



Board Highlights



Highlights of March 17, 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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Official meeting minutes are available in the Superintendent/President's Office.

REPORTS

Superintendent/President

Dr. Geraldine M. Perri, superintendent/president, reported that participating in the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure as a member of the Citrus College team was a wonderful experience. Their team was composed of current faculty, retirees, students and alumni and was led by Ms. Holly Colville, language arts instructor. Dr. Perri said there was a lot of positive energy exhibited; they raised close to \$2,000 and generated a great deal of support for the cause. Reporters from the *Clarion* were there to cover the event.

Dr. Perri visited the Social and Behavioral Sciences Department and met with faculty and staff. They discussed their professional backgrounds and their history of working at Citrus College. Dr. Perri was particularly impressed with two reoccurring themes—their passion for teaching and how much they valued being part of Citrus College.

Dr. Perri also visited the Dental Assisting Program during their special open house for children in honor of Children's Dental Health Month. Children from our CDC had the opportunity to visit with a local dentist and receive some dental health tips from students. She thanked the faculty, staff and students in the Dental Assisting Program for coordinating this effort.

On March 19, Citrus College will host the 29th Senate District Education Summit. We are working with Senator Bob Huff's office to organize the event. The keynote speaker will be Ms. Kathryn Radtkey-Gaither, the California Undersecretary of Higher Education. Dr. Perri said there will also be a panel of education leaders, including Mrs. Joanne Montgomery, board member.

Instruction

Ms. Irene Malmgren, vice president of instruction, reported that spring enrollment is good and our student retention rate is high.

All departments are engaged in program reviews, either annual or 6-year. This information will be used during budget preparation.

On March 23, Ms. Malmgren will accompany Mr. Brian Waddington, social and behavioral sciences instructor, and two students to Sacramento where they will attend a luncheon, sponsored by the Community College League of California. The luncheon will celebrate the success of Phi Theta Kappa All-California Academic Team winners. The Citrus winners are Mr. Joshua Gaglia and Mr. Angel Cruz.

Student Services

Dr. Jeanne Hamilton, vice president of student services, called attention to an article in the *Community College Journal*, a publication that features articles by leading experts, coverage of higher education issues, and profiles community college leaders. Dr. Bruce Solheim, social and behavioral sciences instructor and volunteer veterans' coordinator, was featured in an article about the educational needs of returning veterans entitled, "Home at Last." Dr. Hamilton commended Dr. Solheim for his leadership in serving this special student population and for his abilities to effectively advocate for their needs.

Human Resources

Dr. Robert Sammis, director of human resources, reported that Human Resources has completed training on leaves of absence for managers and supervisors. The topic of their next training is classified staffing, where they will discuss how to process requests for staffing, procedures for staffing and limitations. Those interested in attending can take the training on March 23 or March 26.

COMMENTS

Academic Senate

Mr. John Vaughan, academic senate president, said the Academic Senate has acted on the Instructional Materials and Textbook Adoption and Procurement procedure. Faculty members, led by Academic Senate Vice-President Jack Call, sought input from management and Mr. Eric Magallon, bookstore supervisor, to formulate the procedures. They have forwarded the procedures to the Educational Programs Committee which will then submit them to the Steering Committee. Mr. Vaughan said they look forward to additional input from those groups, and he thanked everyone who has participated in the process thus far. Mr. Vaughan added that the Academic Senate continues to work on approving board policies and administrative procedures and they have developed procedures to expedite the process. Dr. Patricia Rasmussen, board clerk/secretary, thanked Mr. Vaughan for his leadership in moving the policies and procedures through the process.

Mr. Vaughan said the survey on finals week indicated that fifty-two percent of respondents prefer to keep finals week as it is currently scheduled. However, the Senate Council has requested that the committee responsible for scheduling finals continue to search for ways to facilitate the issues that have been brought forward.

California School Employees Association

Mrs. Cathy Napoli, CSEA president, said the CSEA board continues to review board policies and administrative procedures in the most expeditious manner possible.

Members of the Board of Trustees

Mr. Andrew Cress, student board member, said 18 Citrus College students attended the "March in March" on March 16 in Sacramento. The event provided a forum in which they could make their voices heard, and they received good media coverage. ASCC president, Mr. Stefano Saltalamacchia, and some of our Citrus students were featured in a video clip on the Sacramento Bee website.

The ASCC executive board continues their review of board policies and administrative procedures.

Dr. Rasmussen commented on the progress of the new Student Services Building. With the super-structure now up, the building looks very impressive. She said there will be much planning ahead as the college prepares to transition to this new facility.

Dr. Rasmussen referred to an article in the *San Gabriel Valley Tribune* regarding the stimulus package and monies that will be directed toward higher education. While President Obama is proposing that by 2020, the United States will lead the world in college graduation rates, our own statistics show California ranked 41st nationally, and by 2020 it is projected that only one-third of California workers will have a college degree. Dr. Rasmussen said, as a college, we should make certain we are doing all we can to move students through the pipeline.

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

Mrs. Horton presented the board with the 2009 Engineering Excellence Merit Award, which was recently awarded to Citrus College by the American Council of Engineering Companies for our Central Plant. The award is given to recognize projects that are unique, original and have technical, economic and social value. Mrs. Horton commended the efforts of Mr. Mike Harrington, director of facilities and construction, and Mr. Jim Pierce, chief engineer.

Ms. Malmgren introduced Mr. Dennis Korn, transportation technology instructor, who presented his sabbatical report for fall 2008. Mr. Korn has been a Citrus faculty member since 1991. He holds a master of arts degree from Vermont College of Norwich University and a master of education degree and a bachelor of vocational education degree from California State University, San Bernardino. Mr. Korn spent his sabbatical writing a textbook for the engine design class he teaches. In the past there has not been a suitable textbook for this course. He thanked the board for supporting his sabbatical and his colleagues for working "double duty" to cover his classes.

Dr. Hamilton introduced Mr. James Rose, adjunct counselor, who along with Mr. Dominic Jacquet, educational advisor, and Dr. Rhoda James, business instructor, presented an overview of the Umoja Program. Students, Mr. Ryan Diaz and Ms. Joyce Brigham, provided a student perspective. The Umoja Program is designed to support the success of African American students, with an emphasis on males. However the program is open to all Citrus College students. Mrs. Montgomery commended this worthwhile program and said she hopes it continues to grow. Her sentiments were echoed by members of the board. Mrs. Susan M. Keith, board president said this program could help to increase the number of college graduates, as California seeks to improve college success rates. Dr. Rasmussen said mentoring is an important component of the program and is critical to student success.

BOARD ACTION

The board approved nine action items, including authorization to prepare specifications for and to formally bid the Campus Security Building.