

Coast Board Connection

Highlights from the Coast Community College District Board of Trustees Meeting

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Madeline Levy, Student Trustee
Chancellor
William M. Vega, Ed.D

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REPORTS

Board of Trustees

- Trustee Armando Ruiz commented that he and Trustee Jerry Patterson were able to attend the President's Circle at Coastline College about two weeks ago. He shared that it was a lovely event and he commended Dr. Currie for starting that and raising the money she is raising for the college.
- Student Trustee Madeline Levy shared that on the weekend of March 19-21, 2004, she attended and enjoyed the annual CFT Conference held in Universal City. She was invited by local union leadership -- Tina Bruning and Carol Burke. She found it a very interesting weekend and was happy to see how faculty and staff are working on behalf of not only themselves but also the students. Student Trustee Levy reported that the District-wide Student Council will participate in Lobby Day in Sacramento on April 14, 2004. The issues to be covered are student fees, text book prices, and overall budget issues. Student Trustee Levy reported that applications for the position of Student Trustee are available on campuses with a due date of April 19, 2004. District-wide Student Council will be participating in the selection process on May 7 and May 14, 2004.

Chancellor

- Chancellor Bill Vega congratulated CCC President Ding-Jo Currie on being elected to the American Association of Community College Board of Directors and noted that she will be an excellent representative for CCC and District.

Presidents

- CCC President Ding-Jo Currie congratulated Jim Baugh for being selected to receive the Hayward Award for Excellence in Education. Baugh was given the award at a recent meeting of the Board of Governors for California Community Colleges. President Currie extended an invitation to the March 19 University of America ceremony. The University of America is a pilot program developed in partnership with CCC, China and CSULB.
- GWC President Ken Yglesias announced the GWC Gala will be held March 13. The event raises money for the GWC Foundation.
- KOCE President Mel Rogers announced that the station was now operating from a digital master control. President Rogers congratulated the staff of KOCE for working hard to bring the digital transmission online.
- OCC President Gene Farrell announced that OCC's Community Science Night will be held March 19. The event will feature science projects from students throughout Orange County and presentations by representatives of NASA.

Academic Senate Presidents

- Margaret Lovig, Coastline Community College Academic Senate president stated that she attended an assessment workshop in Los Angeles with Dr. Barua. Lovig reported that Dr. Gayle Noble is the recipient of the Regina Stanback-Stroud Diversity Award, adding to a special year for Coastline since the college is celebrating both a Hayward Award winner and a Diversity Award winner. Lovig further reported that Coastline adopted a Resolution opposing the matriculation funds being put into base, strongly supporting the idea that those funds should be safeguarded for the specific purpose intended -- to aid student progress.
- Kevin Parker, Orange Coast College Academic Senate president, commented that the Senate passed a Resolution on Tuesday, April 6, 2004 opposing matriculation funds being added to the base funding for community colleges. He plans on taking the Resolution to the Academic Senate at the state convention being held the week of April 12. Parker reported on a review in the OC Weekly of a course offered through the OCC fashion department, taught by Cheri Lawell -- he expressed pleasure in seeing a class get that kind of attention

Student Government Organizations

- Sheri Smoody, Vice President, Student Advisory Council of Coastline Community College, reported that the Student Advisory Council sent several students to Sacramento to participate in the March 15 "March in March," along with students from sister colleges Orange Coast and Golden West. She added that the atmosphere at the rally was charged with excitement for the cause of promoting community colleges. She went on to note that several students felt that the presence of the missing student statues was very powerful. She added that Coastline was well represented by Student Body President Karen Johnson, who spoke at the rally; and the consensus was that the rally was a success and worth attending. Smoody announced that Scholarship selection has just taken place at Coastline, in which SAC gave 106 scholarships for a total of \$20,000.00 -- a record amount of scholarship money given to Coastline students by SAC.
- Vida Greer-Martin, Student Trustee, Golden West College, reported that Spring 2004 continues to be a productive and exciting semester. Upcoming activities include the following: an issues forum on domestic violence on April 15, 2004, in cooperation with Dr. Steve Isonio's psychology class; a child care center meeting with the Spring Bunny to receive treats and a toy on April 8, 2004; Earth Day Celebration on April 29, 2004; the annual Celebrate Diversity Week during the week of April 19, 2004; and a "Drum Circle" on opening day. Greer-Martin extended the invitation to the drum circle to attendees at the Board meeting. Greer-Martin distributed the Club West Report and praised the accomplishments of Golden West College,

noting that support from Dr. Yglesias and the Board aided the success of Club West programs. Greer-Martin shared concerns about potential changes in policy relating to student materials fees and asked that the Board safeguard the interests of students.

