



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 October 21, 2008 Board of Trustees Meeting

REPORTS

Superintendent/President

Dr. Geraldine M. Perri, superintendent/president, reported that on October 22 Citrus College will be one of several colleges in the state to broadcast live Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger and First Lady Maria Shriver's Women's Conference. The event will feature global opinion leaders such as Warren Buffet, Condoleezza Rice, Madeleine Albright, Bono, and Campbell Brown. Dr. Perri credited Ms. Paula Green, director of communications, and Ms. Linda Welz, chief information services officer, with facilitating the broadcast of the event.

Dr. Perri said the Governor will call a special legislative session in November at which he may call for emergency cuts and tax increases to deal with the growing budget deficit, which is already at \$3 billion. Dr. Perri said it is likely that community colleges will receive a mid-year cut, and she has begun a dialog with Mrs. Carol R. Horton, vice president of finance and administrative services, regarding possible cuts in our local budget.

Beginning next week, Citrus College will begin developing a new Educational Master Plan. The process will be outlined at the next Steering Committee meeting. The plan will be informed through a survey; town halls with business and community leaders and students; an external environmental scan; and an internal data analysis. Dr. Perri said the process will provide an opportunity for the college to review our mission, vision and values and help us identify college priorities based on board goals. It will also highlight our needs for staffing, equipment, facilities and funds and ultimately link our priorities to budget allocation and facilities planning.

Dr. Perri said the college will hold two mandatory information meetings this week for close to one hundred staff members to review their role in emergency preparedness. At the meeting, each staff member will receive their orange folder outlining their specific role in an emergency.

Instruction

Mr. James McClain, dean of mathematics, reported on the All-Campus Book Event presented by the Faculty Learning Institute. One hundred ten copies of *The Last Lecture*, by Dr. Randy Pausch, were distributed, and 73 Citrus College faculty and staff members attended one of five discussion groups. The event was very well received, with evaluations highlighting the value of faculty and staff across disciplines meeting informally and exchanging ideas on a topic to which everyone can relate. Mr. McClain thanked the organizers and said there will be a second book event in the spring.

Mr. McClain reported that the next Faculty Learning Institute event will be a presentation by Dr. Beverly Van Citters, language arts faculty, entitled "Powering Up with Blackboard," on November 13 and 14. He invited the board to participate in this high-energy workshop, as Dr. Van Citters demonstrates the innovative ways she reaches students in her reading classes using Blackboard.

Student Services

Dr. Jeanne Hamilton, vice president of student services, reported that the accreditation co-chairs and subcommittees have been meeting monthly. She will provide another accreditation update to the board in November.

Dr. Hamilton said they are experiencing some challenges with transcripts brought about by the transition to BANNER. There was a large campus forum yesterday with counselors, educational advisors and representatives of admissions and TeCS to discuss possible solutions.

Dr. Hamilton said the entire Student Services team paid a visit to TeCS to present them with a framed certificate of appreciation for helping them with the BANNER conversion. It read, "We couldn't do it without you." Dr. Edward C. Ortell, board president, expressed the appreciation of the board for the work of the entire campus to implement the new computer system. He said their many long hours "have not gone unnoticed."

COMMENTS

Academic Senate

Mr. John Vaughan, academic senate president, said at the next meeting of the Academic Senate they will complete discussion of the final three accreditation themes—Institutional Commitments, Institutional Integrity and Evaluation. They will also continue to discuss SLOs and assessment as they relate to setting a completion date for course and program level SLOs. The 2009-2010 calendar will be on the agenda for action.

Members of the Board of Trustees

Mr. Andrew Cress, student board member, said the ASCC continues to promote student involvement in the political process. They hosted a final “debate watch” and held two voter registration days, during which 140 students registered.

Members of the ASCC executive board attended the California Community College Student Affairs Association leadership conference in San Diego. Mr. Cress said the conference was very educational and provided an opportunity for students to further develop their leadership skills.

ASCC continues to participate in accreditation by serving on committees and engaging in dialog with other groups.

Homecoming week is underway. Mr. Cress announced several campus activities, including a pre-game tailgate party in the stadium parking lot prior to the game on Saturday.

Dr. Patricia Rasmussen, board member, congratulated Mr. John Vaughan, fine and performing arts instructor, for the outstanding production of *Cabaret*. She commented that the student performances were particularly outstanding.

Dr. Rasmussen said she and Mrs. Joanne Montgomery, board member, are currently working to update 37 board policies. She thanked Dr. Jane Wright, special consultant from the Community College League of California, for assisting them and providing numerous samples.

Dr. Rasmussen commented on a recent report regarding the low percentage of males entering the teaching profession to teach grades K-8. The report cited the low pay and status of male elementary teachers and highlighted the need for male role models in the classroom. Dr. Rasmussen is hopeful our teacher preparation program will help to mitigate this trend.

Regarding the upcoming election, Dr. Rasmussen said it is important that everyone is informed, reads the ballot measures carefully and votes.

Mrs. Susan M. Keith attended the *Night of Music from Film* and said it was very entertaining and well done. She said all of the groups, Night Shift, Sierra Winds and the Concert Choir, performed beautifully. Dr. Ortell also attended and he congratulated those involved for an outstanding production.

Mrs. Keith thanked the Faculty Learning Institute for the all-campus book event, *The Last Lecture*. While the book focused on the teaching profession, Mrs. Keith said it would benefit people in any profession.

Mrs. Montgomery praised the recent edition of the *Clarion*, saying it exemplified why the publication has won so many awards.

Mrs. Montgomery thanked all those who are working so hard on accreditation. She said it is exciting to see the enthusiasm exhibited by faculty, staff and students for making our upcoming accreditation successful.

COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE

Mr. Terry Miles, CCFA president, said the recent Community College Association Fall Conference was very informative. Topics ranged from negotiation strategies to contractual ramifications of SLOs. Recently, Mr. Marty Hittleman, president of the California Federation of Teachers, sent a letter to the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC) requesting they amend ACCJC standards that may impact contractual matters such as faculty evaluations and the content of course syllabi. Mr. Miles is looking forward to the response from ACCJC.

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

Mr. McClain introduced Ms. Sylvia Smythe, director of college success, who announced that Citrus College has been awarded a College Cost Reduction and Access HSI grant from the Department of Education in the amount of \$3,430,976. This two-year grant provides funds to increase the number and success of Hispanic and other under-represented students in STEM (science, technology, engineering and Math) majors and provide a pathway from high school to university for those students.

Mr. McClain introduced Mr. Toby Guebert who provided a report on his fall 2007 sabbatical. Mr. Guebert teaches ESL courses in composition; reading and vocabulary; and grammar. He used his sabbatical to travel to Japan, Korea and Taiwan to learn more about Asian cultures. Mr. Guebert holds master's degrees in Spanish Literature and the Teaching of English as a Second Language from the University of Illinois.

Dr. Hamilton introduced Ms. Joanne Hinojosa, EOP&S/CARE supervisor, and Ms. Tonya Brooks, EOP&S administrative secretary. Ms. Hinojosa provided a brief overview of the Annual Program Plan for Extended Opportunities Programs and Services.

BOARD ACTION

The board approved 9 action items, including approval for the Student Health Center to administer influenza vaccine at no charge to faculty and staff and authorization to adopt the 2008-2009 Board Goals.