

Coast Board Connection

Highlights from the Coast Community College District Board of Trustees Meeting

May 5, 2004

Board of Trustees
Paul G. Berger
George E. Brown
Walter G. Howard
Jerry Patterson
Armando R. Ruiz
Madeline Levy, Student Trustee
Chancellor
William M. Vega, Ed.D

Board of Trustees Select New Chancellor

At their meeting May 5, the Board of Trustees selected Golden West College President Kenneth D. Yglesias to be the next chancellor of the District.

Chancellor Vega, who will retire as of June 30, said he was pleased with the Board's selection.

"I have worked with Ken in various capacities in this District for a couple of decades, and I can now be confident that I am leaving this District in extremely capable hands," Vega said.

"Dr. Yglesias has been an important part of this district's administrative team for 18 years, and I am confident that he is the right person for this important job," said Board President George Brown. "His leadership skills and his thorough knowledge of our district will be important as we begin the monumental task of implementing Measure C and renovating our colleges for the next generation of students."

"This is an exciting time to become chancellor, and I'm thrilled," said Dr. Yglesias. "The Coast District is a dynamic and rapidly changing organization. Rapid change is evident and surrounds us. Long time employees are retiring, new faculty and staff are beginning their careers here, fiscal realities are shifting, trends toward educational accountability are evolving and, yet, the organizational cultures at our three colleges must endure. I look forward to providing leadership and continuity, and to preserving an organizational culture that I know to be first rate."

Dr. Yglesias has been with the Coast Community College District since 1985, when he was hired as Associate Dean of Instruction at Coastline. In 1991, he was hired as the President of Golden West College.

During his presidency, Dr. Yglesias worked on many major statewide policy issues for community colleges. He served as the vice president of the southern region of the California Community College Chief Executive Officers (CCCCEO) organization, and was elected to three terms on the statewide CCCCEO Board. In addition, Dr. Yglesias is a senior member of the California Community College Commission on Athletics, the statewide policymaking organization that governs community college athletics.

Yglesias will take over as chancellor of the district on July 1, 2004.

New Salary Schedule Approved for Presidents, Vice Chancellors

On a 4 to 1 vote, the Board approved a new "L" salary schedule for educational administrators, seen below. Trustee Jerry Patterson voted against the new schedule. The new schedule provides four salary steps for presidents and vice chancellor positions, ranging from the first step of \$145,000 per year to the fourth step of \$160,000 per year.

Retirement Incentive Programs for Educational Administrators, Classified Managers and Supervisors Approved

A retirement incentive program for Administrators and Managers (D&G Schedule) for the calendar year 2005 was approved. The effective date of retirement can be the end of any semester in 2005, and the incentive offered will be 50 percent of annual salary, deposited into a Tax Sheltered Annuity/Investment Account.

"2+2" Faculty Retirement Incentive Approved

The Board also approved adopting the AB 1207 Cal STRS "2+2" faculty retirement incentive program. The period during which eligible employees may retire under this program is designated after Spring Semester 2004 (5/31 – 7/31) or Fall Semester 2004 (10/30 – 12/30).

REPORTS

Board of Trustees

- Trustee Jerry Patterson urged people to watch the Saigon USA program airing on KOCE Thursday night. He said this excellent program was very important for Orange County. It was produced by some young men who went into the community of Little Saigon to interview residents there. The program will also air on May 27 at 9 p.m. Patterson also reported that he planned to offer a compromise regarding the new administrator salary schedule on the evening's agenda and acknowledged that the issue is a difficult one for Board members to address. Finally, Patterson expressed on behalf of the entire Board his gratitude for taking part in the ASOCC transition ceremony held immediately prior to the Board meeting, and expressed pride for the student leaders and their faculty and advisors.
- Trustee Armando Ruiz said he was pleased to read in an email this week regarding action taken by the Board of Governors to support the equalization funding provided by the Governor in the state budget. Ruiz also expressed concern about the state budget proposal to raise fees for students, particularly a differential fee for those students with a bachelor's degree or higher.
- Trustee Paul Berger reported that he attended the recent CCC Honors Night event and was impressed by the 89 scholarships that the student leaders in CalSAC were able to give out. He said he appreciated the family atmosphere of the event.
- Student Trustee Madeline Levy reported that the District-wide Student Council held its annual Lobby Day on April 14. She, along with eight students from the three colleges, went to Sacramento to talk to legislators about student-related legislative issues. The last Council meeting of the year will be held May 7, when the new student trustee is expected to be confirmed.

