



Board Highlights



Highlights of the January 18, 2011 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, extended a welcome and best wishes for the new year to all those in attendance. She said the college community has been busy with winter intersession, interviewing candidates for open positions and preparing for the spring semester.

Dr. Perri introduced Mr. Tedd Goldstein, student employment services supervisor, who along with Ms. Carol Cone, budget supervisor, presented the Student Worker of the Semester for fall 2010. The winner is Mr. Cory Eazell, who works in the Office of Student Life. Mr. Eazell was awarded this honor based on his willingness to do whatever is asked of him, going above and beyond the requirements of his job duties, and his leadership. On behalf of her fellow board members, Board President Patricia Rasmussen commended and congratulated Mr. Eazell.

Reporting on enrollment, Dr. Perri said our winter session began on January 3 with 4,227 students enrolled. She compared this to last year, when the number was 3,307. This represents an increase of 907 students or 27 percent. Headcount for spring 2011 reflects 10,617 students enrolled, as compared to last year's figure of 8,831. This is an increase of 1,786 students or 20 percent. She said classes will be very full this spring.

Dr. Perri reported that the Community College League of California (CCLC) held a webinar last week on the Governor's budget proposal and has followed up with additional information on potential budget scenarios for the system, including a district by district impact analysis. CCLC presented three budget scenarios, depending on what happens in Sacramento and the state in the coming months. All of the scenarios present a tremendous challenge, and it is inevitable that we will be faced with budget reductions for 2011-2012. The college is beginning to gather information to develop possible budget strategies for next year. Dr. Perri said the uncertainty of the situation makes it very difficult to plan.

Academic Affairs

Dr. Irene Malmgren, vice president of academic affairs, reported on STEM outreach activities for the month of January. Claremont High School students will come to campus to participate in a "cell respiration lab," Glendora High School students will come for a DNA lab, and Monrovia High School students will participate in the Saturday Physics Workshop on campus. Last week, 20 volunteer Parent Ambassadors from Azusa and Glendora Unified School Districts received final training and certificates of completion. Dr. Malmgren said Ms. Ivon McCraven, coordinator of school relations, and her team have done a great job in initiating this program.

Regarding upcoming athletic events, Dr. Malmgren said February 9 will be "Scholar-Baller Night," with our basketball teams playing against Glendale College. On February 19, Citrus College will host "Sophomore Night and Cancer Awareness Night" with our basketball teams playing against College of the Canyons.

Dr. Malmgren said two former Citrus College students, Mr. Anthony Logerfo and Mr. Corey McCormick, appeared on the Tonight Show with Jay Leno, and performed with Lucas Nelson, Willie Nelson's son.

Student Services

Dr. Jeanne Hamilton, vice president of student services, reported that the Counseling Department will be sending e-mails to students who are on probation or in danger of being dismissed at the end of the spring semester based on their fall grades.

The Financial Aid Office has experienced an explosion in the number of applicants in the last few years, due in part to automated application process requirements. Last year 14,569 people applied for aid and indicated an intention to attend Citrus College. Even though all of these students do not end up attending, the college must process each one. As of mid-January, we already have 15,982 applicants, an increase of almost 1,500 students compared to June 2010. Dr. Hamilton said the increase is likely the result of continued high unemployment and underemployment in the state.

Finance and Administrative Services

Mrs. Carol R. Horton, vice president of finance and administrative services, provided an update on the state budget. Mrs. Horton attended the budget workshop in Sacramento, where Chancellor Jack Scott, Executive Vice Chancellor Erik Skinner, and several other experts provided data and perspectives. Chancellor Scott and Vice Chancellor Skinner reported that the system will need to reduce expenditures in the range of \$400 million to \$800 million. The \$400 million reduction is based on Governor Brown's proposed budget, and the \$800 million reduction is projected in the event that the taxes that are due to expire are not extended. Mrs. Horton said the funding cuts are devastating, but the college will move forward and work together to plan for two different budget scenarios.

COMMENTS

Academic Senate

Ms. Roberta Eisel, academic senate president, wished everyone a happy new year. The Academic Senate is not meeting during winter intersession, but faculty leaders are available to serve when needed. For example, faculty stand ready to review requests for academic renewal and faculty equivalency. Faculty are serving on hiring panels and the "Big Five" group continues to meet. The SB 1440 work group is monitoring information regarding the new transfer degree.

The Academic Senate for California Community Colleges will hold its annual Accreditation Institute on March 18 and 19, and our local Academic Senate anticipates being asked to present at one or more breakout sessions.

California School Employees Association

Mr. Steve Siegel, CSEA president, reported that CSEA's annual holiday buffet fundraiser last month was a great success. They raised over \$1,000 for scholarships for CSEA members and their families. He thanked Dr. Perri for donating the beverages and trustees Susan M. Keith, board member; Joanne Montgomery, board vice president; and Board President Rasmussen for attending and being judges for the table decorating contest.

At their January meeting, CSEA voted to approve the revised Board Policy for Classified Disciplinary Procedures. Mr. Siegel said Dr. Sammis and the CSEA negotiating team put a great deal of effort into improving the policy, and their work is greatly appreciated.

Members of the Board of Trustees

Student Trustee Alejandra Delgado said she is pleased to have the opportunity to represent her fellow students at the upcoming CCLC Legislative Conference.

Trustee Montgomery wished the entire college community a very happy new year.

Board President Rasmussen commented on the many wonderful performing arts events and college celebrations that took place in December, such as Christmas Is..., Holidance, the CSEA Holiday Buffet, the Foundation Winter Reception, the Superintendent/President's "There's Snow Place Like Citrus" holiday party, and *The Great American Songbook*.

Dr. Rasmussen remarked that the recent tragic event in Arizona, which involved a Pima Community College student, was a reminder that community colleges often encounter troubled students. She inquired about the measures in place at Citrus College to deal with students who demonstrate volatility. Dr. Hamilton said Ms. Martha McDonald, dean of students, chairs the student conduct team. The team meets regularly and reviews procedures for classroom emergencies and crisis intervention. There is also a handbook on our college website that provides information, and Dr. Hamilton said they are planning to send out a memo reminding faculty and staff of protocols for these types of situations.

BOARD ACTION

The board approved nine action items, including authorization to approve non-resident tuition fees for 2011-2012 and the Curriculum Committee's list of new and deleted courses.