



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 18, 2009

Board of Trustees

- Trustee Mary Hornbuckle reported that she attended the Criminal Justice Training Academy graduation and had a great time. Trustee Hornbuckle is also looking forward to the accreditation meeting. She also reported that she is pleased that the District received the Design Award from the Costa Mesa Planning Commission.
- Trustee Jerry Patterson thanked Dr. Price for bringing up the issue of minutes since he is in charge of improving the process and pointed out that the minutes are meant to record actions taken by the board. He is working to make sure the minutes are completed faster and are more succinct. Patterson informed the crowd that if anyone would like their report reordered verbatim, they can just ask before they being speaking.
- Student Trustee Michael Battistone reported that the applications for Student Trustee are complete and he is very happy about that. He reported that students are going to Sacramento for Lobby Day. The District Student Council will be putting together a District-Wide blood drive and is working on the bylaws.

Chancellor

- Acting Chancellor Dr. Ding-Jo Currie turned her time over to the Vice Chancellor Administrative Services C.M. Brahmbhatt who reported on Prop 1A-1E. Brahmbhatt reported that the District does not support these and they will cause big problems with the state budget.

Presidents

- Bob Dees, OCC, reported that OCC has been chosen as one of three colleges in the nation that will be inspected by the Civil Rights Commission for campus access for the handicapped. The campus has some shortfalls, but is in the top 50% in providing access. Dees also reported that OCC held its Math Meet where high school students competed for prizes.
- Wes Bryan, GWC, reported that Albert Gasparian won a Toyota Prius at the GWC Gala. He also congratulated the 137th class that graduated from the police academy. Bryan reported that GWC would take part in accreditation meetings on April 16. Finally, he reported that at the Planning and Budget meeting, students requested a sustainability committee be formed.
- Dr. Ding-Jo Currie, CCC, reported that coastline had a very successful ABI Walk-A-Thon and raised money for students. Dr. Currie also reported that the Latino Youth Conference will recognize Trustees Prinsky and Moreno.

Employee Representative Groups

- Dr. Barbara Price, CTA Union president, presented a to the Board of Trustees an eight-page list that of names of people who have been teaching but have just now been approved. Dr. Price expressed concern that the minutes from the Board meetings have been changed so much that they offer no information. Dr. Price thanked Bob Dees for his work and congratulated him on his retirement. Finally, she thanked the Board for giving part-time faculty health insurance and will present a report at a later meeting.

- Dean Mancina, President CFCE, expressed his concern with the late notification of faculty hiring. Mancina reported that he will be attending the CFT statewide conference on March 20-22 along with 15 members. He reported that the union has negotiated four re-openers and agreed not to negotiate re-openers next year.

Academic Senates

- Diane Restelli, GWC Academic Senate President, said the school has been very busy with the bookstore conversion.
- Dr. Eduardo Arismendi-Pardi, Orange Coast College Academic Senate President, cited Ed Code section that gives teachers the right to fail students. He also acknowledged OCC's first-ever Distinguished Professor, Tom Garrison who will be honored at a ceremony on April 8.

MEETING CALENDAR

April 1, 2009	Regular Meeting
April 15, 2009	Service Awards
May 6, 2009	Regular Meeting