

Coast Board Connection

Highlights from the
Coast Community College District
Board of Trustees Meeting

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Heather M. Larson, Student Trustee
Chancellor
Kenneth D. Yglesias, Ed.D.

September 1, 2004

The following resolution was approved by the Board of Trustees of the Coast Community College District:

RESOLUTION REGARDING THE PROPOSED CONSOLIDATION OF THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE INTO A DIVISION OF HIGHER EDUCATION REPORTING TO THE SECRETARY OF EDUCATION

WHEREAS, The California Performance Review (CPR) proposes to consolidate the Community College Chancellor's Office, the California Postsecondary Education Commission, the California Student Aid Commission and the Bureau for Private and Postsecondary and Vocational Education into a single Division of Higher Education reporting to the Secretary of Education; and

WHEREAS, The Chancellor's Office, unlike the other agencies the CPR proposes to consolidate into a Division of Higher Education, is a key element in the delivery of higher education to Californians, and carries out responsibilities that are distinctly different from those of the other agencies; and

WHEREAS, The Chancellor's Office and the other agencies the CPR proposes to consolidate share few, if any, overlapping functions; and

WHEREAS, All three systems of public higher education in California—the University of California, the California State University, and the California Community Colleges—currently have independent governing boards that provide informed and knowledgeable policy direction to their respective systems; and

WHEREAS, The consolidation of the Chancellor's Office into a Division of Higher Education reporting to the Secretary of Education implies the inevitable elimination of the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges or a radical minimization of its role; and

WHEREAS, The elimination of the Board of Governors and consolidation of the Chancellor's Office into a Division of Higher Education within the bureaucracy of the executive branch of State government would inevitably diminish the standing of the California Community Colleges as a system of higher education in California; and

WHEREAS, The elimination of the Board of Governors would deprive the community colleges (the largest of the three higher education systems in California) of an independent voice; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Governors, as an independent governing board, and the Chancellors' Office, as an agency responsible to the Board of Governors, render the community colleges more accountable to the public and less vulnerable to political interference than they would be as part of a Division of

Higher Education reporting to the Secretary of Education; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Governors and the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges has considerable discretionary authority over the allocation of funds appropriated to community colleges by the Legislature, the approval of programs of study at community colleges, and the funding of college building and capital improvement projects; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Governors and the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges exercise their discretionary authority openly, after full opportunity for public comment and debate, and with appropriate regard for the principal of local control; and

WHEREAS, The proposed consolidation of the Chancellor's Office into a Division of Higher Education would shift discretionary authority affecting the education of nearly two million Californians to a Deputy Secretary for Education, reducing public involvement in and oversight of the decision-making process and rendering the colleges more vulnerable to political interference; and

WHEREAS, The California Community College system, organized under the Board of Governors and the Chancellor's Office, is one of the most successful and respected in the nation; and

WHEREAS, The California Community College system, organized under the Board of Governors and the Chancellor's Office, is already the most cost effective segment of higher education in the State, and consolidation of the Chancellor's Office with several dissimilar agencies within the bureaucracy of the executive branch of State Government would jeopardize the system's effectiveness without any apparent cost savings; and

WHEREAS, It will not serve the public interest to radically change a system that has had such a powerful and remarkable results through the years, and the proposed consolidation of the Chancellor's Office into a Division of Higher Education would not benefit community colleges or their students; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Coast Community College District opposes the California Performance Review's recommendation to consolidate the Community College Chancellor's Office, the California Postsecondary Education Commission, the California Student Aid Commission and the Bureau for Private and Postsecondary and Vocational Education into a single Division of Higher Education reporting to the Secretary of Education and opposes the elimination of the California Community Colleges Board of Governors.

