



Board Highlights



Highlights of May 4, 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.

Board President Gary L. Woods requested that all those in attendance complete a Board Evaluation External Survey, which was distributed by Dr. Lan Hao, director of institutional research.

REPORTS

Superintendent/President

Dr. Geraldine M. Perri, superintendent/president, provided background information on the recent Sempra Energy Foundation award of \$25,000 for scholarships for Citrus College students. She introduced Ms. Valarie Lurtyaovarit, community relations manager, Southern California Gas Company; Mr. Jerry Butkiewicz, workforce readiness manager, San Diego Gas & Electric; and Mr. Robert Cruz, public affairs manager, Southern California Gas Company; who made a "big check" presentation for the \$25,000 grant. In March 2010, the Sempra Energy Foundation announced they would be making a total of \$250,000 in grants to California community colleges to support training for "green jobs." Citrus College was one of 10 colleges in the state to receive this funding.

Dr. Perri thanked the members of the board for attending the Community College League of California (CCLC) Annual Trustees Conference in Long Beach. The board members attended work sessions and also a SanFACC meeting, which took place during the conference. Trustee Edward C. Ortell, board member, was honored at the conference for over 40 years of service as a community college trustee.

Dr. Perri provided an update on the state budget. She said there is still no information from Sacramento regarding the May Revise. Current state revenues for April are coming in below the projected level, which will result in additional challenges for 2010-2011. Citrus College is working on a tentative college budget and identifying strategies for cost containment and revenue generation. It is our goal to offer an instructional schedule that builds in 2 percent growth, in the event the Governor's proposal for 2.2 percent growth is supported. We will tighten our budget by reducing on-call hourly staffing, travel, mileage, memberships, supplies, equipment, contracts, and consultants and we will defer the filling of vacancies.

Dr. Perri thanked Ms. Karine Ponce for serving as student trustee over the past year. She said Student Trustee Ponce has proven to be a true student advocate, leader and ambassador for Citrus College.

Dr. Perri congratulated Dr. Irene Malmgren, vice president for academic affairs, for successfully completing her doctorate.

Academic Affairs

Dr. Malmgren reported on STEM activities, including lectures as part of their guest speakers series and a workshop on careers in engineering. Dr. Malmgren said data provided by the Office of Institutional Research for 2009-2010 shows higher grades for students participating in Supplemental Instruction, Focus on Calculus and the Math Success Center as compared to those who do not. Through the Bridges to Success grant, the Writing Café will pilot this summer. The Writing Café will be a place where any Citrus College student will be able to get help with a writing assignment in a welcoming atmosphere.

Student Services

Dr. Jeanne Hamilton, vice president of student services, reported on recent and upcoming workshops for students. On April 22, over 120 students attended the Careers in Health Workshop. Representatives from Loma Linda, Charles Drew and Western University of Health Sciences discussed the medical professions. On April 30, the Center for Teacher Excellence and the University of La Verne co-sponsored Future Teacher Day for Citrus College students at the University of La Verne. Seventy-two students participated. On May 20, the Career/Transfer Center will sponsor a workshop on Transfer Admission Guarantees for various UC campuses. These agreements are very important, now that UCs and CSUs are limiting admissions.

Dr. Hamilton said it was a pleasure to interview students for Man and Woman of the Year. Two outstanding, inspirational students have been selected for 2010, and their names will be announced at the Achievement Awards on June 3. Dr. Hamilton announced the dates of several other end-of-the-year recognition ceremonies, including the Transfer Reception and the EOP&S Recognition Ceremony, both on June 4, and Commencement on June 12.

Finance and Administrative Services

Mrs. Carol R. Horton, vice president for finance and administrative services, said her department is anticipating the release of the Governor's May Revise, which may be an amalgamation of the Governor's initial budget proposal and the Legislative Analyst Office's proposed budget. A preliminary college budget has gone out to deans and directors for their review and input.

COMMENTS

Academic Senate

Dr. Jack Call, academic senate president, provided highlights of the Plenary Session of the statewide Academic Senate that was held April 15-17. One session dealt with a law that will take effect on July 1 mandating that textbooks and textbook prices for each course be listed in the schedule of classes. Another session explored changes in Title 5 with regard to the application of prerequisites. In addition, several resolutions were passed, including one that expressed "Ongoing Concerns with ACCJC"; a resolution to support legislation for the establishment of transfer associate degrees; and a resolution that declined to recognize the Chancellor's Office MOU with Kaplan University "due to the process by which it was generated."

Dr. Call said at the last local Academic Senate meeting they heard three reports: an update on mandatory orientation by Ms. Kristie Shimokawa, coordinator of non credit matriculation; a further discussion on priority registration during a time of budget cuts by Ms. Jennifer McLeod, counselor, and Dr. Hamilton; and an update on the College Success program by Ms. Sylvia Smythe, director of college success. The Academic Senate voted to establish an ad hoc committee on priority registration to follow up on that discussion.

