



## Board Highlights



Highlights of January 19, 2010 Board of Trustees Meeting

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#### Dr. Geraldine M. Perri

Superintendent/President

### 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, began her report by welcoming everyone to the New Year at Citrus College.

Dr. Perri reported that she and Dr. Jack Call, academic senate president, participated in the State Chancellor's Circle with Chancellor Jack Scott and Community College League of California CEO, Mr. Scott Lay. The meeting was held at Chaffey College's Community Center and included community colleges from Los Angeles, Riverside and San Bernardino counties. Chancellor Scott stressed that this will be a very tough year for community colleges. He noted that the Governor's budget is predicated on \$6.9 billion in federal funds, which may not materialize. The Chancellor recommended that we keep our legislators informed of all we are doing to serve our students. Mr. Lay said CCLC is recommending support of the current tax system for one more calendar year, which would provide \$2.2 billion for K-12 and community colleges, and an increase in student fees to \$32 per unit, with a restoration of the 10-unit per semester cap on fees that existed in 1993.

Regarding our accreditation, the college has contacted the accrediting commission to inquire about recent actions. Dr. Perri said official notification from the commission will be sent the last week in January.

The Governor's proposed budget was released on January 8. Dr. Perri said the budget presents serious concerns for California's community colleges. It calls for the following reductions: a \$10 million reduction to EOP&S; a \$10 million reduction to part-time faculty compensation; no backfill of the \$35 million in federal funds received in 2009/2010; potential suspension of competitive Cal Grants for fall 2010; and a \$22.9 million reduction in apportionment to account for a -0.38 percent COLA. On the positive side, the Governor proposed \$126 million for enrollment growth or 2.2 percent; an increase for career/technical education of \$20 million; and student fees maintained at \$26 per unit.

Regarding enrollment, Dr. Perri reported that our winter intersession has 3,308 students enrolled, which is a 28 percent decrease from last year. Our spring semester has 9,481 students enrolled, which is 665 less than last spring and equals a 6.56 percent decrease.

Dr. Perri introduced Mr. Tedd Goldstein, student employment services supervisor, who along with Ms. Lari Kirby, distance education supervisor, presented the Student Worker of the Semester Award. The recipient was Ms. Amber Marrufo, who works in the Child Development Center (CDC) with the Foster Youth Program. Ms. Marrufo was presented a certificate and a check from the Supervisor/Confidential Group for \$150.

### Academic Affairs

Ms. Irene Malmgren, vice president of academic affairs, reported that the instructional team is working on next year's schedule and they are focusing on maximizing student access to courses they need to complete certificates and degrees. She said it is a delicate balancing act requiring a great deal of analysis.

As a result of STEM collaborations with Cal State Fullerton, the university has offered to make "special accommodations" for our STEM students who are transferring to their institution. In essence they will be treated as Tier One transfers. In other STEM news, Ms. Malmgren said Mr. Eric Rabitoy, dean of physical and natural sciences, and Ms. Sylvia Smythe, director of college success, are planning to meet with the new Monrovia USD superintendent, Dr. Linda Wagner, to discuss STEM collaborations. During the winter intersession, both Success Centers are operational and the Math Success Center is offering math clinics.

Ms. Malmgren said the CDC was able to serve 40 families during the winter break, allowing working parents to remain on the job.

Ms. Malmgren reported that the Chancellor's Office has approved Citrus College's two new Energy System Technology Associate in Science degrees and two new certificates of achievement. Developing these new AS degrees and certificates represents a tremendous amount of work, and Ms. Malmgren thanked Dr. Kim Holland, director of workforce development, for her efforts in that regard. The Chancellor's Office has also approved our Mathematics Associate in Science program.

### Student Services

Dr. Jeanne Hamilton, vice president of student services, reported that Ms. Martha McDonald, dean of students, has worked with the Glendora chief of police to update a memorandum of understanding between the college and the Glendora Police Department. The memorandum addresses such issues as who will conduct investigations and how they will assist the college when they are needed. Ms. McDonald has included the Glendora Police Department in our contact team meetings, and our Security Department is very pleased with the increased support from the Glendora Police Department.

## Finance and Administrative Services

Mrs. Carol R. Horton, vice president of finance and administrative services, reviewed various aspects of the Governor's proposed budget. Some of the Governor's proposed solutions to ease the crisis include increased categorical flexibility; suspension of some state mandates; and suspension of the full-time faculty obligation. Mrs. Horton said if the proposed growth funding of 2.2 percent does not materialize, we will face a very serious problem. She added that the final budget that is passed later in the year often looks very different than the budget that was proposed in January.

Mrs. Horton said our construction projects have been impacted by the rain. Work on the Voc Tech Building has been temporarily halted, but interior work on the Student Services Building is proceeding.

