



## Board Highlights



Highlights of March 2, 2010 Board of Trustees Meeting

### Citrus Community College District Board of Trustees

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#### Ms. Karine Ponce

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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, reported that the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges, Jack Scott, held a press conference last week and announced that after five years of enrollment growth, enrollment projections for 2009-2010 indicate a decrease of nearly 1 percent or 21,000 students. This enrollment forecast parallels historical data that shows community colleges suffer enrollment declines and loss of student access when funding is decreased. Chancellor Scott stressed that enrollment is not dropping due to a lack of demand, but rather to the decrease in class offerings. He noted that last year nearly 3 million students enrolled in the California Community Colleges system.

Dr. Perri said the college has received a letter from CSU Fullerton advising us of their enrollment management plan. The CSU system has declared statewide impaction, and CSU Fullerton has received 20,000 applications for an estimated 3,500 upper division transfer slots. Their plan to address this problem is to permit students from Orange County community colleges who meet CSU transfer requirements to enroll with a 2.0 GPA, while those from community colleges outside Orange County must have an elevated GPA of 3.8. Dr. Perri has e-mailed SanFACC president, Dr. John Nixon, to ask that a letter be sent to CSU Fullerton, CSU Chancellor Charles Reed, Chancellor Scott, and CCLC President Scott Lay, to call their attention to this situation. Board President Gary L. Woods called into question the legality of CSU Fullerton's decision to base their enrollment decisions on region rather than GPA. Trustee Susan M. Keith, board member, said this practice could affect which community colleges students choose to attend. Dr. Perri remarked that the CSU system may be set up regionally, but it is funded statewide. Dr. Perri will continue to keep the board informed on the matter.

Dr. Perri was pleased to announce that our Cosmetology Program has received national recognition by being selected to the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll. Cosmetology students, faculty and staff were recognized for their participation in the Foothill Unity Center's Back-to-School event; the Fred Jordan Mission's Back-to-School and Mother's Day events; and last October's "A Night of Mystical Dreams" hair show that benefited breast cancer. Dr. Perri said this is an outstanding recognition. She thanked the faculty, staff and students in the Cosmetology Program. She also thanked Mr. Jim Lancaster, dean of career, technical and continuing education; and Ms. Gus Brooks, director of cosmetology, for their leadership and service orientation.

Dr. Perri said the college is pleased to be the host site for the celebration of the sign unveiling ceremony for the Citrus Avenue Station of the Metro Gold Line. The event will take place on March 5.

### Academic Affairs

Ms. Irene Malmgren, vice president of academic affairs, reported that our enrollment is at 106 percent. She added, "Our classes are full and that is exciting."

Ms. Malmgren said the instructional deans are currently working on developing an entire year of class offerings. Dr. Perri commented that we are currently over the state workload level. Trustee Patricia Rasmussen, board vice president, expressed concern about the number of students we are turning away. She said there are undoubtedly many students who wish to attend, but cannot find classes. Trustee Joanne Montgomery, board clerk/secretary, thanked the faculty for being so positive and stepping up during these difficult financial times.

Ms. Malmgren said STEM activities are up and running for spring. The STEM Guest Speaker Series has resumed and will present, "The Best Job in America," which highlights careers in the actuary profession.

Citrus College has been awarded a grant from the Mathematical Association of America. The TENSOR—MAA grant will provide \$6,000 for a program entitled "Support and Inspire Mentoring Program for Women in Mathematics at Citrus College." Ms. Lucia Riderer, mathematics instructor, wrote and submitted the grant. Ms. Malmgren said this grant is one of the first grants we have received that was initiated by a faculty member. The grant is designed to provide female students with a support network as they make the transition to upper level mathematics courses.

Ms. Malmgren said Citrus College set up a DNA extraction booth for La Fetra elementary students at their recent science fair. Ninety-eight students performed the last two steps in the procedure to extract DNA from strawberries and took a vial of the DNA home with them.

Our Men's Basketball team continues in the state championship playoffs and will play Cuesta College on March 6. Ms. Malmgren said the entire college is rooting them on.

