



Board Highlights

Highlights of the June 8, 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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REPORTS

Superintendent/President

Dr. Geraldine M. Perri, superintendent/president, began her report by thanking the members of the board for attending the Achievement Awards. Dr. Perri thanked Dr. Jeanne Hamilton, vice president of student services, and her team, in particular Ms. Teri Shamhart, administrative secretary, for coordinating the event. She also thanked Ms. Philomena O'Shea, cafeteria supervisor, and her staff for the excellent dinner. Dr. Perri complimented the Citrus Singers for their wonderful performance during the event.

Dr. Perri gave kudos to the many students, faculty and staff who were honored at end-of-the-year college events such as the Honors Program, PTK and PSI Beta events; EOP&S/CARE & CalWORKS Recognition Ceremony; the Transfer Reception; and the ASCC Awards Dinner. She also expressed her appreciation for the opportunity to participate in the Faculty Association's end-of-the-year celebration.

Dr. Perri said the tentative budget for 2010-2011 was placed in the board packet for their review. She said the document reflects a long process of planning and assessment of college priorities and budget mitigation strategies. She thanked Mrs. Carol R. Horton, vice president of finance and administrative services, and her team, as well as the cabinet members and their teams, for their efforts in preparing this document.

Dr. Perri expressed her appreciation to the leaders of all of the college constituent groups for their service during the 2009-2010 academic year, including Dr. Jack Call, academic senate president; Ms. Kathy Bakhit, CCFA president; Ms. Martha McDonald, management team president; Mr. Leigh Buchwald, supervisors/confidential team president; Mr. Steve Siegel, CSEA president; and Mr. Karlyn Bradley, ASCC president. She said she looks forward to working with the new, incoming leadership in the fall, Ms. Roberta Eisel, academic senate president; Mr. John Fincher, CCFA president; Mr. Greg Hinrichsen, management team president; Ms. Carol Cone, supervisors/confidential team president and Ms. Chrissy Concannon, ASCC president, as well as Mr. Siegel, who will return as CSEA president.

Dr. Perri reported on upcoming speaking engagements. She has been invited by her alma mater, Fielding Graduate University, to moderate a panel of college chancellors and presidents who will respond to a keynote address on "preparing community college leaders of the future" by Under Secretary of Education Dr. Martha Kanter. The YMCA San Gabriel Valley's 26th Annual Women of Achievement Awards Luncheon will be held in conjunction with the "Life and Leadership in a Diverse and Changing World" conference. Dr. Perri will serve as a panelist.

Dr. Perri thanked the members of the board of trustees, CSEA, ASCC, the Citrus College Foundation, the supervisors/confidential team, and the management team for their special recognition of her in the program for the recent City University of New York's 40th Anniversary Celebration of the Dental Hygiene Program, from which she graduated. Dr. Perri was honored at the event and received a proclamation from the New York State Assembly that mentioned her leadership role at Citrus College.

Dr. Perri was also invited to the annual Cuyamaca College Foundation event, where former college presidents are honored. She thanked the Citrus College Foundation for recognizing her in the program.

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 winner was Mr. Jose Berroteran, who is a tutor in the Math Success Center.

Dr. Perri presented a "Citrus College Fast Facts" sheet listing various noteworthy accomplishments by the college over the past year, including both statewide and national honors.

Academic Affairs

Dr. Irene Malmgren, vice president of academic affairs, reported that work on the new college catalog is progressing. This is a comprehensive task, requiring input and collaboration by many college departments.

Summer enrollment was at 87 percent last week, and all classes are nearly full. Dr. Malmgren said students are aware of the scarcity of classes and have responded by registering promptly.

Dr. Malmgren was pleased to report that one of our former automotive technology students, Ms. Priscilla Ruiz, has been hired by Bonita High School as their new full-time automotive technology teacher.

Student Services

Dr. Hamilton reported that Dr. Lucinda Over, dean of counseling, and Mr. Rafael Herrera, center for teacher excellence coordinator, have been working with Ms. Sylvia Smythe, director of college success, to write a new grant for teacher preparation with an emphasis on technology.

Dr. Hamilton said our "Citrus College Man of the Year," Mr. Christian Ramirez, has been selected as the Chief Student Services Officers (CSSO) Region 8 nominee for the statewide CSSO scholarship.

Campus Safety has moved into their new building. Dr. Hamilton commented that the facility is beautiful. There will be a building dedication later in the year.

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Next Meeting: Tuesday, July 13, 2010, AD Bldg., Board Room

Human Resources

Dr. Robert Sammis, director of human resources, attended the Achievement Awards. He said he was amazed at the accomplishments of the students. He added that the event is a nice reminder for the college community of "why we do what we do."

Finance and Administrative Services

Mrs. Horton commented on the college's 2010-2011 tentative budget. She also noted that the California legislature has moved discussions on the state budget to the conference committee, but adoption of the final state budget is expected to come very late in the year. Mrs. Horton's department will be working through the summer to close the books.

