



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 July 15, 2008 Board of Trustees Meeting

REPORTS

Superintendent/President

Dr. Geraldine M. Perri, superintendent/president, began her report by thanking the members of the board for supporting her candidacy as superintendent/president of Citrus College. She also expressed her gratitude to the search committee for their endorsement of her and all of their hard work, and to the faculty and staff for a very warm welcome. She said she is honored to join the Citrus College community. Dr. Edward C. Ortell, board president, welcomed Dr. Perri on behalf of the board.

Dr. Perri provided an update on the state budget. She said the Conference Committee closed out action on the 2008-2009 spending plan on July 8. The plan is better than the Governor's May Revise and includes a \$75 million backfill; 2 percent for growth; \$12.5 million for green-collar technology; and a 2.45 percent COLA. However, it relies on \$8.2 million in increased revenue, and must be passed by both houses of the Legislature. Dr. Perri said Citrus College will continue to monitor developments and remain attentive to issues impacting our own tentative budget, including cash flow and potential revenue decreases.

Instruction

Ms. Irene Malmgren, vice president of instruction, reported that the Title V HSI STEM grant was submitted on June 27. She thanked Ms. Sylvia Smythe, director of basic skills, for her efforts, including many long hours. If Citrus College is awarded the grant, it will provide significant services and resources for students.

As part of faculty development, all adjuncts who teach a basic skills class have been asked to attend a two hour, paid orientation on August 29. Ms. Malmgren said the orientation, funded by the Title V HSI solo grant, includes course information from faculty leads, teaching tips, and instruction on the new on-line Early Alert system, which will be piloted this fall in all basic skills classes.

The inaugural Glendora Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) Science Academy is taking place this week at Citrus College. Twenty students grades 3-6 and 25 students grades 6-8 from Glendora USD will attend. Ms. Malmgren said Citrus faculty have some wonderful activities planned.

Citrus College is the fiscal agent/lead college for the Tech Prep Regional Coordination Project. As part of the project, Ms. Marti DeYoung, career/technical education supervisor, has invited a speaker, Mr. Jim Brazell, to present "The Future is Here," a message focused on emerging technologies and how the education and workforce communities should respond. Assistant superintendents, administrators and staff from local high school districts will be invited.

Ms. Malmgren was pleased to welcome Ms. Marion Dunkerley, whose name is on the agenda for board approval as a new instructor of nursing. Ms. Dunkerley holds a bachelor's degree from Biola University, a master's degree in education from APU and is currently pursuing a second master's degree in nursing. She has a background in teaching and nursing and is fluent in Dutch and Spanish.

Student Services

Dr. Jeanne Hamilton, vice president of student services, reported that registration started yesterday for students with priority registration, and 684 students registered compared to 580 last year. In addition, probation flags were put in place for the first time since implementing BANNER.

Dr. Hamilton said the EOP&S Summer Bridge Program, which provides orientation and community building for disadvantaged students, continues to grow. This year 84 students are enrolled in three classes.

Financial Aid is in the midst of implementing BANNER. They went live in April, downloading financial aid applications from the federal site and are now close to completing Phase 1. Dr. Hamilton also reported that Financial Aid was very successful year last year, and provided 18 percent more students with Pell grants and 23 percent more students with BOG waivers. This success was a result of increased outreach to high schools and "inreach" with class presentations and campus events.

Counseling is working with TeCS to adapt an existing Web-based program for secure online counseling, which should be ready in early fall. Dr. Hamilton thanked Mr. Leigh Buchwald, network central computer and telecommunications system supervisor, and Ms. Lisa Villa, counselor, for their efforts.

Human Resources

Mr. Robert Sammis, interim director of human resources, expressed his gratitude for the warm welcome he received. He said he is impressed with the many talented and hard-working staff in Human Resources.

Mr. Sammis had a productive meeting with Mr. Terry Miles, CCFA president. He also met with CSEA representatives, Ms. Cathy Napoli, CSEA president, and Ms. Peggy Olsen, CSEA first vice president/chief negotiator, to discuss issues facing their chapter. Mr. Sammis will meet with adjunct faculty leadership next week.

Finance and Administrative Services

Mrs. Carol R. Horton, vice president of finance and administrative services, referred the board to action items on the agenda for change orders for the Softball Field and the Center for Innovation. She said Citrus College has an excellent management team that provides detailed oversight of change orders. The change orders for the Center for Innovation were at 3.2 percent, in contrast to what is considered normal for this type of construction, at 6 to 7 percent. She credited the work of Mr. Jim Scinocca, project manager, in keeping the percentage low. Mrs. Horton added that construction on the new Student Services Building should begin in mid-August.

