



Board Highlights

Highlights of the October 5, 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, reported that historic legislation, SB 1440: CSU Transfer, was signed into law last week. SB 1440 requires California's community colleges to create degrees for transfer to the California State University (CSU) system.

Dr. Perri announced that Citrus College has been selected as the winner of the California Green Community College Award. The college received the award for our sustainability programs and policies that impact the college's carbon footprint. Dr. Perri congratulated those who have been leaders in transitioning the college toward a green philosophy. She recognized Mrs. Carol R. Horton, vice president of finance and administrative services; Dr. Irene Malmgren, vice president of academic affairs; Ms. Kim Holland, director of workforce development; and Mr. Bob Bradshaw, project manager.

Dr. Perri was pleased to report that Citrus College's Veterans' Center was featured in a video produced by the state Chancellor's Office and shown at the White House Summit on Community Colleges. Ms. Martha McDonald, dean of students; Ms. Teresa Ferri, financial aid technician; and one of our veteran students, Mr. David Keys, appear in interviews in the video. Dr. Perri thanked Ms. Paula Green, director of communications, and Ms. McDonald for handling the last minute request by the Chancellor's Office. The White House Summit on Community Colleges took place this week.

Dr. Perri; Trustee Susan M. Keith, board member; Dr. Jeanne Hamilton, vice president of student services; Dr. Malmgren; and Ms. June Stephens, executive director of advancement and external relations, attended the Community College League of California (CCLC) 2020 Vision for Student Success and the Future of Our System Conference. The conference provided an overview of the future direction of the system with regard to student access and success, and in particular, ways to increase the number of students who complete high-quality degrees and certificates and transfer.

Following many hours of planning and careful analysis, the adoption budget for 2010-2011 is on the agenda for board action. The budget takes into consideration college planning priorities, strategies for revenue enhancement and means to cost containment. Dr. Perri thanked Ms. Horton and her team for all of their work and oversight of the process.

Academic Affairs

Dr. Malmgren reported that the college hosted an "Employment Exploration Brunch" for dislocated workers and students with disabilities. Discussion topics included barriers to educational goals and services the college offers. Dr. Malmgren commended Ms. Holland and the staff from Workforce Development; Student Employment Services; Financial Aid; DSP&S; and EOP&S, CARE and CalWORKs.

Citrus College student Mr. Craig Stremel has successfully completed the preliminary assignments and was selected to participate in the National Community College Aerospace Scholars Program, which will take place at the Johnson Space Center in Houston. The selection process for this program is extremely competitive, and Dr. Malmgren congratulated Mr. Stremel.

Dr. Malmgren reported on several college workshops for students and staff. Sponsored by the Bridges to Success grant, the Writing Café is collaborating with the Career/Transfer Center to present "Personal Statement Prep" workshops. The Writing Café will also present a speaker—Dr. Dale Salwak. Dr. Salwak will speak on "How to Make the Most of Your Writing Talents." On October 23, STEM will sponsor a science workshop for Azusa High School students called "Citrus Crime Scene Investigators." Mr. Eric Rabito, dean of physical and natural sciences, has arranged for Dr. Cliff Hadsell, health sciences instructor, to present a Fire Extinguisher Safety Training Workshop on November 5. Ms. Kathy Bakhit, economics instructor, made a presentation at Glendora High School to over 100 students on the topic of globalization and outsourcing. The Faculty Learning Institute will present a Fall 2010 Coffee and Conversation Event.

Student Services

Dr. Hamilton reported that Citrus College has been notified that we were awarded one of 15 grants nationwide by the Department of Education for "Centers of Excellence for Veteran Student Success." She thanked Ms. McDonald; Dr. Lucinda Over, dean of counseling; and Ms. Ivon McCraven, coordinator of school relations, for taking the lead, and our consultant, Dr. Al Solano, who assisted greatly.

Citrus College has transfer admission guarantees with seven campuses of the University of California, and the college submitted a record 420 TAG agreements this year, as compared to 96 last year. Dr. Hamilton congratulated Mr. Raul Sanchez, counselor, and the Career/Transfer Center team for providing this important help to students.

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The Career Transfer Center has 14 CSU workshops and 11 UC workshops scheduled in October and November to assist students with the transfer application process. Most of the dates are already full. Dr. Hamilton thanked the Bridges to Success staff who are assisting with the personal statement applications in the Writing Café.

Human Resources

Dr. Robert Sammis, director of human resources, reported that his department is excited to kickoff the 2010 management and supervisors training program. In October they will present training on the classified staff hiring process and in November they will present training on supervisor/confidential evaluations and goal setting.