- Mona Mikate, Student Trustee, Orange Coast College, reported that OCC attracted approximately 3,500 high school seniors on Tuesday, March 23, 2004 for the 21st annual High School Senior Day. More than 3,000 elementary school children and their parents turned out Friday evening, March 19, 2004, for Orange Coast College's fourth annual "Community Science Night." She mentioned that seven candidates are running for next year's Trustee elections which will be held Monday, April 12 to Wednesday, April 14, 2004. Makate further requested that students bring recyclables to the campus recycling center for Earth Day, which will be taking place on campus on Thursday, April 22, 2004. Mikate announced that Lobby Day will take place on Wednesday, April 14, 2004. Mikate congratulated the school's newspaper, The Coast Report, for winning seven awards at the state championship held in Los Angeles during the week of March 29, 2004.

Employee Representatives

- Tina Bruning, President of Coast Federation of Educators (CFE), informed the Board of the health committee's ongoing efforts to keep benefits cost efficient. Under current consideration is the possible change in the PPO program from CCN to Blue Cross – a change that could result in a \$1.3 million dollar savings. She further provided reassurance that there is a 96% match of the providers and encouraged a visit to the website www.bluecrossca.com. In addition there is the possibility of saving another 9.8 percent on prescription drugs by going to another mail order house called Systems Med.
- Diana Sharp, President of the Coast Federation of Classified Employees, informed the Board that 80% of the Classified that responded their survey approved the 4-10 Plan that has been forwarded for Board consideration. However, Ms. Sharp stated that there are issues with the proposed notices, one being a mandate that all air conditioning will be shut down campus-wide and district-wide, possibly resulting in safety issues and an impact on working conditions for classified staff. In closing she shared that she plans on addressing these issues with the administration and wanted to be sure the Board was aware of the concerns.

Acceptance of Retirements

- Leo Byrd, GWC, Custodian, effective 4/15/04. Byrd has been a valued part of GWC for 21 years. He is known for his positive attitude and hard work. Byrd plans to spend his retirement with his son and family.
- Chester Platt, CCC, Dean, Instruction for Career and Technical Education, effective 6/30/04. Platt was a charter member of the CCC staff and has held positions at GWC. He has served on many professional committees including American Electronics Association, American Society for Training and Development

Education and the Garden Grove Chamber of Commerce. Platt and his wife plan to move to northern California.

Acceptance of Resignations

- Heather Breen, DIST, Staff Assistant Senior, effective 4/2/04.
- Kim Cooper, DIST, Senior Secretary, effective 4/21/04.
- Patricia Jameson, GWC, Library Clerk Senior, effective 3/12/04.
- Tandra Molloy, OCC, Student Activities Assistant, effective 5/31/04.
- Toni Noll, DIST, Staff Assistant Senior, effective 3/8/04.
- Mary Oliva, GWC, Library Assistant, effective 4/8/04.

Appointment of Academic Staff

- Rich Pagel, OCC, Vice President, Administrative Services, effective 4/19/04.

Appointment of Classified Staff

- Joseph Dowling, GWC, Director of Maintenance and Operations, effective 4/19/04.
- Velvet Deatherage, CCC, Military/Contract Education Evaluation Technician, effective 4/8/04.
- Raul Sanchez, OCC, Information Systems Technician, effective 3/1/04.

Meeting Calendar

April 21, 2004	Service Awards
May 5, 2004	Regular Meeting
May 19, 2004	Regular Meeting
June 16, 2004	Regular Meeting