



Coast Board Connection

Highlights from the Board of Trustees Meeting, September 18, 2002

Board Approves Budget for 2002-03

The Coast Community College District Board of Trustees approved the District's 2002-03 budget that balances a 2 percent cost of living increase from the state with budget cuts in programs including matriculation, CalWORKS, technology and staff development.

The Board approved the budget at their meeting Wednesday following a presentation by Vice Chancellor of Administrative Services C.M. Brahmbhatt. Brahmbhatt reported that state budget cuts coupled with increased costs have forced the District to make cuts in the District and college budgets this year.

All growth funds allocated to the District for 2002-03 are being used for salary increases and to cover the increasing costs of health benefits for faculty and staff. That means there is no "new" money in this year's budget to allocate to the colleges.

Vice Chancellor Brahmbhatt did outline several budgetary accomplishments the District has achieved. Those accomplishments include comfortable salary increases for the last three years and improving the District's salary ranking in comparison to other multi-college districts in the state. The District has also

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Board of Trustees

- President Walt Howald commended the students for their involvement in the on-campus voter registration drives aimed at registering students to vote in time for the November 2002 election.
- Vice President Paul Berger recently received an invitation to attend Coastline's Acquired Brain Injury program fundraiser and encouraged everyone to visit the program in order to see the enthusiasm and talent of the students.
- Trustee George Brown reported that he has been working on the Board policy committee with Trustee Patterson to revise Board policies in accordance with recommendations from the accreditation committee.
- Trustee Jerry Patterson thanked the CCC faculty for inviting him to the fall faculty meeting to kick off the new semester.
- Student Trustee Derek Shelly announced that the District Student Council will hold its first meeting on September 20.

Presidents

- President Currie, CCC, thanked CCC Foundation Board Member Chuck Straub for his hard work in putting together the upcoming foundation fundraiser, "Orchids at the Coast." The exotic orchid show and sale will be held on October 19 & 20 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at South Coast Plaza Village.

Academic Senate Presidents

- Nancy Jones, CCC senate president, reported that the senate hosted its fall

faculty meeting last week to kick off the new semester and to introduce Dr. Ding-Jo Currie to the faculty and staff. She thanked the Board members who were able to attend. Jones also reported that the CCC Academic Senate recently voted to support Measure C, the Coast Community College District's bond measure on the November ballot.

- Warren Carter, GWC senate president, reported that the senate set their agenda for the year and will focus on the following issues: instructional computing task force, proposed faculty intern program, English proficiency standards, minimum/maximum class size issues and new accreditation standards.
- Carole Burke, OCC senate president, reported that the senate recently voted to support Measure C, the District's bond measure on the November ballot.

Student Government Organizations

- Jordan Schiller, ASOCC Staff, reported that the student voter registration drive is going strong and the goal is to get 500 people registered. The Leadership Conference is scheduled for October and will host 100 students and 20 faculty members to participate in workshops and hear speakers from many different leadership perspectives.

Employee Representative Groups

- Tina Bruning, Coast Federation of Teachers, Local 1911/American Federation of Teachers president, reported that negotiations between AFT and the District have been completed, and an agreement reached for a new faculty contract. The

agreement has been sent out to the faculty members for ratification. Bruning also reported that the CFT has agreed to support Measure C, the bond measure on the November ballot that would raise funds for facilities improvements at the three colleges.

ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATIONS

- Cynthia Brewer, OCC, Instructional Associate-Learning Disabilities Program, effective 08/30/02.
- Irma Cortes, CCC, Workforce Specialist Assistant, effective 09/10/02.
- Justine Phelps, DIS, Application Programmer Analyst, effective 09/09/02.
- Diep Quach, CCC, CalWorks Program Office Specialist, effective 09/10/02.



UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS

October 2, 2002 Wednesday	First
October 16, 2002 (tentative) Workshop	Policy
November 6, 2002 Wednesday	First

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