidents

- CCC President Ding-Jo Currie congratulated Jim Baugh on his nomination for the Hayward Award. President Currie also acknowledged the staff of the Costa Mesa One-Stop Center for being honored by a visit from Congresswoman Loretta Sanchez. Sanchez recognized CCC for their positive role in workforce development in California.
- GWC President Ken Yglesias announced that while headcount is down 2% at GWC, the total number of units is up by 4%.
- OCC President Gene Farrell commended the Financial Aid department for creating the "Cash For

College" informational video that will air on local cable stations. President Farrell proudly announced that thanks to the hard work of the Financial Aid department, the student loan default rate at OCC is the lowest in history.

#### Academic Senate Presidents

- Margaret Lovig, CCC senate president, congratulated Jim Baugh on being selected for the Hayward Award for Excellence in Teaching. Baugh has been with the District for 24 years and is currently serving as a counselor.
- Dibakur Barua, GWC senate president, discussed concerns regarding changes to the CSULB transfer policy. The proposed policy would designate specific community colleges as associates of CSU schools for the purposes of transfer students. Students that transfer from a community college that is not associated with that CSU campus would need to have a higher GPA in order to be admitted. Barua noted the Senate's concern is regarding the fact that there are 107 community colleges and only 23 CSU campuses, leaving community college students very few options. Barua noted that the GWC academic senate would work with the statewide academic senate to address this concern.
- Kevin Parker, OCC senate president, announced that critical thinking courses from out of state and private colleges would no longer be accepted for transfer at UC and CSU campuses. The tightening of restrictions by UC and CSU on transferable classes will affect what OCC can accept from transfers as well.

#### Student Government Organizations

- Buddy Lee, ASGWC representative announced that the Student Council will be hosting a campus-wide event to mark the beginning of the new semester. Students are also working on the Missing Student Project statue, that will be installed on the lawn of the Capitol in Sacramento during the March in March Student Rally.
- Eric Aragon, ASOCC Vice President, reported that several students participated in the ASOCC sponsored Club Rush. ASOCC has been busy setting up shared governance committees for student representatives. A blood drive is planned for March 4 and will also entail testing for potential bone marrow donors. Last week, local-area high school

counselors were invited to attend breakfast on campus to learn about scholarship opportunities available at OCC.

## MEETING CALENDAR

March 3, 2004	Regular Meeting
March 17, 2004	Regular Meeting
April 7, 2004	Regular Meeting
April 21, 2004	Service Awards

### Employee Representative Groups

- Hilary Thomas, Coast Federation of Classified Employees, Local 4794 thanked everyone for their hospitality while she was filling in for President Diana Sharp

### Acceptance of Retirements

- Welter, Flora, KOCE Secretary, effective 3/31/04. Flo Welter has worked at KOCE since 1991 and is a "jack-of-all-trades." She will be retiring at the end of March and will be missed by her co-workers and friends.

### Acceptance of Resignations

- Gayne Anacker, OCC, Instructor, effective 1/1/04.
- Mary Kennedy, GWC, Interpreter Specialist, effective 2/3/04.