REPORTS

Board of Trustees

- Board President George Brown stated that he believes that his job as President during this election season is to try not to let political campaigning prevent the Board from conducting its regular business.
- Vice President Armando Ruiz stated that he enjoyed participating in the dedication of the new, Measure-C-funded soccer field at OCC on August 31. Trustee Ruiz announced that he received a letter from the Orange County Registrar of Voters requesting the District help disseminate information about the county's new automated voting system. He asked the Chancellor to help facilitate the dissemination this information on how to use the system in time for the November election.
- Trustee Jerry Patterson congratulated Real Orange on recently receiving another Emmy. Trustee Patterson welcomed back students and faculty for the new semester, and thanked the District staff for inviting him to attend the annual DAM picnic. Patterson commented that at the next Board meeting he would like to offer for the Board's consideration a resolution regarding ethical behavior of Board members during a political campaign. Patterson also stated that he would like to have all statements regarding the election read into the record. Patterson remarked on the possibility of Trustee Ruiz retiring prior to the election and stated his belief that all Board members should be made aware of Trustee Ruiz' intentions.
- Student Trustee Heather Larson recently attended a CCC event at the Center Club with President Currie regarding ESL programs, and really enjoyed participating and learning more about these important programs.

Chancellor

- Ken Yglesias, chancellor, congratulated OCC on the dedication of the new soccer field, and congratulated the OCC women's soccer team for its recent victory during the new field's inaugural game. Chancellor Yglesias thanked CCC for their hard work and hospitality during his recent meeting with the Admissions and Records department.

Presidents

- Ding-Jo Currie, CCC president, announced that enrollment at CCC is up and thanked the faculty and staff for their hard work. Currie invited the Board members to attend the all-staff welcome event on September 10 at 3:00 pm at the Garden Grove Center.
- Sharon Donoff, GWC interim president, announced that construction is now underway on the Measure C-funded Student Success Center. Donoff stated that the faculty

and staff of GWC are very excited to welcome students back to campus.

- Mel Rogers, KOCE president, announced that Real Orange recently won an Emmy award for its documentary on the Laguna Beach fires of 1994. Rogers also announced that KOCE receives and encourages viewers to provide input on the type of programming provided by the station.
- Gene Farrell, OCC president, announced that OCC's enrollment is up over four percent. The addition of classes has been very successful in aiding students in completing their course requirements.

Student Government Organizations

- ASOCC president Elliot Hayes congratulated Student Trustee Heather Larson for being selected as the student trustee. ASOCC is busy organizing shared governance committees and service projects for the upcoming year. He also thanked Trustee Ruiz for participating in the opening day activities of the new soccer field.

Academic Senate Organizations

- Margaret Lovig, CCC president, announced that the senate is organizing a retreat that will include the president of the statewide senate. The CCC senate will be hosting a used book sale on September 10 during the all-college meeting. Lovig also announced that the senate is currently prioritizing faculty needs in order to be prepared to hire new faculty members.
- Dibakur Barua, GWC president, announced that the senate is currently discussing faculty hiring priorities as well as the state learning outcomes. The senate is involved in the search for a new president for GWC. At the first meeting of the senate, the California Performance Review was discussed and Barua was pleased to see the resolution on tonight's Board agenda regarding the proposed changes to community college governance.
- Carol Burke, OCC representative, commented on the upcoming election and noted to trustees to keep in mind how their campaigns and their service on the Board benefits students.

Employee Representative Groups

- Dean Mancina, president, Coast Federation of Teachers, Local 1911/American Federation of Teachers, said that he was appalled that the Board did not allow some meeting attendees to address the Board. Mancina read a statement asking the Board to adopt a resolution regarding fair play and ethical behavior of Board members during an election.
- Diana Sharp, president, Coast Federation of Classified Employees, Local 4794 commented on the Board not

allowing attendees to speak publicly and stated her support for the resolution proposed by President Mancina.

- Dr. Robert V. Covert, Coast Community Colleges Association California Teachers Association/National Education Association president, welcomed Dr. Yglesias to the District. Covert also thanked Dr. Quarles for his work during recent negotiations regarding the part-time faculty pay, and said he is working now on the ratification of that agreement.

Acceptance of Retirements

Ferazzi, Patricia A. OCC, Instructor, Physical Education, retirement effective date 12/20/04.

A Santa Ana native, Patty's great grandmother first arrived in Santa Ana in 1918. Patty attended elementary, junior high and high school in the Santa Ana Unified School District and earned her A.A. degree at Santa Ana College. She picked up a B.A. in political science and an M.A. in physical education from the University of Southern California. She also earned an M.S. degree in counseling at USC, and an M.A. in political science from California State University at Fullerton. Patty served as a counselor and assistant dean of student services at College of the Siskiyous for two years before joining the Orange Coast College staff in 1974. She served as OCC's assistant dean of Admissions and Records for five years, then spent one year as assistant dean of the Evening College and Community Services. Patty then served for 24 years as a professor of physical education and athletics. She has been a member of the American College of Sports Medicine, the National Strength and Conditioning Association, and the Orange County Model A Ford Club. She lives in Santa Ana with her husband, Bob.

