



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.

July 15, 2009

REPORTS

Board of Trustees

- Trustee Mary Hornbuckle thanked Jerry Marchbank for the environmental impact report, stating that it would be very helpful.
- Trustee Lorraine Prinsky welcomed Denise Whittaker to OCC and acknowledged that Whittaker came to OCC at a difficult time, but is happy that the school is off Accreditation warning. Trustee Prinsky said she is very pleased with President Obama's support for community colleges and said she hopes it pays off in terms of dollars.
- Trustee Jerry Patterson welcomed Denise Whittaker. Trustee Patterson reported that Obama provided \$5 million in support of Pell Grants, which, he said, is more than the government has ever done to help higher education. Trustee Patterson said he is thankful for Obama's support, but wishes the word "Graduation" would have been removed from the initiative, since many community college students have different educational goals.
- Trustee Walt Howald reported that he had made four trips to Sacramento since the last Board meeting to attend meetings regarding the budget. Trustee Howald said the District has been invited to apply for State Chancellor Funds for CTE training and said he hopes we pursue these revenues. Trustee Howald said everyone is hoping a state budget will be passed before July 17, since that is when vacations start for the politicians.
- Student Trustee Robert Lane welcome Denise Whittaker. Trustee Lane thanked Dr. Babler for showing him around three Coastline learning centers – Le Jao, Garden Grove and the One Stop. He said he was especially impressed by how the One Stop helps, not only the District's students, but also the entire community. Trustee Lane also enjoyed seeing how Coastline uses learning technology, especially Second Life virtual technology.
- Trustee Jim Moreno said things are starting to calm down after a frantic couple of months and now everyone is just waiting on Sacramento to pass a state budget. Trustee Moreno said that the District is in a good spot since the campuses already provide a lot of the services Obama wants to support.

Chancellor

- Dr. Ding-Jo H. Currie, Interim Chancellor, welcomed Orange Coast College's Interim President, Denise Whittaker and commended her for hitting the ground running. Dr. Currie reported that the District building is the first building in Costa Mesa to receive Silver LEED Certification.

Presidents

- Dr. Cheryl Babler, Acting President CCC, reported on an event at the Coastline Art Gallery, which was a retrospective showing of George James, that was very successful. Dr. Babler escorted Student Trustee Robert Lane to three of Coastline's learning sites to help him get a better idea of what is meant by "satellite campus." She also reported that the One Stop team was honored with a Team Excellence Award. Dr. Babler reported that Coastline held its first special planning budget board session and it was well-attended. She

finally announced that Coastline had launched a campaign with its new slogan: Tomorrow's College Today.

- Denise Whittaker, Interim President OCC, said she has been on the job for eight days but said it feels like much longer because of all of the information she has processed. She said that it has been great to meet everyone and the people she has met have been very welcoming.
- Wes Bryan, President GWC, reported that the Accreditation meeting went well and the campus was going over the solid recommendations the committee provided. Bryan reported that July 16 would be the campus' first budget meeting.

Employee Representative Groups

- Dr. Barbara Price, CCA/CTA Union President, welcomed Denise Whittaker to Orange Coast and said she is looking forward to participating more on that campus. Dr. Price thanked Dr. Currie for helping the union get some things cleared up that have been an issue for awhile. She also reported that she is very pleased that negotiations are almost over.

Student Government Organizations

- Lyvanne Tran, President Associated Students of GWC (ASGWC), reported that the ASGWC had their first council meeting on July 16 and completed a Calendar of Events for the whole year. She also reported that students from ASGWC attended the Sustainability Conference at UCSB and learned a lot about small things that can be done to make a campus more environmentally friendly, including natural cleaning products and green campus vehicles.
- Kris Cutting, President Student Government of OCC (SGOCC), welcomes Denise Whittaker to OCC. Cutting reported that OCC students also attended the Sustainability Conference at UCSB and learned a lot that they hope to implement on campus. Cutting thanked Dr. Currie for inviting the student reps to Chancellor's Cabinet.

Academic Senates

- Nancy Jones, Coastline Academic Senate President, reported that six faculty and staff attended the Statewide Curriculum Institute and learned a lot about nationwide trends in curriculum. Jones reported that Coastline had started the budgeting process and had a large number of faculty present at the meetings, despite it being summer. Jones said she is happy to see all the Coastline's constituency groups working together.
- Diane Restelli, GWC Academic Senate President, said that she is working to stay up-to-date with all of the budget information and keeping all faculty informed so there are no surprises in fall.
- Dr. Eduardo Arismendi-Pardi, OCC Academic Senate President, reported that he is working on a meeting primer to help senate meetings run more efficiently and ensure they comply with Brown Act. Dr. Arismendi-Pardi thanked Ms. Whittaker for meeting with him and said he was pleased at how collegial the meeting was.

MEETING CALENDAR

August 5, 2009	Study Session
August 19, 2009	Regular Meeting
September 2, 2009	Regular Meeting

