

# Coast Board Connection

## Highlights from the Coast Community College District Board of Trustees Meeting

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

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### September is EOPS Month

Extended Opportunity Programs and Services (EOPS) is celebrating 34 years of helping students this month. The EOPS program directors Ruth Dills of CCC, Chip Marchbank of GWC and Dick Hernandez of OCC were praised by board members and college presidents for helping hundreds of students within the District.

Governor Davis' 2003-04 proposed budget called for virtually eliminating categorical programs (including EOPS), but thanks to the efforts of the dedicated EOPS counselors across the state, the value of the program was recognized by Sacramento and the budget cuts were dramatically reduced.

"We are thrilled that the importance of this program was not lost in a political shuffle," said Ruth Dills, director of EOPS for Coastline. "The power of this program and the people working for it prevented severe budget cuts. Most importantly, we are so proud to be able to continue to help the students that need it most."

EOPS services include:

- Counseling – both academic and personal
- Financial Assistance – including book vouchers, grants and assistance with financial aid forms
- Transfer Assistance – application seminars and fee waivers for UC, CSU and private universities
- Plus – bilingual assistance, campus referrals, student achievement recognition, tutoring, community outreach and a summer readiness program

For more information on EOPS please contact your EOPS office.

### REPORTS

#### Board of Trustees

- Trustee Armando Ruiz acknowledged that September was EOPS Month and congratulated the EOPS directors from each school for helping to make EOPS a very successful program. Planned budget cuts to EOPS programs were restored thanks to the hard work of EOPS proponents around the state.
- Trustee Jerry Patterson commented that the KOCE issue was a complicated one that deserved to be investigated thoroughly.
- Trustee George Brown also commented on KOCE stating that issue is being investigated and that he is confident that the committee will reach a solution that will be agreed upon by all parties.
- Student Trustee Madeline Levy announced the first District-Wide Student Council meeting would take place on September 26. Trustee Levy announced the growing student concern regarding the cost of books. Trustee Levy will work with the District-Wide Student Council on the development of some cost cutting strategies regarding textbooks.

#### Presidents

- CCC President Ding-Jo Currie congratulated Ruth Dills and the staff of CCC's EOPS program for their hard work and dedication to students in need. The work done by Ruth Dills and her team was critical to the
- GWC President Ken Yglesias reported that the GWC implementation plan.
- OCC President Gene Farrell announced that OCC is continuing to develop its facilities master plan, and is currently working with a consultant to complete the load capacity study for the campus.

#### Academic Senate Presidents

- Margaret Lovig, CCC senate president, thanked everyone present for the warm welcome and announced that the CCC Academic Senate is looking forward to the upcoming year.
- Dibukur Barua, GWC senate president announced that the first senate meeting of the year will take place on September 3 and the senate will discuss the impacts of the state budget on students and programs.
- Kevin Parker, OCC senate president reported the senate's concern over the lack of summer classes due to budget cuts. Several students (60) petitioned his class and some offered money to any registered student that would give up their seat.

#### Student Government Organizations

- Sheri Smoody, CCC SAC president, announced that several students attended the Student Lobby Day in Sacramento and

met with legislators to discuss the impact of the state budget on community college students.

- Heather Arroyo, ASGWC President, reported that students from GWC also attended the Sacramento Student Lobby Day and were very pleased to have the opportunity to discuss community college issues with legislators.

## **MEETING CALENDAR**