



Coast Board Connection

Highlights from the Coast Community College District Board of Trustees Meeting

Board of Trustees

Mary L. Hornbuckle

Walter G. Howald

Jim Moreno

Jerry Patterson

Lorraine Prinsky, Ph.D.

Michael Battistone, Student Trustee

Chancellor

Kenneth D. Yglesias, Ed.D.

REPORTS

March 4, 2009

Board of Trustees

- Trustee Walt Howald also attended the KinderCaminata dinner, where Trustee Moreno was honored, Trustee Howald thanked Linda Morin with her help in getting several of the Board members in coordinating emergency training for board members. He reported that the Board retreat was a great success and thanked all trustees, including the Student Trustee for attending. Trustee Howald asked that the CCCT elections be placed on the April 1 agenda, as there are four vacancies. Trustee Howald reported that he and Trustee Patterson met with the Land Development Committee and viewed presentations from each campus and they will have reports for other committees in the coming weeks.
- Trustee Jerry Patterson acknowledged that the District is going through a lot of changes, but with Dr. Currie serving as Acting Chancellor and Mr. Lipton serving as General Council, the District will save money on litigation, grievances and labor relations. Trustee Patterson reported that, in the future, District Administrators will not have an automatic renewal clause built into their contracts as has been past practice. He also agreed that the retreat was very helpful and calming and acknowledged that, even with differences in opinion, all trustees are here to do the right thing.
- Trustee Mary Hornbuckle was asked to judge the speech contest at the Lions Club and will encourage students to participate.
- Trustee Lorraine Prinsky welcomed John Breihan who will be serving as the Acting Vice Chancellor of Education Services. Trustee Prinsky thanked Dr. Currie for giving her a tour and introducing her to Coastline's programs, including Acquired Brain Injury, Early College High School and the One Stop Center. She congratulated Trustee Moreno on his the KinderCaminata Corazon award. Trustees Prinsky attended the retreat and the disaster preparedness training and thought both were excellent.
- Student Trustee Michael Battistone thanked Christian Teeter for his help since becoming his advisor, reporting that District-wide Student Council has really taken off and the 2009-10 Student Trustee applications are due on March 27. Student Trustee Battistone agreed that the retreat was a step in the right direction and thinks progress is being made.
- Trustee Jim Moreno thanked everyone for attended the KinderCaminata dinner. Trustee Moreno reported that the Orange County Education Coalition got a glimpse at the final budget. He had lunch with State Controller John Chiang, who cautioned everyone to be very careful and to plan for six months at a time. Trustee Moreno thanked everyone who helped with the retreat and thinks it helped the Trustees understand each other and to be more motivated to tackle the business of the District.

Chancellor

- Acting Chancellor Dr. Ding-Jo Currie welcomed the new Interim Vice Chancellor of Education Services John Breihan. Dr. Currie reported that Chancellor's Cabinet decided on a preliminary pilot process to review policies and procedures and will start with the Hiring Policy Task Force this month.

Presidents

- Wes Bryan, GWC, reported that the College Preview Day for high school students was a big success and he gave the board statistics about local high school, which GWC will use for recruiting purposes. GWC will be working with general counsel to look at options for the bookstore, since income has been declining, and will try and work out a deal similar to the one at OCC with Barnes and Noble. Bryan reported that the GWC Gala will be on March 21.
- Bob Dees, OCC, and everyone at OCC, is mourning the loss of baseball player Jourdan Watanabe and reported that a memorial service is planned for him at the baseball field on Sunday, March 6. Dees and his team sent the accreditation report to the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC) last week.
- Dr. Ding-Jo Currie, CCC, reported that the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) recognized Vangie Meneses and Coastline staff and volunteers who help with the Latino Leadership Academy. Dr. Currie reported that Early College High School merge is going well and they are going through site visits to be recognized as a California Distinguished School.

Employee Representative Groups

- Dr. Barbara Price, CTA Faculty Union president, is excited about the opportunity for part-time teachers to get health insurance, which was recommended by Dr. Ding-Jo Currie. The Union will be holding membership events at each of the campuses. Dr. Price reported that she now has the backing of Dr. Currie and Vice Chancellor Joe Quarles regarding the parity pay issue.
- Neal Kelsey, Director CFCE, reported that they are planning on conducting the officer elections with only paper ballots, but said that other positions may be voted on electronically. Kelsey handed out information regarding shared governance and expressed his concern that the OCC Health Center Committee is not representative of shared governance.

Student Government Organizations

- Reema Shand, Board Representative SAC, reported that SAC would be losing their president Penny Mains starting immediately as she will be transferring to a university. SAC is currently in the process of selecting new officers. Shand reported that Coastline attended the We Are the Key! rally at Pasadena City College.
- David Lopez, President ASGWC, said college preview day was a big success and about 10-15 high schools attended. Lopez announced student committee appointments.
- Kris Cutting, President ASOCC, reported that everyone on campus is mourning the loss of Jourdan Watanabe and the student senate contributed \$2,500 to a memorial fund. Cutting said he is thankful to be a part of the Student Health Center Advisory Committee. Cutting reported that the ASOCC attended the rally in Pasadena and was happy with the turnout, he hopes they will have as much success at the March in March in Sacramento on March 16.

Academic Senates

- Dr. Eduardo Arismendi-Pardi, OCC Academic Senate President, is working on finalizing a breakout presentation for the Academic Senate plenary session, which he will be co-presenting with the

Equity and Diversity Committee. Dr. Arismendi-Pardi voiced his concern that the Board's electronic voting system might be in violation of the Brown Act. He also endorsed the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC) progress report before reading the definition of Academic Freedom. Dr. Arismendi-Pardi presented Coastline's participatory governance flow chart that shows the function of Academic Senate on par with the Board of Trustees, which he hoped OCC would follow.

- Cheryl Stewart, Coastline Academic Senate President, told the Board that Coastline's enrollment report came in today and it looks very healthy. Stewart expressed that she is very excited to explore new ways of enhancing diversity with the Blue Ribbon Management Team through the African American Male Summit and LULAC. Stewart reported that coastline would make a presentation about leadership opportunities and empowering staff at the American Association for Community Colleges conference in April.
- Diane Restelli, Golden West Academic Senate President, reported that GWC is working on a faculty rating process.

MEETING CALENDAR

March 18, 2009	Regular Meeting
April 1, 2009	Regular Meeting
April 15, 2009	Service Awards