



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.
Robert Lane, Student Trustee
Interim Chancellor
Ding-Jo H. Currie, Ph.D.

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Board Passes Tentative Budget

At their meeting last night, the Coast Community College District Board of Trustees considered budget options for the District's 2009-10 fiscal year, including cuts necessary due to the state's budget crisis. The Board reviewed and passed the District's tentative budget, including reductions recommended by the District Budget Advisory Committee, established and chaired by Acting Chancellor, Dr. Ding-Jo H. Currie.

The Board has held several study sessions to solicit input and hold discussions surrounding the budget. The Board passed the tentative budget along with the committee's recommendations to mitigate the \$10M general fund reductions from the following sources:

- \$2M of the one-time stabilization funds
- \$3.37M from reserve funding
- \$2M from cuts to campus/District office allocations
- \$2M from campus/District hiring slow down/freeze
- \$1M from reduction of GASB 45
- \$200,000 reduction in District-wide travel (does not include PDI funds)
- \$300,000 reduction in District-wide marketing/advertising

REPORTS

Board of Trustees

- Trustee Mary Hornbuckle thanked everyone for their event invitations, saying she wishes she could attend them all. She thanked OCC for hosting the Relay for Life, which raised \$62,000 for the American Cancer Society.
 - Trustee Lorraine Prinsky thanked CCC for giving her a tour of the Instructional Systems Development office and showing her all the new software that teachers across the nation are using.
 - Trustee Walt Howald reported that he will be attending the California Community College Trustees board meeting on Friday and should have more state budget information at the next meeting. Trustee Howald announced that he was elected to serve as a board member for the Oasis Senior Center, where Coastline provides a lot of programs.
 - Trustee Jerry Patterson said he enjoyed attending the CDMA picnic, where he could have some quiet time with the managers. Trustee Patterson said he is excited that the District received federal stimulus money and congratulated all the lobbyists. Trustee Patterson said he will miss Cheryl Stewart's thoughtfulness. He reported that this budget process has been the most open process the District has ever had and he thinks the budget will be better because of it.
- Trustee Jim Moreno reported that he attended the GWC Criminal Justice graduation and that he thinks it is great to see people succeed and go into the working world. Trustee Moreno also said he attended the CDMA event and it was nice to be able to talk to the managers in a more relaxed setting. He thanked everyone for participating in the budget process.

Chancellor

- Dr. Ding-Jo H. Currie, Acting Chancellor, announced that the Coast District is one of two California community college districts that received federal stimulus money. She reported that Coastline received \$207,000 and Golden West received \$300,000.

Presidents

- Lois Miller, Vice President of Instruction, sat in for President Wes Bryan, GWC. Miller reported that Bryan was elected to a second term on the ACCA Board. She announced that Ron Lowenberg was named the Manager of the Year at the Coast District Management Association's Annual Picnic. Miller reported that summer enrollment is strong despite cutting half of the sections and that virtually everything is at capacity. Miller reported that, in response to the need to make budget cuts, the campus will be holding Planning and Budget meetings throughout the summer and everyone from GWC is invited to come and give their input and suggestions. Miller said everyone on campus is excited about the \$300,000 federal stimulus money for the Automotive Technology program, which will now be able to completely revamp. Finally, she congratulated Bob Dees on his retirement.
- Bob Dees, President OCC, reported that the schools three vice presidents are heading up three different budget committees and that each meeting is seeing an average attendance of 25-45 people. Dees announced that OCC received two awards from the American Heart Association for its employee fitness program, Working on Wellness (WOW). Dees said that the program calls for employees to work out 3 to 10 hours per week and an average of 70 -100 people participate every semester. Dees presented the Board with a list of state and national accomplishments the OCC sports teams have achieved.
- Dr. Cheryl Babler, Acting President CCC, reported that there was a flurry of events since the last meeting, including a Classified Council event that Trustees Hornbuckle, Moreno and Acting Chancellor Currie attended; the Acquired Brain Injury Ice Cream Social that Dr. Currie and Trustee Moreno attended; the ESL Awards; and the Credits for College event that recognized 16 high school students. Babler also announced that Coastline's Visionary Awards, which were attended by Trustees Hornbuckle, Patterson, Moreno and Acting Chancellor Currie, surpassed last year's fundraising goal. Babler reported that Coastline's Land Development committee has been presenting to potential neighbors in Newport Beach about the possible new location. She said all of the community members have been very welcoming. Babler said everyone on campus is excited about the \$200,000 in federal stimulus money that will be used to train students and get them in the workforce. Babler congratulated Bob Dees on his retirement.

Employee Representative Groups

- Dr. Barbara Price, CCA/CTA Union President, said that more than 150 people attended the union's end-of-year event and thanked Dr. Currie, Trustee Hornbuckle, Wes Bryan, Cheryl Babler and Bob Dees for attending, saying that the part-time faculty really appreciated the support. Dr. Price reported that they are almost done with negotiations and thanked Dr. Quarles for his help throughout the process. Dr. Price announced that she was elected ad a delegate for the CCA/CTA State Council. Dr. Price thanked Dr. Currie for helping the union successfully work through items that had been problematic for a while.
- Dean Mancina, CFE Union President, said he appreciates the transparency regarding the cost-saving measures, but he has some concerns about discussions between managers and members regarding bargaining items. Mancina presented a list of items that are within the scope of bargaining and requested that all budget suggestions be submitted to union negotiators who will pass them on the Board and the Chancellor.
- Neal Kelsey, CFCE Executive Director, said that he supports everything Dean Mancina reported regarding negotiable items.
- Michael Mandelkern, CDMA President, said that the managers endorse the recommendations by the chancellor and the process by which they were determined. CDMA is ready to begin discussing meet and confer budget as soon as possible to discuss the 2010/11.

Student Government Organizations

- David Lopez, Associated Students of GWC (ASGWC), announced that his term as president was ending and this would be his last board meeting. Lopez stated that the message from the current and future board is the same: please, please do not cut classes. He said all of the AS officers are transferring to four-year schools and this is due to the education they got in community college. Lopez said most of what he learned as a president was at board meetings and it means a lot to him to see a Board that cares so much about students.
- Kris Cutting, Student Government of OCC (SGOCC), reported that a group of officers met to discuss the budget and, in addition to worries about cutting classes, they were most concerned about the cuts to student services, especially matriculation and financial aid. Cutting reported that OCC is currently processing 250 applicants per day and, if matriculation is cut, it could take these students 16-22 weeks to get into the school.

Academic Senates

- Cheryl Stewart, Coastline Academic Senate President, announced that this will be her last meeting as Senate President and she thanked the Board for teaching her how to get things done. Stewart thanked Dr. Currie for helping the District move toward a fully participatory governance, she thanked CM Brahmhatt for helping her understand complex budget ideas, and she thanked the other Academic Senate Presidents for moving toward getting all faculty to work together. Stewart said, after working with other Districts, she is proud of the Coast District and she believes we will come out of the budget crises stronger and smarter. Stewart said Nancy Jones will replace her and will start attending meetings next month.
- Diane Restelli, GWC Academic Senate President, said that she will miss Cheryl Stewart very much. Restelli reported that her executive committee would be meeting regularly with the administration over the summer regarding the budget.
- Dr. Eduardo Arismendi-Pardi, OCC Academic Senate President, reported that the OCC senate's Crisis Committee has been meeting regularly and compiled a list of cost-saving suggestions, which were presented to the Board. Dr. Arismendi-Pardi said that he would miss Cheryl's guidance very much.

MEETING CALENDAR

July 15, 2009	Regular Meeting
August 5, 2009	Study Session
August 19, 2009	Regular Meeting