



Board Highlights



Highlights of April 7, 2009 Board of Trustees Meeting

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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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REPORTS

Superintendent/President

Dr. Geraldine M. Perri, superintendent/president, thanked Mrs. Susan M. Keith, board president; Dr. Gary L. Woods, board vice president; Mrs. Joanne Montgomery, board member; and Dr. Edward C. Ortell, board member, for joining her at the official ribbon cutting for our new softball field. The event went well, and the college was pleased to receive certificates of recognition from the City of Glendora, Assemblyman Anthony Adams and Senator Bob Huff. Dr. Perri wished the Lady Owls a great season.

Dr. Perri commended our Blue Note Swing Orchestra on the recent Battle of the Big Bands with the Azusa Pacific University Orchestra. She said it was an evening of delightful entertainment, and she thanked our students and Mr. Bob Slack, dean of fine and performing arts, for the wonderful display of talent.

The college continues to work on board policies, and Dr. Perri congratulated Mrs. Montgomery and Dr. Patricia Rasmussen, board clerk/secretary, for their efforts and leadership with regard to board policy revisions. Dr. Perri added that work continues on administrative procedures to accompany these policies.

Dr. Perri reported that nearly 60 members of the Citrus College community attended the Emergency Preparedness Forum on March 26. The forum provided an update on our plans for handling college emergencies. Our new video on earthquakes, which will soon be available through our website, was debuted. To allow additional participation, a second forum will be held on April 29 at 2:40 p.m. in CI 159.

Dr. Perri reported that Dr. Martha Kanter, chancellor of Foothill-De Anza CCD, has been nominated as the US Undersecretary of Education. Dr. Kanter has been a long-time leader in education in our state. Dr. Perri said, if confirmed, Dr. Kanter will continue to serve us well, and she wished her much success.

Instruction

Ms. Irene Malmgren, vice president of instruction, reported that Citrus College students, Mr. Josh Gaglia and Mr. Angel Cruz, were named to the All-California Academic Team for their scholastic achievement and contributions to Citrus College. Ms. Malmgren and Mr. Brian Waddington, honors program coordinator, accompanied them to Sacramento where they received their awards and attended a special reception.

Citrus College students Miss Yvonne Chow, Mr. Allen Tung and Mr. Gaglia represented Citrus College at the Undergraduate Student Research Conference hosted by the University of California, Irvine, and the Honors Transfer Council of California. The conference was attended by students from 21 community colleges throughout California, who presented some of the top student research done on those campuses. Ms. Malmgren thanked the faculty who spend many extra hours with students, helping them to excel. Mrs. Keith said it is wonderful to learn about the outstanding achievements of our students. She added that the pursuit of academic excellence, as demonstrated by them, is important to the future of our state and nation.

Fourteen Citrus College managers and faculty met with representatives of the Hewlett Foundation on April 1. Citrus was selected based on data from the Chancellor's Office showing positive changes in achievement rates of our basic skills students. The Hewlett team was very impressed with the level of support for basic skills demonstrated by our administration and board of trustees.

Ms. Malmgren gave a STEM update. Citrus is providing after-school math tutoring at Goddard Middle School and Whitcomb Continuation High School. The Calculus Enrichment Workshops in the Interim STEM Center have been very well received. Ms. Malmgren said that Mrs. Keith was quoted in the Claremont Courier on our STEM programs and student success.

Student Services

Dr. Jeanne Hamilton, vice president of student services, reported that the Career Transfer Center is hosting a northern tour of universities again this year. Fifty Citrus students will visit the campuses of UC Santa Cruz, UC Davis, Sacramento State, San Francisco State, UC Berkeley, UC Merced and Fresno State. Mr. Raul Sanchez and Mr. Robert Gamboa, educational advisors, will accompany the students.

This afternoon the ASCC presented Mr. Tony Giannone, security supervisor, with keys to the new Ford Ranger in a "Key Passing Ceremony." The vehicle was purchased for Security with ASCC funds.

The Career/Transfer Center hosted an Art Portfolio Panel on April 1. Ms. Paige Miyabe, educational advisor, took the lead in organizing the event, along with the Career/Transfer Center staff. They were assisted by faculty from the Art Department. Over 130 students attended the panel and learned about the requirements for attending an art college.

Human Resources

Dr. Robert Sammis, director of human resources, expressed his gratitude to the CSEA negotiating team for reaching a tentative collective bargaining agreement with the district. Dr. Sammis said the team was always well-prepared and very professional, and their candor helped the teams to reach agreement. He added that the classified staff is well-represented.

