



Board Highlights



Highlights of the February 1, 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, began her report by commenting on the Citrus College Foundation event, Valley's Got Talent. The production brought together some tremendous local talent and was also a great success for the Foundation, raising over \$72,000. She commended and thanked Ms. June Stephens, executive director of development and external relations; Mr. Tom Gerfen, Citrus College Foundation president; and Mr. Robert Slack, dean of fine and performing arts, for their effort and leadership in coordinating this performance. She also thanked the members of the board for attending. Dr. Perri said the event received some excellent coverage in the local newspaper. Trustee Susan M. Keith, board member and board liaison to the Citrus College Foundation, expressed her appreciation to everyone involved.

Dr. Perri said that visits with our legislators in the Capitol during the Community College League of California (CCLC) Legislative Conference were critical in ensuring that they fully understood the impact of the budget reductions and our efforts to do more with less. She thanked Ms. Stephens and Ms. Marilyn Grinsdale, protocol and government relations officer, for their attendance and their assistance with advocacy. Dr. Perri noted the advocacy information sheet in the board packet that was prepared for their use in getting the word out on the implications of the state budget for Citrus College. The board was also provided notes from a conference session on federal updates. She said the federal news is not good.

Dr. Perri had the opportunity to provide a "state of the college update" to the Claremont Kiwanis Club. She thanked Trustee Keith for the invitation. In addition, Dr. Perri said this week she will be videotaped during an interview with the Metro Gold Line Construction Authority regarding the impact of the Foothill Extension on Citrus College.

Academic Affairs

Dr. Irene Malmgren, vice president of academic affairs, congratulated everyone who was involved with Valley's Got Talent and commended Mr. Slack and the Citrus College Foundation for their collaboration in producing the event.

Dr. Malmgren reported that Citrus College's *The Great American Songbook* production will be performed by other regional theaters, and it will become a source of revenue that will support the Fine and Performing Arts Foundation fund.

Citrus College's Fall 2010 Community Education brochure was selected and featured as one of the best brochure designs in the recent edition of *LERN Magazine*. The magazine is the leading periodical on lifelong learning. Dr. Malmgren gave kudos to Mr. James Lancaster, dean of career technical and continuing education; Ms. Debra Vanschoelandt, continuing education supervisor; and Ms. Stacey Donaldson, publications specialist, for designing the layout.

Dr. Malmgren said work on the college's new Master Plan continues, and there will be an all-college work session on Flex Day. Mrs. Carol R. Horton, vice president of finance and administrative services, and her staff are working on the facilities portion of the plan.

Student Services

Dr. Jeanne Hamilton, vice president of student services, was pleased to report that online counseling is in the pilot stages. She congratulated Ms. Lisa Villa, counselor; Mr. Tom Cheng, information technology support specialist III; and Ms. Linda Welz, chief information services officer, for making this happen. Although it is still in the testing phase, within two hours of the program going live, students had found it and were submitting inquiries. Dr. Hamilton said that in a time of very limited resources, this will be an efficient way for students to access information.

Dr. Hamilton said ASCC students had the opportunity to take a brief tour of the new Student Services Building last Friday. She thanked Mr. Robert Iverson, director of purchasing and warehouse, and Ms. Bernece Deck, buyer, for leading the tour.

Human Resources

Dr. Robert Sammis, director of human resources, said his department will conduct another training session for managers and supervisors in February. The training will be on sexual harassment prevention, and it will serve to satisfy the college's legal requirements for this type of training. He added that Human Resources has an ambitious training plan in place for the remainder of the year.

Dr. Sammis introduced Mr. Warren Kinsler, partner in the firm of Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud and Romo. Mr. Kinsler was there to present a board work session on the Brown Act following the regular portion of the meeting.

COMMENTS

Academic Senate

Ms. Roberta Eisel, academic senate president, provided an update on SB 1440 (Padilla, 2010), now known as California Education Code sections 66745-66749. The first three disciplines for the Transfer Model Curricula (TMC) have been identified. They are psychology, communication studies and sociology. Community colleges can now move forward to put these associate degrees for transfer in place through an expedited process with the Chancellor's Office. The Citrus College team is ready to meet and discuss all options, and Dr. David Kary, curriculum chair, is drafting a letter to Citrus College faculty in those disciplines so they can engage in the process. There will also be two breakout sessions on Flex Day. The second group of TMCs will be administration of justice, kinesiology/physical education and mathematics.

Ms. Eisel said the Academic Senate stands ready to support the quality and integrity of the college as we work together to address many serious challenges in the months and years ahead.

Members of the Board of Trustees

Student Trustee Alejandra Delgado said the CCLC Legislative Conference was a good experience. She had the opportunity to attend work sessions on the budget with students from other community colleges. She also spoke with our legislators on behalf of students.

Trustee Joanne Montgomery, board vice president, reported that she attended a work session at the CCLC conference on ethics. She said it was a very interesting topic on which there is much to learn.

Trustee Edward C. Ortell, board clerk/secretary, said the CCLC conference provided valuable information on timely topics. He praised Ms. Delgado for presenting the student perspective to our legislators, and added that she was a big asset to the advocacy team.

Trustee Keith reported on a CCLC conference session on transfer legislation SB 1440. Trustee Keith said the tenor in Sacramento has improved over last year, with legislators appearing more invested in their role in the decision-making process. She added that the Department of Finance's proposal to cut a fixed percentage across the board would not serve community colleges well. Instead, community colleges should be given the option to make cuts strategically.

Trustee Keith also commented on a front-page article in the *Daily Bulletin*, where Governor Brown was quoted comparing the push toward democracy in Egypt and the need for Californians to have the opportunity to vote on extending taxes, as part of the democratic process.

Board President Rasmussen commented on the half-hour meetings with six of our local legislators in the Capitol. She said it is important to explain the impact of the budget on our college, including the problems with basing the cuts on a later census and the feasibility of asking community colleges to do more with less. She said everyone acknowledges that cuts are coming.

Board President Rasmussen said Mr. Mike Bilbrey, bookstore operations coordinator, is running for state CSEA president. She congratulated Mr. Bilbrey for continuing to move up the ladder in that organization.

Board President Rasmussen also congratulated Mr. Slack, Ms. Stephens and Mr. Gerfen for the success of Valley's Got Talent.

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

Mrs. Horton introduced Mr. Mark Ferrari, chairman of the Measure G Citizen's Oversight Committee (COC). Mr. Ferrari introduced the committee members in attendance, including Ms. Patricia Myers, Ms. Helen Storland, Mr. Jon Hart and Mr. Joseph Guarrera. Committee members Ms. Nikki Hull and Ms. Chrissy Concannon were not present. Mr. Ferrari presented highlights of the 2010 Citrus Community College District Project Update and Report to the Community to the board. Board President Rasmussen thanked Mr. Ferrari and the COC members for all of their fine work. Mr. Ferrari said it is a pleasure to be a part of the COC, and he praised the college for our outstanding educational programs.

Mrs. Horton provided an overview of three administrative procedures that were included in the agenda for information only.

BOARD ACTION

The board approved six action items, including the Quarterly Financial Status Report for the fiscal quarter ended December 31, 2010.