



# Board Highlights

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### Mission Statement

Citrus College delivers high quality instruction that empowers students to compete globally and to contribute to the economic growth of today's society.

We are dedicated to fostering a diverse educational community and cultural learning environment that supports student success in pursuit of academic excellence, economic opportunity, and personal achievement.

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## Highlights of April 1, 2008 Board of Trustees Meeting

### REPORTS

#### Superintendent/President

Michael J. Viera, Ph.D., superintendent/president, reported that the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Mariachi Festival took place in the Haugh Performing Arts Center on March 22. Ms. Sharon Lewis, foundation board member, thanked Citrus College for our ad in the festival program, which was produced by the Azusa Downtown Business Association.

Dr. Viera said a review on the progress of board goals for 2007/2008 would be provided by Student Services, Foundation/External Relations and Tech Services later in the meeting. This review will provide information for the board retreat, which will be held Saturday, April 5.

Dr. Viera was pleased to announce that there has been unanimous approval by all constituent groups—faculty, managers, classified, supervisors and students—to name the new Center for Innovation the “Louis E. Zellers Center for Innovation.”

#### Instruction

Ms. Irene Malmgren, vice president of instruction, reported that last week Citrus College hosted recruiters for *Big Mouse on Campus* to recruit students for Disney College. Forty-five students applied to the program and 20 to 30 will receive offers. The students who are accepted will have the opportunity to study and work with Disney for one year.

Ms. Meg O'Neil, language arts faculty, has reported that the Associated Collegiate Press has selected the *Clarion Online* as one of 27 finalists in the 2008 *Online Pacemaker* competition. Ms. Samantha Bravo, editor in chief of the print edition for fall 2007, is also the *Clarion Online* editor. Ms. Malmgren said she is very proud of the accomplishments of the *Clarion* this year.

The CDC took in \$1,242 for the Muscular Dystrophy Association during their recent “Hop-a-Thon” to raise money and awareness for muscular dystrophy and those with disabilities. Ms. Malmgren reported that over 40 children participated.

Mr. Eric Rabitoy, dean of science, engineering and health science, and Dr. Denise Kaisler, astronomy instructor, met with Monrovia High School instructors and administrators to discuss the possibility of collaborating with regard to astronomy instruction. Mr. Rabitoy and Dr. Kaisler are working to achieve a partnership to benefit both Citrus and Monrovia High students.

#### Student Services

Dr. Jeanne Hamilton, vice president of student services reported that they have had a second meeting of the accreditation co-chairs. It provided a good opportunity for the exchange of information on how each group is doing and how they are organizing their work. Team members have been communicating electronically, and electronic communications will also be employed by the visiting team.

Financial Aid has “gone live” in Banner, and they are beginning to load applications for next year. Dr. Hamilton thanked Ms. Linda Welz, chief information services officer, for working with Financial Aid staff to ensure things went smoothly and proceeded in a timely manner.

#### Human Resources

Dr. Sandra Lindoerfer, director of human resources, said, on behalf of Human Resources, she is pleased to recommend the hiring of a new mathematics instructor, Mr. Jesus Gutierrez. Dr. Lindoerfer said Mr. Gutierrez has an inspirational story and will be a great role model for students. She added that Human Resources continues to work hard to hire the best and brightest employees for Citrus College.

## Finance and Administrative Services

Mrs. Carol R. Horton, vice president of finance and administrative services, reported that the campus continues to undergo major changes that are creating challenges with regard to parking and driving on campus. Parking lots on the south side of campus have been closed and construction has begun on the softball fields. Large speed bumps have been installed in the Stadium lot, which has been converted from overflow parking to student parking. Construction on the new Student Services Building will be underway in June along with renovation of the Gymnasium. Mrs. Horton said this will be our busiest year with regard to Measure G projects.

Mrs. Horton reported that the only news on the state budget is that Budget Analyst Elizabeth Hill has proposed an alternate budget for the state, which does not reduce Proposition 98 as severely as the Governor's Budget. Dr. Viera said Citrus College will be sending an advocacy team to Sacramento on May 20, and we continuously monitor developments regarding the budget through various sources including the Community College League of California. We are waiting for the Governor to publish his May Revise before determining our next steps.

## COMMENTS

### Academic Senate

Ms. Dana Hester, academic senate president, said the Academic Senate held a candidates forum at their last meeting. They are pleased that the offices of treasurer, secretary and senator-at-large are all contested. At the meeting they also discussed proposed revisions and new policies that are in response to changes in Title 5.

The Academic Senate has compiled a list of concerns and comments to bring to the newly-formed Compressed Calendar/Block Schedule/Banner task force.

Ms. Hester said the Academic Senate has had outstanding student participation this semester, and she thanked student representatives Ms. Erika Lim and Mr. Andrew Cress.

### Members of the Board of Trustees

Ms. Linda Bermudez, student trustee, said student trustee-elect, Mr. Andrew Cress spoke at the Gold Line press conference on March 26, organized by Congresswoman Hilda Solis. The event was successful in drawing media attention to the Foothill Extension of the Gold Line. ASCC held the first "I Will Ride" event to promote the Gold Line. A second event will take place in a week. She said faculty staff and students have been working very hard over the last two weeks to get the message out that the Foothill Extension of the Gold Line must be completed.

Dr. Edward C. Ortell, board president, said he attended the Solis press conference as it progressed on to the cities of Duarte and Monrovia. He had the opportunity to speak in Duarte, and he reiterated the themes that we have the riders and the Foothill Extension is ready to go.

Mrs. Susan M. Keith, board vice president, also attended the Solis press conference. She said it was very impressive that three Congressional representatives, Solis, David Dreier and Adam Schiff attended the event in the middle of the week. She believes all three are now working together to get the Foothill Extension of the Gold Line completed. She added that the San Gabriel/Foothill Association of Community Colleges (SanFACC) supports the Gold Line and suggested the possibility of SanFACC working with other caucuses in the region to develop a regional message in support of the Gold Line.

Dr. Patricia Rasmussen, board member, said she attended Battle of the Bands fifth performance, and she gave kudos to Mr. Bob Slack, dean of fine and performing arts, for the great way he showcases the talents of our students. She has recently attended several other campus events, and she praised the lecture on volcanoes entitled "Where's the Hot Stuff?" and the CDC's "Hop-a-Thon." Dr. Rasmussen also commended Ms. O'Neil and the *Clarion* staff for continuing to win awards and External Relations for publishing *Citrus College in the Media*. She hopes the new publication will soon be available on the college website.

## INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

Dr. Hamilton; Ms. Welz; and Ms. Paula Green, director of communications, presented updates on their work to support 2007/2008 board goals, which were adopted by the board at their December 4 organizational meeting.

Dr. Viera thanked all the staff who presented at this meeting and the March 18, 2008, board meeting regarding their progress on board goals. He said the staff has responded in a tremendous way to put board goals into action.

## BOARD ACTION

The board approved eight action items, including authorization to name the Center for Innovation Building in honor of Dr. Louis E. Zellers and the employment of Mr. Jesus Gutierrez as an instructor of mathematics.