Finance and Administrative Services

Mrs. Carol R. Horton, vice president of finance and administrative services, spoke to agenda item H-2, regarding the 2009-10 budget development assumptions, and the budget calendar. She also reviewed the process for budget revisions to restricted funds in the district.

COMMENTS

Academic Senate

Mr. John Vaughan, academic senate president, said at their March 25 meeting, the Academic Senate passed 28 board policies and administrative procedures. They also passed academic calendars for 2010-11 and 2011-12. At their next meeting they will act on student grievance procedures and a resolution thanking Dr. Robert Evans, social and behavioral sciences instructor, for his dedication and service to Citrus College. Mr. Vaughan noted that Dr. Perri would be attending the meeting to provide an update and take questions from the Senate. Mr. Vaughan acknowledged Dr. Perri for attending the Academic Senate meeting several times this academic year.

During spring break, Mr. Vaughan and Dr. Jack Call, academic senate vice president, will attend the Spring Plenary Session for the Statewide Academic Senate. Ms. Marilyn Eng, student success counselor, will present a workshop at this plenary session.

Members of the Board of Trustees

Mr. Andrew Cress, student board member, said ASCC is preparing for Springfest 2009 and the upcoming Student Senate for California Community Colleges Spring General Assembly. They have also approved goals for spring 2009. The ASCC textbook subcommittee is discussing a donation to the reserve textbook area in the library. Mr. Cress thanked ASCC vice president, Ms. Abigail Thomson; Mr. Gaglia and the entire library staff for their efforts to increase student access to textbooks.

Dr. Rasmussen said the Battle of the Big Bands was a wonderful event and a testimony to the quality of our performing arts program. She also attended the Emergency Preparedness Forum on March 26, which she said was well done and well attended.

Dr. Rasmussen said our new publication, *A Taste of Citrus*, will be sent to elected officials and community leaders and is a great way to keep them informed. She added that the publication is well done.

Dr. Rasmussen attended a State Assembly forum on the water crisis in California. She said the crisis is real, and it is very important we do everything we can to conserve. Dr. Rasmussen also commented that the fiscal outlook from the Legislative Analyst indicates the state's economy continues to worsen, and the state is in a serious financial situation.

Dr. Woods said on April 25, Citrus College will be co-host for an event to honor the new US Secretary of Labor, Hilda Solis. He said this will be an important event, as the Labor Secretary may play a role in future funding for workforce development.

Mrs. Keith attended the performance of California Suite by our Theater Arts Department, and she said it was very well done.

Mrs. Keith complimented the *Claremont Courier* for their article on our learning communities and our Citrus faculty and staff who participated in the story. She said the story did an excellent job of portraying the positive impact of learning communities on students.

Mrs. Keith reported on the recent Foundation Board Retreat. She said it was well attended, and she thanked Dr. Perri for her participation. The Foundation board developed new mission, vision and values statements in addition to action priorities. She said, due to the state's economic situation, the importance of community college foundations is increasing.

COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE

Ms. Cathy Napoli, president of CSEA Chapter 101, addressed the board regarding action item H-7, approval of a tentative agreement between the district and CSEA. She thanked bargaining team members, Ms. Rose Ann Manfre-Campillo, account clerk cashier; Ms. Pam McGuern, administrative assistant; Mr. Steve Handy, athletic trainer; and Mr. Gary Kouba, gardener; and she introduced Ms. Peggy Olsen, administrative secretary and CSEA chief negotiator. Ms. Olsen thanked the board, Dr. Perri and Dr. Sammis for very peaceful negotiations. CSEA appreciates the district's willingness to negotiate the best contract possible in these difficult financial times.

Mr. Terry Miles, CCFA president, commented on the legality of Accreditation Standard IIIA1c requiring, as a component of faculty evaluation, that faculty be evaluated on student success with regard to SLOs. Mr. Miles also reported that CTA and CCA have voted to support Propositions 1A-F.

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

Ms. Malmgren provided an update on our Educational and Facilities Master Plan, which is a requirement for accreditation. The plan is moving forward on schedule, and she thanked her leadership team, Dr. Lan Hao, director of institutional research; Ms. Linda Welz, chief information officer; and Ms. Paula Green, director of communications, for their work.

Ms. Malmgren introduced Mr. Jack Wood, language arts faculty, who presented his sabbatical report for fall 2008. Mr. Wood has been a professor of English at Citrus since 1990. He authored a textbook for English 101 entitled, *Road to Adventure*, which is published through our bookstore. Mr. Wood spent his sabbatical working on his book entitled, *What's Wrong with American Education?*

BOARD ACTION

The board approved ten action items, including the Budget Development Assumptions and Budget Calendar for 2009-10 and four revised board policies.