Classified School Employees Association

Mr. Steve Siegel, CSEA president, passed out buttons in recognition of Classified School Employees Week 2010. He said the classified staff are looking forward to the annual CSEA breakfast on May 21. Mr. Siegel added that the classified staff participated in Spring Fest by providing three blackjack dealers for the Casino.

Members of the Board of Trustees

Ms. Karine Ponce, student trustee, thanked Dr. Perri and the entire board of trustees for a wonderful year. She said she has learned a great deal and has become passionate about student advocacy.

Student Trustee Ponce reported on several ASCC events including, Cinco de Mayo and Club Day. Student Trustee Ponce also participated in Café con Leche, where she served as a translator. She is looking forward to the Psi Beta inauguration ceremony for honor society students and an event entitled, "Vocational Mixture," where career/technical and transfer students will meet and mingle.

Trustee Patricia Rasmussen, board vice president, complimented Student Trustee Ponce for being an outstanding student leader. Trustee Ortell added that Student Trustee Ponce has been a tremendous advocate in Sacramento on behalf of students.

Trustee Ortell commented on the CCLC conference, saying the sessions were excellent. He also reported on the recent California Community College Trustees board meeting, where they heard a report from the Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO). The LAO is very serious about raising student fees to \$40, which Trustee Ortell said could have a very negative impact on all community colleges.

Trustee Rasmussen congratulated Dr. Malmgren on earning her doctorate. She also congratulated Dr. Perri on a wonderful article in the *Glendoran* magazine that featured Dr. Perri and her career in education. Trustee Rasmussen gave kudos to the *Clarion* for being awarded "general excellence" for their online publication by the Journalism Association of Community Colleges. Trustee Rasmussen said Mr. Ben Bollinger, former director of fine and performing arts, will be honored at the Citrus Singers Spring Show.

Trustee Rasmussen attended several informative sessions at the CCLC conference, including one on parcel taxes. Some of the advantages of a parcel tax include that it can be a very small amount for a defined period, and it is revenue that can be used for almost any district need. Trustee Rasmussen said the San Mateo CCD currently has a parcel tax measure on the June 2010 ballot. The measure will have to pass at a two-thirds voter approval rate, which makes it a test case.

Trustee Susan M. Keith, board member, said the CCLC conference was rich in content and focused primarily on student success. Trustee Keith said a CCLC taskforce, "Commission on the Future," is considering a model for student success that involves incentives for community colleges that are performing well and implementing best practices for student success.

Trustee Joanne Montgomery, board clerk/secretary, said she found a session at the CCLC conference on transfer particularly informative. A bill to watch is SB 1440 (Padilla), which deals with community college transfers to UC and CSU.

Trustee Montgomery also thanked Dr. Perri for attending an event honoring "Monrovia Reads." She said many Citrus College students volunteer to work with K-12 students as part of the Monrovia Reads program, and the program is of great benefit to both our students and the K-12 students in Monrovia.

Board President Woods commented on valuable information he received at the CCLC conference. The session on the Brown Act included a discussion on electronic communications and implications of the Brown Act on community college foundations. He also attended a session on the "greening" of California's community colleges. He commended the efforts of the Citrus College community for being proactive in that regard.

COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE

Mr. Bill Zeman, CCAFF/CFT representative, introduced himself to the board. Mr. Zeman reported on the recent CFT convention and their rally during the March in March in Sacramento. He is hopeful that CCAFF/CFT and Citrus College can work together to prevent further erosion to public education in California.

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

Dr. Hamilton and Dr. Malmgren provided an update of college-wide activities that have supported and helped to achieve 2009-2010 Board Goals. The board will consider goals for 2010-2011 at their board retreat in July.

Dr. Malmgren provided highlights of the program review for the Child Development Center. Program strengths include the training of student workers to be teachers, with two students receiving paid teacher hours each year and a flexible schedule that allows student parents the freedom to take classes, work in study groups and attend field trips. Areas for program growth include additional and continual emergency training and managing of staff costs.

Dr. Malmgren also provided highlights of the program review for Health Occupations: Emergency Medical Technician. Program strengths include a well respected program with strong clinical partner relationships and convenient class offerings for returning adult students. Areas for program growth include the need to pursue an accredited full-service paramedic program and continued offering and strengthening of federal law enforcement emergency medical programs.

BOARD ACTION

The board approved nine action items, including the Quarterly Financial Status Report for the quarter ending March 31, 2010 and the renewal of Institutional Articulation Agreements with Azusa, Claremont, Duarte, Glendora and Monrovia Unified School Districts.