COMMENTS

Academic Senate

Mr. John Vaughan, academic senate president, said the Academic Senate and the entire faculty are pleased to welcome Dr. Perri, and they look forward to her leadership.

Mr. Vaughan announced the incoming executive board. The officers are: Ms. Dana Hester, past president; Dr. Senya Lubisich, secretary; Ms. Sarah Spangler, treasurer; and Dr. Jack Call, vice president/president elect.

Over the next month Mr. Vaughan will be working with Dr. Lan Hao, director of institutional research, on a team that is evaluating and making recommendations concerning Program Review data. He will also be working with Ms. Smythe in the development of the Faculty Learning Institute.

Classified School Employees Association

Ms. Napoli welcomed Dr. Perri on behalf of the classified staff and said they are looking forward to working with her.

Members of the Board of Trustees

Mr. Andrew Cress, student board member, said several new members have been appointed to the ASCC board and the board has team-building events scheduled throughout the summer. Mr. Cress will attend the Student Trustee Conference hosted by the Community College League of California in August. He plans on returning with many fresh ideas.

Dr. Gary L. Woods, board clerk/secretary, reported on the recent SanFACC meeting at Pasadena City College. Dr. Woods said all six districts were in attendance, and the group discussed many important topics, including advocating for passage of favorable legislation. Dr. Woods said lobbying as a regional caucus opens doors in Sacramento and Washington, D.C. Mrs. Joanne Montgomery, board member, also attended the meeting and said she was impressed with a proposal for a SanFACC leadership consortium, where the districts will work together to mentor and train future college managers and leaders. Dr. Perri chaired a similar regional caucus, the San Diego & Imperial Counties Community College Association (SDICCCA) for two years.

Dr. Patricia Rasmussen, board member, said she met with Dr. Steve Lindsey, dean of business, CSIS and distance education, regarding distance education. She said the program has grown tremendously and now provides many extra student services to ensure student success. The demand for distance education continues to grow, and high schools are now showing interest. Dr. Rasmussen suggested the possibility of partnering with them.

Dr. Rasmussen expressed concern about the currency of our textbook policies and said the college must do whatever it can to help students acquire textbooks at reasonable prices.

Dr. Rasmussen congratulated Mr. Cress for being featured in a recent article in the San Gabriel Valley Examiner.

Mrs. Susan M. Keith, board vice president, reported on the very successful Foundation event, "Watercolor Alive!" featuring Mr. Chris Van Winkle, renowned watercolorist and Citrus College adjunct faculty. The event was hosted and underwritten by Mr. Ivan Misner, successful businessman, best-selling author and alumnus of Citrus College. The event received an entire page of coverage in the *Inland Valley Daily Bulletin*. Mr. Van Winkle created a beautiful watercolor painting during the event, which was auctioned at the end. In addition, Mr. Misner made a challenge to the Foundation to raise matching funds of up to \$5,000 to be donated as scholarships for Citrus students.

Mrs. Keith thanked Dr. Perri for attending the Foundation event and Claremont's July 4th parade. The parade provided a good opportunity to talk with many elected officials and community leaders. Mrs. Keith thanked Ms. Linda Merlo, college promotions specialist, for handling parade logistics and Mr. Tom Gerfen, Foundation president-elect, for providing and driving his car in the parade.

Mrs. Montgomery attended the dental assisting graduation, and she commented on what the great job Ms. Claudia Pohl and Ms. Dora Arredondo, dental assisting instructors, do for our students. Most of the graduating students already have jobs.

COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE

On behalf of CCFA, Mr. Miles, welcomed Dr. Perri. He announced the new CCFA board as follows: Ms. Kathy Bakhit, vice president/president elect; Ms. Lisa Villa, secretary; Ms. Gailynn White, treasurer; and Mr. Dave Brown, chief negotiator. Mr. Miles said CCFA's goals for this year include maintaining good communications with the district and expediting the collective bargaining process.

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

Foundation Board President Jennetta Harris presented an update on Foundation accomplishments during the 2007-2008 fiscal year. She said the Foundation's portfolio is currently at an all-time high of \$6.2 million, and the Foundation has achieved many milestones in the past year.

BOARD ACTION

The board approved 17 action items, including authorization of agreements with Mt. San Antonio College and Rio Hondo College for Career Technical Education Community Collaborative Projects and the employment of Ms. Marion Dunkerley as an instructor of nursing.