



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 January 13, 2009 Board of Trustees Meeting

REPORTS

Superintendent/President

Dr. Geraldine M. Perri, superintendent/president, introduced Mr. Tedd Goldstein, student employment supervisor, who along with Ms. Lari Kirby, distance education supervisor, presented the winner of the Fall 2008 Student Worker of the Semester award. The winner was Ms. Maria Lee, who works in the Vocational Education office. Dr. Perri and Mrs. Susan M. Keith, board president, congratulated Ms. Lee, and said she exemplifies the many outstanding Citrus College students of whom we are so proud.

Dr. Perri welcomed everyone to the start of a new year and the beginning of the winter intersession and spring semester. She said the college concluded the fall semester on a very positive note, and she acknowledged the hard work and leadership of many in reaching out to others in the college and the community. She gave numerous kudos to individuals and groups, including the CSEA for the Holiday Dessert Buffet; language arts faculty members, Mr. John Fincher and Ms. Roberta Eisel, for organizing the "Christmas in the Penthouse" holiday event; the ASCC for their holiday toy drive; Adapted PE and Adapted Aquatics for their year-end celebration; the CDC for organizing "Adopt a Family"; our CARE/CalWorks programs for organizing the Annual Winter Workshop; our performing arts programs for *Holidance*, *Christmas Is...* and many Citrus Singers performances throughout Southern California; the Foundation for the 7th Annual Winter Dinner; and the graduates of the Esthetician and Cosmetology programs. Dr. Perri also thanked Mrs. Joanne Montgomery, board member, and Dr. Patricia Rasmussen, board clerk/secretary, for riding with her in Christmas parades in their respective communities, and Mr. Tom Gerfen, adjunct faculty, and Ms. Linda Merlo, college promotions specialists, for assisting with these events.

Dr. Perri said the new year will be filled with a great deal of activity, as we complete our accreditation self-study and prepare for the accreditation site visit; draft our new educational master plan; continue with emergency training; advance the board policy review process; and continue the construction of the Vocational Technology Building, Field House and Student Services Building.

Instruction

Ms. Irene Malmgren, vice president of instruction, reported that Dr. Kim Holland, director of workforce development, hosted a meeting on campus for the Maintenance Superintendent's Association, a professional organization for all public works managers in the western states. At the meeting, Dr. Holland presented on our Public Works and Water Technology programs and the University of La Verne discussed transfer options for a B.A. in Public Administration. Dr. Holland is an honorary member of the Maintenance Superintendent's Association and joined their board of directors in October 2008.

Ms. Malmgren reported on current Citrus activities. Mr. Robert Goodman, science instructor, and his natural history class are in Costa Rica inaugurating our Winter Study Abroad Program. Also, Ms. Marti De Young, career technical education programs supervisor, has coordinated a two-day Career Pathways Leadership Training workshop, funded by Tech Prep. Preparation for Earth Day is moving forward, with 30 workshops planned. Ms. Malmgren said planning is underway for summer and fall, which must be done even though we are without details on the budget.

Student Services

Dr. Jeanne Hamilton, vice president of student services, reported that winter intersession enrollment was down 3.47 percent. The decrease was anticipated due to cuts in course offerings. Spring is currently up 16 percent over the same time last year; however this reflects students who fill seats early. The percentage is expected to decrease as the enrollment period continues.

Solutions to address spring parking problems include offering students free parking in the auxiliary lots.

The Counseling Department and the Learning Center are collaborating to offer a pilot mandatory orientation for students this winter. The departments will evaluate the pilot program and make recommendations for full implementation of a mandatory orientation program.

Dr. Hamilton introduced Ms. Sara Gonzales-Tapia, the new director of EOPS/CARE & CalWORKs, who began on January 5, 2009. Dr. Hamilton said the staff is thrilled to have her and she has already made significant progress on several projects.

Fiscal and Administrative Services

Mrs. Carol R. Horton, vice president of finance and administrative services, reported that the Governor released the 2009-2010 budget on December 31, ten days ahead of schedule. Interpreting the specifics of the budget at the present time is complicated by several factors. However, for community colleges the Governor has proposed no COLA; 3 percent enrollment growth; and funding Proposition 98 at a level that would maintain program spending at 2008-2009 levels. Mrs. Horton said Citrus College has done a great deal to prepare for the current state of the economy; however, she stressed that it is critical a state budget be passed soon.

Mrs. Horton provided a status report on the bond construction program. She commended Mr. Mike Harrington, director of facilities and construction, for carefully planning the logistics of relocation associated with construction projects. She said he has employed no- or low-cost strategies, which have saved the college a tremendous amount of money and problems.

COMMENTS

Members of the Board of Trustees

Mr. Andrew Cress, student board member, said he attended the president's cabinet meeting where he gave a presentation on Open Educational Resources (OER). Mr. Cress would like to see Citrus College increase our involvement in the development and implementation of OER. In that regard, Mr. Cress plans to speak to as many campus constituent groups as possible to garner support for OER.

Dr. Rasmussen reported on the many very positive end-of-the-year programs and events, including Fine and Performing Arts programs such as *Holidance*, 50 performances by the Citrus Singers to over 28,000 people, the Women's Ensemble performance at the Glendora Tree Lighting Ceremony, and the New Year's Eve Candlelight Pavilion festivities; a good meeting with Charter Oak Unified School District; the Ceramics Sale; the Esthetician Graduation; and the most recent Community College Survey of Student Engagement (CCSSE) for Citrus.

Mrs. Keith reported that she and Dr. Perri met with the dean of education for Claremont University. They discussed various ways the university could collaborate with community colleges. Mrs. Keith said it was a positive meeting.

Mrs. Keith spoke with a lobbyist for the California Community Colleges at the federal level. She said community colleges may benefit from the stimulus package, and that our relationship with Congresswoman Hilda Solis, the incoming Secretary of Labor, may also be helpful in securing funding for job training. She suggested sending a letter to the Congresswoman emphasizing that California's community colleges are poised to produce immediate results in training and retraining the workforce.

Dr. Edward C. Ortell, board member, said he attended an event hosted by the San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership, where he spoke with several local business leaders who are excited about the possibility of collaborating with Citrus on workforce development projects.

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

Mrs. Horton introduced Mr. Mark Ferrari, chair of the Measure G Citizens Oversight Committee (COC). Mr. Ferrari introduced his fellow committee members and presented an overview of the committee's annual report, the *2008 Report to Our Community*. Mr. Ferrari praised the district's excellent stewardship of Measure G funding, especially in these financially difficult times. Mrs. Keith thanked Mr. Ferrari and the committee for their work. Mrs. Horton expressed how much she appreciates the dedicated people who are serving on the COC.

BOARD ACTION

The board approved nine action items, including a Notice of Completion on HVAC upgrades at various district locations and 13 revised board policies.