## COMMENTS

### Academic Senate

Dr. Call reported on the Academic Senate meeting of December 9. At the meeting Mr. Sam Lee, dean of language arts, and Ms. Malmgren explained the college's decision-making process regarding section cuts. Accreditation co-chairs, Dr. Hamilton and Ms. Roberta Eisel, provided an update on the accreditation site visit. The senators continued to work on board policies and administrative procedures and approved the first 15 of 36 that were on the agenda. They will work on the remaining 21 at their first meeting of the spring semester on March 10.

Dr. Call said the Department Chairs Task Force met on January 14 and agreed to meet weekly through February. He also said that the Sabbatical Policy Review Committee has had feedback on its recommendations from Ms. Malmgren, the deans and Dr. Robert Sammis, director of human resources. They hope to have a final version to submit for the formal approval process at the beginning of the spring semester.

### Classified School Employees Association

Ms. Cathy Napoli, CSEA past president, introduced Mr. Steve Siegel, the new CSEA president. Mr. Siegel thanked Ms. Napoli for serving as CSEA president for the past nine years, and he complimented her for her dedicated service and hard work on behalf of the classified staff. Mr. Siegel announced the CSEA leadership team for 2010, including Ms. Marian Manfre, first vice president; Mr. Steve Handy, second vice president; Ms. Rose Ann Manfre-Campillo, treasurer; Ms. Lorry Williams, secretary; Mr. Mike Ramos, political action officer; Mr. Robert Coutts, public relations officer; and Ms. Cathy Napoli, past president.

Mr. Siegel said the classified staff are currently working on the job description project with Dr. Sammis.

### Members of the Board of Trustees

Ms. Karine Ponce, student board member, reported that the students have elected five new ASCC senators. The students have also elected a new student board member, who Ms. Ponce will assist in training. Regarding other ASCC activities, ASCC is in the process of planning several spring events. They will be also be partnering with Sports Chalet to provide shoes for earthquake victims in Haiti. Ms. Eisel attended the recent ASCC meeting to discuss "Hot Shots."

Dr. Patricia Rasmussen, board vice president, thanked Mrs. Horton for the update on construction and commented on the value of these new, modern facilities to our students. She also commented on the retirement of Mr. Jim Pierce, chief engineer, saying he has served the college for many years and will be greatly missed.

Mrs. Susan M. Keith, board member, expressed her appreciation to the college community for their condolences on the passing of her father.

The board's legislative ad hoc committee, composed of board members Mrs. Keith and Dr. Edward C. Ortell, board member, met on January 13. The meeting was also attended by Dr. Perri and Ms. Marilyn Grinsdale, protocol and government relations officer. Mrs. Keith provided a report from the meeting. The committee has drafted talking points for SanFACC meetings with legislators during the CCLC legislative conference in Sacramento. The Citrus College delegation is planning to meet separately with Assemblymember Anthony Adams. The committee has proposed campus tours for Congressional Representative Judy Chu and Senator Bob Huff this spring, and the committee is considering an event to highlight a report entitled "California Middle-Skills Jobs," which describes job skills that will soon be demanded by many employers. The committee is also looking at possible federal appropriations as a way to bridge the cuts in state funding. Mrs. Keith said the committee will continue to develop advocacy strategies as the spring semester moves forward.

Mrs. Joanne Montgomery, board clerk/secretary, thanked Ms. Napoli for her many years of service as CSEA president. She also commented on the 2009 Report to Our Community, saying it was a wonderful public relations document. She thanked Ms. Paula Green and her staff for their work. Mrs. Montgomery reported that our men's and women's basketball teams are currently undefeated.

Dr. Ortell complimented Mrs. Montgomery on her guest column that appeared in the *Pasadena Star News* over the holidays.

## INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

Mrs. Horton introduced Mr. Mark Ferrari, chair of the Measure G Citizens' Oversight Committee. Mr. Ferrari presented the Measure G Citizens' Oversight Committee Annual Report. Mrs. Horton thanked Mr. Ferrari and the committee and said they have been a pleasure with which to work. Dr. Gary L. Woods, board president, said that the committee works many hours and does a tremendous amount of work in service to the college. He added that Mrs. Horton and her staff do an exemplary job of managing the many aspects of Measure G funding and construction projects. Dr. Perri and the entire board expressed their appreciation to the committee.

Ms. Malmgren referred the board to the Instructional Support Program Review for the Performing Arts Center, which was part of the agenda for information only. The board and Dr. Perri expressed their appreciation to Mr. Greg Hinrichsen, director of the performing arts center, for his leadership in preparing the detailed and thorough report.

## BOARD ACTION

The board approved seven action items, including approval of the list of new and deleted courses and programs and approval of four revised board policies.