## Student Services

Dr. Jeanne Hamilton, vice president of student services, reported that the annual high school counselor breakfast was very well coordinated and well attended. The high school counselors in attendance received information from Citrus College representatives from admissions, counseling, basic skills, honors, outreach, athletics and financial aid. Dr. Hamilton thanked Ms. Claudia Castillo, counselor, for coordinating the event, and ASO, Student Life and the Owl Bookstore for their contributions.

The Umoja Program had a successful kickoff on February 24. About 15 students and several faculty members participated. Dr. Hamilton thanked Ms. Monica Peters, assistant women's basketball coach; and Mr. Dominic Jacquet, educational advisor, for coordinating the event.

Dr. Hamilton reported that she and Dr. Perri participated in the ASCC retreat, where they discussed the role of students in shared governance.

## Finance and Administrative Services

Mrs. Carol R. Horton, vice president of finance and administrative services, reported that on February 25, the Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO) released its analysis of the education proposals contained in the Governor's 2010-2011 budget. This annual report is significant in that it provides a starting point for legislative deliberations on the state budget. The LAO recommends that the Legislature consider suspending Proposition 98. Regarding community colleges, the LAO recommends that student fees be raised to \$40 per credit unit to fund the 2.2 percent growth proposed in the budget. The LAO also recommends a rejection of the negative COLA and cuts to EOPS and part-time faculty compensation, as well as a reduction to \$48 million for SB 70 CTE rather than the \$68 million proposed by the Governor. In addition, the LAO recommends increased flexibility by suspending the full-time faculty obligation; the 50 percent law; and limitations on contracting out for non-instructional activities. The LAO recommends additional flexibility in categorical programs. Mrs. Horton said there is already so much flexibility; colleges cannot budget accurately, as there are no guarantees.

Mrs. Horton said a bill in the Legislature, AB X8 5, will defer our March apportionment from the state until May 1. She added that we continue to monitor our cash flow on a monthly basis, and we have not had to borrow from the county.

## COMMENTS

### Academic Senate

Dr. Jack Call, academic senate president, said the first Academic Senate meeting of the spring semester would take place on March 10. They will receive a report from Ms. Roberta Eisel, accreditation co-chair, on the reaffirmation of our accreditation and the follow-up reports that need to be done.

The Department Chairs Task Force will issue a report of their findings by the end of this week. At their last meeting, they worked to fill in the details of the duties that would be performed by a chair in any department, while leaving it open to individual departments to define department-specific duties. The duties fall under the headings of ensuring academic quality; participating in oversight of adjunct faculty, including hiring, evaluations, and mentoring; fostering collegiality; and facilitating student success.

## Members of the Board of Trustees

Ms. Karine Ponce, student trustee, said the recent ASCC meeting was very productive. They approved three new board members who will be an asset to the ASCC this semester. They are also planning some excellent spring events, such as a St. Patrick's Day event; the Cesar Chavez blood drive; Social Justice Week; and V-day, which is an event Ms. Ponce is planning, for the support and empowerment of women. Ms. Ponce also thanked Trustee Keith for attending the ASCC meeting, saying the students greatly appreciated the information she contributed.

Several ASCC representatives will be flying to Sacramento to participate in the "March in March" rally on March 22 against budget cuts.

Trustee Edward C. Ortell, board member, said that, in light of the recent natural disasters around the world, he would like to thank all of the individuals who participated in last year's emergency preparedness training.

Trustee Montgomery said she attended the LVN graduation and it was a wonderful event. She had the opportunity to speak to many students and their family members. They were all very complimentary regarding their experience at Citrus College.

Trustee Keith reported that she was very impressed with the ASCC meeting she attended. She has volunteered to serve as an advisor during their trip to Sacramento for "March in March."

Trustee Keith also complimented the students, faculty and staff who were involved in the production of *Hello Dolly*. She noted the spontaneous standing ovation that the cast received.

Board President Woods attended the men's basketball game on February 27. Although the Owls were behind at the beginning of the game, they caught up by half time. Trustee Woods said it was a very exciting and interesting game, with Citrus College winning 81-65 over Santa Ana College. Dr. Woods added, "Congratulations to our Fighting Owls."

## INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

Dr. Hamilton noted several administrative procedures for Student Services that were part of the agenda for information only.

## BOARD ACTION

The board approved six action items, including employment of three full-time non-tenure track instructors for the spring semester.