

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

May 19, 2004

Board Passes Resolutions

Board of Trustees Recognize Classified Employee Week

At their meeting May 19, the Board of Trustees passed a resolution honoring Classified Employee Week, held statewide May 17-21, 2004.

“We are fortunate within our District to have a great team,” said Board President George Brown. “The backbone of our team is the support provided by the classified staff.”

The resolution, which passed unanimously, recognized classified employees as an “integral component to the success of California’s Community Colleges.”

Board of Trustees Honors Chancellor Bill Vega With Emeritus Title

The Board of Trustees unanimously passed a resolution granting Chancellor Bill Vega the title of Chancellor Emeritus.

“I was truly surprised,” Chancellor Vega said of the resolution. “This is a great honor.”

For a copy of the complete resolutions, please contact the Board Office at x84848.

Vice Chancellor CM Brahmhatt Outlines Proposed Budget

Vice Chancellor CM Brahmhatt provided the Board with an update on the governor’s revised budget proposal.

The May Revision of the proposed budget included the following for community colleges:

- 3% growth for the system
- 2.4% COLA for 2004/05
- \$80 million in equalization (\$3.2 million for CCCD)
- Student fee increase to \$26/unit and \$50/unit for students with a bachelor’s degree

The Legislature is currently working on its version of the state budget, which must be signed by the Governor to become law.

REPORTS

Board of Trustees

- Trustee Paul Berger congratulated Coastline President Ding-Jo Currie on the successful groundbreaking ceremony recently held for the planned Westminster Learning Center. Trustee Berger was impressed by CCC’s partnership with the City of Westminster in the planning and development of the new facility. Trustee Berger also thanked the Golden West College Associated Students for hosting the board members at the recent Pass the Gavel dinner.
- Trustee Walt Howald noted that it was wonderful to attend the Golden West College Associated Students Pass the Gavel dinner and thanked the students of GWC for including members of the board. Trustee Howald thanked Student Trustee Madeline Levy for her service to the students of the District and wished her well as she continues on her college career path.
- Student Trustee Madeline Levy congratulated newly elected Student Trustee Heather Larson. Student Trustee Levy thanked Tina Bruning for all of her guidance throughout the year and congratulated her on her upcoming retirement.

Chancellor

- Chancellor Bill Vega thanked retiring AFT President Tina Bruning for all of her hard work on behalf of the faculty. Chancellor Vega congratulated Student Trustee Madeline Levy for outstanding representation of the students of the District.

Presidents

- CCC President Ding-Jo Currie thanked those in attendance at the Westminster Learning Center Groundbreaking Ceremony. President Currie congratulated Senate President Margaret Lovig on her reelection and AFT President Tina Bruning on her retirement.
- GWC President Ken Yglesias congratulated AFT President Tina Bruning and thanked her for her years of service to the District.
- OCC Vice President Jess Craig congratulated the over 320 OCC students recently awarded scholarships at OCC’s annual Honors Night. Vice President Craig

announced that OCC's commencement ceremony will take place on May 27 at the Pacific Amphitheater in Costa Mesa.

Academic Senate Presidents

- Margaret Lovig, CCC senate president, reported that the final senate luncheon was a success. Several faculty members were recognized for outstanding achievement. Lovig thanked Trustees Brown and Patterson for attending. Lovig announced that she was reelected as senate president. Lovig congratulated Tina Bruning on her upcoming retirement.
- Dibakur Barua, GWC senate president, reported that he was reelected as senate president and Warren Carter was elected vice president. He congratulated Tina Bruning on her retirement and thanked her for her many years of service to the faculty and the District.
- Carol Burke, OCC senate representative, announced that Kevin Parker had been elected to serve another term as president of the senate. Burke read into the record a senate resolution opposing the recent board decision to raise administrators' salaries.

Student Government Organizations

- Sherrie Smoody, CCC CalSAC vice president, thanked board members for their support throughout the year. She also thanked Madeline Levy for representing CCCD students well as Student Trustee. Elections for CCC CalSAC board members will be held in the next week.
- Heather Larson, OCC representative, reported that the OCC student trustees have approved the budget for next year and she is happy to report that two-thirds of the money goes directly into student services.

Acceptance of Retirements

Bruning, Kristina K., GWC, Instructor, Nursing and CFE/AFT President, retirement effective 05/31/04.

In 1978, Tina arrived at Golden West College assigned to teach in the Psychiatric Technician program. Her first encounter with scheduling was discovering that the Nursing program did not get overload. By day two of her employment that changed and her adventure within the CCCD began. During her tenure at Golden West College she also attained the rank of Major serving the United States Air Force Reserve, the 68th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron at Norton AFB. She was a charter professor of the Career Ladder LVN to RN program and went on to the AdN Nursing program teaching seniors and freshmen. Her fondest memories are of the Psychiatric nursing adventures, which prepared her well as she became Federation President of AFT local 1911 in 1993. During her time as Federation president the faculty had a tireless leader representing their interests. She spent 12 years advocating maintenance of our health benefits while serving on the District Benefits Committee. She also served as the

California Federation of Teachers, Executive Council V.P. as well as 10 years as V.P. of the Community College Council. Here in Orange County she has served a four-year term as V.P. of the Orange County Central Labor Council, the local arm of the AFL-CIO.

She retires with the intention of spending time with her extended family and first granddaughter, traveling and working on the Kerry Campaign. We wish her well.

