



Board Highlights



Highlights of April 6, 2010 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, began her report by introducing several members of the Citrus College men's basketball team, and she commended them for an outstanding season. The team finished the season with a 29-3 record. This season marks the second time in three years that the team has advanced to the state tournament. Along with many successes on the court, Coach Rick Croy has encouraged the team to achieve academically. Since 2008, the program has successfully transferred 100 percent of its players to four-year colleges and universities. Dr. Perri applauded Coach Croy for being named Western State Conference Coach of the Year for the third straight year and the leadership and hard work of our fine coaches; support staff; and Ms. Jody Wise, dean of physical education and athletics.

Dr. Perri was pleased to announce that *Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education* magazine has just published its annual community college issue. Out of approximately 1,200 community colleges in the nation, Citrus College ranked in the top 50 of the three categories measured by the magazine.

Citrus College has begun the process of developing a new college strategic plan. This process will begin with a careful examination of the college's internal strengths and weaknesses and external threats and opportunities. Dr. Perri said the process will afford us the opportunity to reaffirm our mission, vision and values and identify key focus areas and activities for the next five years.

Academic Affairs

Ms. Irene Malmgren, vice president of academic affairs, introduced several members of the Phi Theta Kappa Beta Nu Eta chapter and their faculty mentors and advisors. Students Mr. Christian Ramirez and Mr. Allen Tung were selected to Phi Theta Kappa's (PTK) All-State Community College Academic Team. Mr. Ramirez, Mr. Tung and Ms. Viktoryia Veryha also collaborated with PTK chapters at other local community colleges on research in human trafficking. They gave presentations on their research to raise awareness of this issue at Mt. SAC, Citrus College and the University of California, Irvine Honors Student Research Conference. Ms. Carolyn Perry, social and behavioral sciences instructor, and Ms. Lisa Telesca, language arts instructor, mentored the students. Ms. Malmgren congratulated the students and their advisors.

Ms. Malmgren also introduced honors students Ms. Jennifer Wright, Ms. Chloe Perry, Mr. Tung, Mr. Joseph Patito and Mr. Erick Snazon. These students presented research done at Citrus College at the Honors Student Research Conference. The students were mentored by Ms. Telesca and Mr. Brian Waddington, social and behavioral sciences instructor. Ms. Wright and Mr. Tung have had their research accepted at the Bay Area Honors Consortium Research Conference hosted by the University of California, Berkeley, and plan to present at the conference in May.

Mr. Patito also won the prestigious Juan Lara Scholarship at the Honors Student Research Conference. Only one student in the state wins this award. Mr. Patito donated the \$800 monetary portion of the award to the Citrus College Foundation for a scholarship for students who are struggling financially.

Ms. Malmgren reported that our evening cosmetology students hosted an "Evening of Glamour" for mothers and daughters from the Allen Avenue Elementary School in La Verne. The event was organized by Allen Avenue's PTA, and it raised \$400 for scholarships for Citrus College cosmetology students.

Our federal VTEA (Carl D. Perkins Vocational/Technical Education Act) funds will be increased for next year by about \$79,000. Ms. Malmgren credited the increase to receiving additional information from our career/technical students. She thanked Ms. Kim Holland, director of workforce development, for constantly surveying students to gather more data. She also credited Ms. Linda Welz, chief information services officer, and Mr. Leigh Buchwald, network and telecommunications system supervisor, for improved technology that facilitated the data collection process.

Student Services

Dr. Jeanne Hamilton, vice president of student services, reported that the Transfer Task Force met on March 25 following the spring Transfer Fair. CSU and UC representatives provided an update on the application process for transfer students for next fall's admissions.

Dr. Hamilton said at the last Student Services Committee meeting they discussed an alternate date for commencement in the event of rain. The date and time selected was June 14 at 6:30 p.m.

Dr. Hamilton and Ms. Roberta Eisel, accreditation co-chairs, will chair an Accreditation Oversight Committee to monitor college progress on the recommendations from the commission.

Dr. Hamilton introduced Ms. Debra Cruz, recruiter, and Ms. Natalie Mendoza, counselor, who made a presentation of the Latina Leadership Network (LLN) Region of the Year Award, which was recently awarded to our region. In addition, LLN employee grants were awarded to Ms. Cruz and Ms. Joanne Hinojosa, EOP&S/CARE supervisor, to fund a special project to develop and promote Latina leadership.

COMMENTS

Academic Senate

Dr. Jack Call, academic senate president, said at the last Academic Senate meeting they heard three reports, including a college update from Dr. Perri; a report on custom textbooks by Ms. Barbara Rugeley, librarian; and a report on the Community College Survey on Student Engagement (CCSSE) by Dr. Lan Hao, director of institutional research. The Senate also approved academic calendars for 2012-2013 and 2013-2014.