COMMENTS

Academic Senate

Ms. Roberta Eisel, academic senate president, reported on the work of the Academic Senate. At their next meeting, Dr. Lan Hao, director of institutional research, will present on the Citrus College results of the Community College Survey of Student Engagement. They will also take action on the proposed changes to the annual and six-year program review processes.

Ms. Eisel reported that the work of the Faculty Needs Identification Committee is complete. The work was done collaboratively, with careful attention to the work done by faculty and deans to identify the areas of most crucial need.

Members of the Board of Trustees

Student Trustee Alejandra Delgado said ASCC has received two awards for their recent, very successful blood drive. She also announced that, in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month, ASCC will co-host an event featuring award-winning author Victor Villasenor, whose novel *Rain of Gold* is a New York Times Bestseller.

Trustee Edward C. Ortell, board member, recently attended a candidates' forum for the candidates of the 59th Assembly District. None of the candidates are from the San Gabriel Valley, and Trustee Ortell said it will be important to meet with the winner early, so the college can convey the message of the great job we do in serving students and our local communities. The winner will be the college's main representative in the State Assembly.

Trustee Patricia Rasmussen, board vice president, commented on two recent *USA Today* articles. One article discussed the White House Summit on Community Colleges and the importance of linkages between community colleges and employers for doing job training. The other article described the difficulties students are having getting classes and the frequency in which they are turning to private institutions. Many of these institutions are not accredited, and students are paying as much as \$30,000 for courses they later discover will not be accepted at four-year colleges and universities.

Trustee Joanne Montgomery, board clerk/secretary, attended the unveiling of a 54-foot mural painted by Citrus College art students on the side of ITT Systems Corporation office building in Monrovia. The mural depicts ITT's mission to support past, present and future deep space missions. Trustee Montgomery thanked Dr. Malmgren for facilitating the project and Mr. Mark Wessel, art instructor, for directing the project. She also thanked Dr. Perri, Ms. Stephens, Ms. Green and Mr. Roy LaBomme, photographer, for attending the event, and our talented art students for their fine work.

Trustee Montgomery attended the Vocational Nursing pinning ceremony. She said it is wonderful to see all of the new vocational nurses ready to enter the workforce.

Trustee Keith reported highlights of the CCLC's 2020 Vision for Student Success and the Future of Our System Conference. She expressed appreciation for the ideas and said that final recommendations will be available on the CCLC website.

Trustee Keith thanked Dr. Perri and Mrs. Horton for their informative presentations at the recent Budget Forum.

Reporting on Foundation activities, Trustee Keith said Ms. Stephens was welcomed at the recent Foundation board meeting. In addition, she was pleased to note that the "Valley's Got Talent" fundraiser has already received \$35,000 in donations. Ms. Stephens accompanied Trustee Keith to the recent Town and Gown event in Claremont, and as a result, the college is receiving a \$2,500 scholarship. She expressed appreciation to Ms. Stephens for her professional skills.

Trustee Keith thanked the entire college community for their dedication to Citrus College and to students, as evidenced by the many honors that Citrus is receiving nationally, statewide, regionally and locally. Mrs. Keith also thanked Dr. Perri for an excellent presentation at Claremont Rotary and talked about the overwhelming appreciation for the presentation and for Citrus College that she is hearing as she moves about the community.

Board President Gary L. Woods also attended the 59th Assembly District candidates' forum. He said several of the candidates had attended community colleges, and while they expressed favorable opinions of community colleges, it is apparent they do not understand the importance of community college education. He is hopeful that Citrus College will be able to better inform the winner.

COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE

Dr. Ken Dery, Citrus College Adjunct Faculty Federation (CCAFF) president, introduced himself and said he will serve as the liaison between the board of trustees and CCAFF. He will be taking important college issues back to the CCAFF executive board.

PUBLIC HEARING

No comments were received during a public hearing on the 2010-2011 District Budget.

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

Mrs. Horton spoke to agenda item I-2, approval of the 2010-2011 district budget and made a PowerPoint presentation. She also provided an update on the state budget.

Dr. Malmgren introduced Ms. Lisa Villa, counselor, and Mr. Carsten Dau, language arts instructor, who made a presentation on the Citrus College learning communities (LC), introducing the concept of LCs and outlining the growth of the LC program.

Dr. Malmgren introduced Dr. Sam Lee, dean of language arts and enrollment management, who made a presentation on the "My Citrus Story" (MCS) poster project. Dr. Lee introduced a "My Citrus Story" student, who is now a police officer. The project is in its second year and is intended to create a culture of discovery and achievement at Citrus College.

BOARD ACTION

The board approved six action items, including the 2010-2011 District Budget and adoption of a resolution in support of Duarte Unified School District's Measure E Facilities Bond.