Cole, Norman H., OCC, Instructor, Biological Sciences, retirement effective 05/31/04.

A Southern California native who was born in Pasadena and graduated from high school in Temple City, Norm earned his B.A. degree in biology from California State University at Los Angeles, and picked up an M.A. in zoology from UCLA. He has conducted postgraduate study at UCLA, USC, UC Irvine and UC Santa Cruz. Norm was a teaching assistant at Cal State Los Angeles, and taught for a year at Fullerton College. He was on the faculty at Saddleback College for four years before joining Orange Coast College's staff in 1973 as a biology and ecology instructor. He later became a professor of biology and ecology, and served as Chair of OCC's Biology Department. He was also Director of International Education for the Coast Community District for several semesters. Norm has been a member of the American Cetacean Society, the National Wildlife Federation, the National Association of Underwater Instructors, the Divers Alert Network, and the American Academy of Underwater Sciences. He has led OCC and Coast District International travel and biology field study excursions to Australia, New Zealand, Fiji, Indonesia, Micronesia and Baja California. He spent a three-month sabbatical leave in 1989 camping and studying the natural history of Baja. Norm is a certified SCUBA diver and instructor, and is an expert in coral reef ecology. He has published articles on scientific and natural history topics in a number of different periodicals. He enjoys SCUBA diving, spear fishing and body surfing. Norm and his wife, Nancy, have a 19 year-old son, Chris. They live in Laguna Beach.

Koenig, David, GWC, Instructor, Cosmetology, retirement effective 05/31/04.

Dave Koenig has been a valued instructor in the Cosmetology program for 25 years and he has held many leadership positions such as department chair, academic senate representative and others during his time at GWC. Ten years ago, Dave and his wife, Elizabeth purchased 3.5 acres of property in their native state of New York, specifically the Hudson Valley. Four years ago they built a home on their property and have been busy running back and forth ever since to prepare for retirement. This must be a record for the longest commute in the history of GWC! Once retired, Dave will work part time in a hair salon while enjoying his new digs in New York. Travel is also on the Koenig's agenda with possible

visits back to California when the snow starts flying in New York. His pleasant personality, sense of humor and strong organizational skills will definitely be missed and he is wished a long and happy retirement from all his colleagues at GWC.

Ricewasser, Robert, GWC, Instructor, Automotive Technology, retirement effective 05/31/04.

Bob Ricewasser will begin retirement on June 1, 2004 after serving 20 years as an Automotive Technology instructor at Golden West College, specializing in Brakes, Steering and Suspension. He came to Golden West College in the fall of 1983 after teaching for 13 years at the high school level as well as successful industry and shop owner experience. He assisted with the development, introduction, and teaching of a new introductory course in Automotive that has been very successful. His education experience provided him with a BA and MA (and was on the Dean's Honor List) from California State University, Los Angeles and he attended many technical workshops offered by automotive manufacturers and aftermarket companies. In 1960, he was on a winning team for the prestigious Plymouth Troubleshooting Contest. At Golden West he used his leadership skills to serve as department chair as well as serving on the IPD committee. Bob plans to keep active in his retirement when he begins the next chapter of his life after his successful career at Golden West College.

Winter, Stanley Ray, GWC, Instructor, Chemistry, retirement effective 05/31/04.

Stan grew up in the western part of Texas, got his B.A. in chemistry from Rice University, was a Navy pilot for five years, then went to graduate school at Stanford and received his Ph. D. in chemistry. After two years as an Assistant Professor at U.C. Irvine he came to Golden West College in 1975. At Golden West he developed a course for non-science majors called Chemistry 120, Basics of Nutrition, a Chemical Point of view, and taught it for ten years. The course used the study of nutrition to illustrate the basic tenets of science and elements of chemistry, biochemistry, and physiology required for an understanding of nutrition, and included a lab and a computerized nutrition analysis. Eventually the college offered seven sections with 45 students in each, which were taught by several other instructors in the department, as well. For the last eighteen years he has taught organic chemistry. Stan met his wife, Susan Ryder, at GWC when she was the Math/Science counselor. She retired eight years ago. They will continue to live in their home of 20 years in Corona del Mar while Stan turns his attention to his many interests, which include reading, traveling, gardening, hiking, body surfing, diving, skiing, folk dancing, playing with his computer, and perhaps flying ultra lights or getting back into hang gliding or sky diving, both of which he has done before.

Morris, Cecelia J., GWC, Cosmetology Dispensary Technician, Classified Unit, retirement effective 04/29/04.

Cecelia Morris is retiring from her position supporting the Cosmetology and Esthetician career preparation programs for Golden West College since October 1987. CeCe's bubbling personality and friendly interaction with all she came in contact with was very infectious to the morale of the program. She was very active in keeping the program current with recommendations on products that were state-of-the-art so that students would benefit from the latest technology before entering the work force after graduation. CeCe will be missed as a valuable team player for the impacted Cosmetology program. She says that she has enjoyed her employment at the college and will miss everyone she worked with, and of course all the students, as she enters a new chapter in her life in retirement.

Acceptance of Resignations

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

Appointment of Academic Staff

- Houlihan, Janet M., GWC, Vice President Administrative Services, effective 5/20/04.

MEETING CALENDAR

June 16, 2004	Regular Meeting
July 21, 2004	Regular Meeting
August 18, 2004	Regular Meeting