Dr. Call attended the statewide Academic Senate Area C meeting on March 27, where discussions took place on several resolutions that will be voted on at the upcoming Plenary Session in April. Topics included the creation of transfer degrees; a change in Title 5 regarding equivalency for associate degree program instructors where no master's degree is required; a possible vote of "no confidence" in the current leadership of the ACCJC; and one regarding an MOU with Kaplan University signed by Chancellor Jack Scott. Dr. Call said he looks forward to representing Citrus College at the Plenary Session and will report back to the college.

Classified School Employees Association

Mr. Steve Siegel, CSEA president, reported on the CSEA Chapter 101 meeting on April 6. He was pleased to announce that Ms. Cathy Napoli, CSEA past president, received the CSEA Unsung Hero Award for serving nine years as the chapter president. He also announced that CSEA has awarded 5 scholarships of \$200 each to CSEA members and members of their families.

Members of the Board of Trustees

Student Trustee Karine Ponce said ASCC participated in the "March in March" in Sacramento, and it was a very rewarding experience. They met with two of our legislators and several legislative staffers.

ASCC has several entertaining activities planned for Social Justice Week, including the movie *Precious*, a performance of V-Day by the Citrus College Theatre Arts Department and a movie depicting the holocaust.

Trustee Joanne Montgomery, board clerk/secretary, commented on the recent issue of the *Clarion*, saying, in her opinion, it was one of their most outstanding editions. She added that the photos of the "March in March" and the "Evolution of Hair" event were excellent. She thanked the student editors and journalists for their very professional work. Trustee Edward C. Ortell, board member, also commented the *Clarion* for an excellent year. He congratulated Trustee Montgomery; Trustee Patricia Rasmussen, vice president; and Trustee Susan M. Keith, board member, for being featured in the *Clarion's* April 1 edition, as part of Women's History Month.

Trustee Montgomery congratulated Dr. Perri for being honored by Hostos Community College of The City University of New York's Dental Hygiene Program at their upcoming 40th anniversary celebration. Trustee Montgomery said this is a wonderful recognition of Dr. Perri's many professional accomplishments.

Trustee Rasmussen reported on several college events. She said the "Evolution of Hair" event was "phenomenal." She also attended Senator Bob Huff's Third Annual Education Summit. All segments of education were present to hear experts discuss current issues, and Trustee Rasmussen said it is clear that all segments are suffering from the current budget crisis. Trustee Rasmussen also commented on the campus tour provided for Congressional Representative Judy Chu. Trustee Rasmussen said Representative Chu was very impressed with our college, and she added that Representative Chu could be a great ally for us.

Trustee Rasmussen commented on the worsening access problem for transfers to UC and CSU institutions. She said, due to financial considerations, the UCs are now planning to enroll more students from out of state and to provide more courses online.

Trustee Keith commented on the Education Summit's pre-event, where Mr. Ken Kay, president of the Partnership for 21st Century Skills, made a presentation to parents, teachers and administrators from area K-12 school districts. She said that the pre-event was very well attended and that Mr. Kay's presentation about potential changes in K-12 education to meet the needs of the 21st Century workplace was very thought-provoking.

Trustee Keith reported on the recent Citrus College Foundation board retreat. She said one of the topics discussed was the need to provide greater recognition to Citrus College's many supporters.

Trustee Keith thanked Mrs. Carol R. Horton, vice president of finance and administrative services, for her efforts and those of her staff that have contributed to savings on electricity. Mrs. Horton gave credit to Mr. Bob Bradshaw, project manager, for his work on the CCC/IOU (California Community Colleges and Investor-Owned Utility Energy Efficiency Partnership) committee in helping to develop numerous programs for offering financial incentives for community college districts implementing energy saving projects.

Board President Gary L. Woods commented on the recent communication from J. Michael Ortiz, Ph.D., president of Cal Poly Pomona, regarding transfer. He said the \$30.8 million cut Cal Poly absorbed for 2009-2010 is indicative of the tremendous financial problems state funded universities are facing, which is making an impact on our transfer students.

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

The APs for the 4000 series Education Programs Committee Board Policies were submitted as information items. All of the related BPs have previously been board approved.

Dr. Hamilton provided some highlights of the Counseling Department Program Review. The Counseling Department provides numerous services, including individual appointments, courses, workshops, classroom visits, orientations, assessment interpretations and many specialized counseling services. The review indicates that many services are doing very well. It also contains suggestions for improved communications on several topics and areas of resource needs.

Ms. Malmgren provided highlights of the Natural History Program Review. The review has been an opportunity for the Natural History program to better understand current and future parameters of the discipline. It makes several recommendations, including consideration of offering a natural history course as part of a learning community with a class in art or photography; evaluation of labor market data for market trends in natural history; and establishing contact with the Los Angeles County Office of Education to determine if the program might be an asset in training outdoor education specialists. Ms. Malmgren added that Mr. Robert Goodman, natural and physical sciences instructor, continually strives to make connections between program content and employment opportunities.

Mrs. Horton commented on the Purchasing, Warehouse, Transportation and Risk Management Program Review. This program review includes all service areas of the college and includes information on who is served and various other data.

BOARD ACTION

The board approved 11 action items, including candidate candidates for election to the California Community College Trustees Board of Directors of the Community College League of California.