Magda, Marni, OCC, Instructor, English, retirement effective date 12/30/04.

A native of Newport, R.I., Marni earned a B.A. degree in social science from UCLA and an M.A. in education from California State University at Long Beach. She also received a California Reading Specialist Credential and a Literature and Language Credential. After working as a tour guide at Disneyland for three years, Marni was an elementary school reading specialist and learning coordinator for two years. She taught critical thinking skills in the GIFT Program for eight years. Marni joined Orange Coast College's faculty in 1980 as an English instructor. She retires as a professor of English. She helped to develop a number of OCC English courses, including English 005 ("Basic Reading Skills") and English 050 ("Introduction to College Reading"). She has taught in Orange Coast College's Paris and Florence study abroad programs.

Marni enjoys writing, and has written a number of screenplays. She is a member of the Scriptwriter's Network.

Mayne, Emmett Michael, OCC, Instructor, Physical Education, retirement effective date 12/31/04.

Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., Mike attended high school in Hawaii and San Diego and was an outstanding student and athlete. He earned high school letters in baseball, football and basketball. He was a quarterback during his junior and senior years at Madison High School in San Diego, and was recruited as a quarterback by the University of California at Riverside. He played two years of college football and four years of baseball, and completed his bachelor's degree at Riverside. He earned an M.A. from Azusa Pacific University. Mike began his coaching career as a varsity football assistant at Eisenhower High School in Rialto in 1973. He also coached baseball there through the 1976 season. He joined the Orange Coast College staff as head baseball coach in '76. Mike headed up OCC's baseball program for 15 seasons, winning more than 400 games. He captured six conference titles from 1980-87. His Pirates won the state community college baseball championship in 1980. Mike's son, Brent, who played at OCC and Cal State Fullerton, is now in his 15th season as a Major League catcher. More than a hundred of Mike's OCC players signed professional contracts during his baseball coaching career. Mike gave up baseball after the 1992 season, and was an assistant OCC football coach for more than a decade. He coached OCC's linebackers. He and his wife, Patricia, who is also a teacher, live in Costa Mesa. They also own a home in Montana. He enjoys golf, fly fishing and horseback riding.

Parker, John Richard, OCC, Instructor, Ornamental Horticulture, retirement effective date 12/31/04.

A native of Orange, N.J., John earned his B.S. degree in landscape architecture from California State Polytechnic University, Pomona. Shortly after his Cal Poly graduation, John was accepted into the Peace Corps and was assigned to the Philippines. He worked for three years as a "community development worker" in Iloilo on the island of Panay. He served as a community development worker. John worked as a landscape architect after leaving the Peace Corps. In fairly short order he became branch manager for a successful landscape architectural firm in the Bay Area. He discovered, however, that the day-to-day routine of being a landscape architect was unrewarding. After careful consideration, he quit his job, purchased a Volkswagen bus and toured the United States. After returning to Southern California he was hired by Orange Coast College in the fall of 1974 as an instructor in ornamental horticulture. He retires as a full professor. John is a member of the American Society of Landscape Architects. In 1990, he was honored for his service and dedication to the

nursery industry by the Orange County Chapter of the California Association of Nurserymen. He lives in Laguna Woods.

Stencel, Grace L., GWC, Library Assistant, Classified Unit, full time, 12 mo position, new hire effective 09/01/04.

Acceptance of Resignations

Cadenas, Frances L., CCC, Special Projects Supervisor, Supervisory/Management, revise date of resignation from 08/20/04 to 09/30/04. Unused vacation to be paid in lump sum.

Appointment of Staff

Le, Mai T., CCC, Special Project Supervisor, Classified Unit, full time, 12 mo position, promotion effective 09/02/04.

Nash, Jeanette M., CCC, Staff Aide, Classified Unit, full time, 12 mo position, promotion effective 09/02/04.

MEETING CALENDAR

September 15, 2004	Regular Meeting
October 20, 2004	Regular Meeting
November 3, 2004	Regular Meeting
November 17, 2004	Board Workshop