COMMENTS

Academic Senate

Dr. Call reported that the Academic Senate has installed the new officers for the 2010-2011 academic year. They are: Ms. Roberta Eisel, president; Ms. Nicki Shaw, vice president/president-elect; Ms. Sheryl Walz, secretary; and Mr. Paul Swatzel, treasurer.

The Academic Senate and CCFA leaders met to discuss two recommendations of the accrediting commission, ACCJC. Dr. Call said the group seemed to accept the recommendation to include SLOs in course syllabi. However, regarding the recommendation to include consideration of the SLO assessment process in evaluation of all personnel, the position of the Academic Senate leaders was that it is up to CCFA and the district to negotiate any changes to the evaluation process.

The Department Chairs Task Force met on May 28. They agreed to ask for another year to work out recommendations as to how establishing department chairs could be implemented. They proposed asking Academic Senate representatives to take the discussion to division meetings in the fall and get faculty input. Mr. Robert Slack, dean of fine and performing arts, volunteered to write up a report of the meeting, which will serve as the report mentioned in the MOU that established the task force.

Dr. Call and Dr. Malmgren, along with other individuals with responsibilities in the various areas, have begun interviewing candidates for four reassigned time positions: student learning outcomes and assessment coordinator; learning communities coordinator; honors coordinator; and distance education coordinator.

This was Dr. Call's last board meeting as Academic Senate president. He thanked Dr. Perri and the board for the opportunity to report on the Academic Senate's work, and he said, "It has been an honor to serve this fine college." Dr. Perri and members of the board thanked Dr. Call for his leadership and collaborative spirit.

Classified School Employees Association

Mr. Siegel said the Classified Development Committee has selected three employees to receive tuition reimbursement awards. The recipients are Ms. Karen Mosher, library media technician, and Mr. Ken Shimauchi, instructional computing technician, who are pursuing bachelor's degrees, and Mr. Andrew Wheeler, sports information coordinator, who is pursuing his master's degree.

Mr. Siegel reported on CSEA activities for the year including, promoting a "wellness" theme through quarterly newsletters; hosting four workshops at FLEX day; hosting a PERS retirement workshop; and participating in an upcoming Health Fair in August.

Members of the Board of Trustees

Student trustee Alejandra Delgado said she enjoyed attending the Achievement Awards, and she is proud of all of the students who are continuing on with their educational pursuits. She also expressed her hope that, as the semester comes to a close, students are taking advantage of all of the college support services available to them.

Trustee Susan M. Keith, board member, commented on several end-of-the-year events including the Achievement Awards; the EOP&S/CARE/CalWORKs Recognition Ceremony; the "Razor's Edge" dance concert and Citrus Singers 2010. Trustee Keith said we have amazing and talented students and our faculty and staff are doing an outstanding job of teaching and guiding them.

Trustee Joanne Montgomery, board clerk/secretary, said she enjoys this time of year, as it gives her the opportunity to hear students' stories at the various recognition events and their comments regarding the dedication of our faculty and staff in helping them achieve success. She congratulated all of the students who have accomplished their goals for career and academic preparation.

Trustee Montgomery reported on the recent Los Angeles School Board Association meeting. Much of the discussions at the meeting were focused on the state budget situation.

Trustee Patricia Rasmussen, board vice president, commented that each year, the Citrus Singers seem to top the previous year's annual Citrus Singers production. She added that the Fine and Performing Arts staff have done a wonderful job of creating an exhibit in the Recording Arts foyer that highlights the accomplishments of the Citrus Singers and their former director, Mr. Ben Bollinger.

Trustee Rasmussen thanked the Citrus College Foundation for the Bright Futures Scholarship, which she was pleased to present recently to a Glendora student.

Trustee Edward C. Ortell, board member, remarked on the Achievement Awards, saying that it is always gratifying to see the students from the trustee area he represents receive recognition, and he is sure his colleagues on the board feel the same.

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

Ms. Paula Green, director of communications, said it was her honor to report that the External Relations staff have won four awards from the Community Colleges Public Relations Organization (CCPRO). Ms. Stacy Armstrong, publications specialist, and Mr. Roy LaBomme, photographer, were each awarded first and third place honors for their work.

Ms. Smythe provided an update on successes of the CCRAA STEM grant program "Citrus Connect!" for 2010. The program has achieved numerous positive outcomes for our students, and Ms. Smythe presented four students who gave testimonials on how it has changed their lives. Trustee Rasmussen suggested compiling data and student testimonials to present to our Congressional representatives as evidence of how these grants are making a difference.

Dr. Malmgren introduced Mr. Richard Ghidella, business instructor, who, along with three of his students, made a presentation on their recent award at the Business Education Statewide Advisory Committee conference. Citrus College won "Best Mini-Grant Project Presentation." The students competed against professors from several 4-year institutions.

Dr. Malmgren presented highlights of program reviews for the Business Program and the Dance Program.

BOARD ACTION

The board approved 14 action items, including the 2010-2011 tentative budget and authorization to file the required notice of completion for the Campus Security Building.