Presidents

- CCC President Ding-Jo Currie invited all to attend the annual art awards presentation Saturday afternoon at the college's arts facility in South Coast Plaza Village. On May 18, a groundbreaking event for the

Westminster Learning Center will be held jointly with the City of Westminster.

- GWC President Ken Yglesias congratulated ASGWC president Heather Arroyo, who was recently accepted by UCI, ICLA and UC Berkeley. Arroyo also received a major student scholarship award, which she will receive May 11 at the college's scholarship and awards event. Arroyo is among 75 to 100 students receiving awards that night.
- KOCE's Bruce Reed thanked Trustee Jerry Patterson for attending the recent Saigon, USA showing event. The analog transmitter on Mount Wilson is approximately on schedule, and by the third week of May KOCE will be transmitting analog from the new transmitter location. Reed also reported that thanks to the new digital signal, the station now covers Ventura County.

Academic Senate Presidents

- Margaret Lovig, CCC senate president, reported that the senate held its final meeting of the semester this week. On May 18, new senate officers will be installed and several faculty members will be honored. The Master Plan Steering Committee is winding up the year, and will present four priorities and a revised college mission statement to the Mission, Planning & Budget Committee on May 23.
- Dibakur Barua, GWC senate president, reported that he was busy coordinating elections for senate officers for the following week. The senate is working on a plan to streamline its committee structure to make the best use of full-time faculty members' time. Barua also reported that while the "2+2" faculty retirement initiative on the Board's agenda that night may be good for employees, the colleges may experience a real shortage of faculty as a result, especially in the core academic areas.
- Kevin Parker, OCC senate president, announced that Ann Nguyen has been elected as Vice President of the senate for the coming year, and Marilyn Kennedy was elected to be Secretary. The senate is busy with IUA elections, and the senate is working on developing a formal balloting process to streamline and clarify the election process.

Student Government Organizations

- Sherrie Smoody, CCC CalSAC vice president, reported that CalSAC students recently attended a student leadership conference focused on lobbying

legislators. During the conference, students met with legislative leaders and discussed possible tuition increases, budgets cuts and the difficulties community college students are having getting classes due to the budget situation. At CCC's Scholarship & Awards night April 29 CalSAC gave out 89 scholarships to students for a total of \$17,800. CalSAC also gave out \$12,000 in grants to college departments.

- Jose XXX, ASOCC ICC President, reported that at OCC's honors night May 12, students will receive a total of \$240,000 in scholarships. A transition ceremony held Wednesday afternoon installed the new ASOCC board.

Employee Representative Groups

- Tina Bruning, Coast Federation of Teachers, Local 1911/American Federation of Teachers president, expressed dismay regarding the raises on the Board's agenda for the new Chancellor and for Vice Chancellors and Presidents. Bruning asserted that the money going into those raises equates to 28 class sections for students, and said it was appalling that the Board would consider such raises during a time of budget cuts.
- Diane Sharp, Coast Federation of Classified Employees, Local 4794 seconded Tina Bruning's comments regarding the administrator raises on the Board's agenda. In addition, Sharp said that taking such a vote before the Governor's May Revise on the State Budget was ill-timed. She pointed out that classified staff that have left their positions have not been replaced due to the budget constraints.
- Dr. Robert V. Covert, Coast Community Colleges Association California Teachers Association/National Education Association president, reported that he

was appalled by the proposed administrator raises because so many classes have been cut, causing students to have difficulties getting the classes they need to accomplish their educational goals.

Acceptance of Retirements

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Acceptance of Resignations

- Morris, Cecelia J., GWC, Cosmetology Dispensary Technician, effective 4/29/04.

MEETING CALENDAR

May 19, 2004	Regular Meeting
June 16, 2004	Regular Meeting