



Board Highlights



Highlights of the March 15, 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, was pleased to report on some of the recent successes of Citrus College students. Dr. Perri congratulated the men's basketball team for making it to the state championship, where they played against San Francisco City College. The Owls were not victorious, but the game was close and well-played. Dr. Perri congratulated the student athletes, Head Coach Chris Victor and the assistant coaches. She thanked Ms. Jody Wise, dean of physical education and athletics, for her leadership with all of the college's athletic teams.

Dr. Perri congratulated Mr. Yamato Kaneko, Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) Honor Society student, for being selected to receive PTK's 2011 Guistwhite Scholarship. Mr. Kaneko was selected out of 1,340 applicants nationally to receive a \$5,000 scholarship that will assist him in pursuing his bachelor's degree. Dr. Perri applauded the leadership of the college's PTK advisors.

Dr. Perri reported that four Citrus College photography students placed as finalists in the Photographers Forum International competition. She congratulated the students for their work, and she commended the efforts of Mr. Darrell Carr, photography instructor.

Reporting on recent activities, Dr. Perri said she had an opportunity to provide an update on the budget and respond to questions at the Academic Senate meeting on March 9. Dr. Perri and Ms. June Stephens, executive director of development and external relations, also attended a reception welcoming Dr. Terry Nichols as the new superintendent of the Duarte Unified School District. Dr. Perri said the college is looking forward to a collaborative working relationship with Duarte Unified School District.

Dr. Perri said news from the Community College League of California (CCLC) indicates that there were several thousand students rallying on the steps of the State Capitol on March 14, chanting "let the people vote." The positive rally was met with the dire news that the Senate has abandoned talks with the Governor on two significant issues: the length of the tax extensions and specifics of a cap on state spending.

CCLC has provided revised projections for Citrus College in terms of the reductions in FTES, which coincide with three proposed budget scenarios. The first scenario is a \$2.8 million cut with a reduction of 664 FTES equal to 221 sections. The second scenario is a \$5 million cut with a reduction of 1,168 FTES equal to 389 sections. The third scenario is an \$8 million cut with a reduction of 1,843 FTES equal to 614 sections. Dr. Perri reported that the college is preparing two budgets that will address the first and third scenarios.

Dr. Perri asked Ms. Stephens to report on a recent gift to the Citrus College Foundation. Ms. Stephens announced that the Foundation received a \$10,000 contribution to create two scholarship funds: the Albert and Georgia Meissenburg Scholarship and the Eleanor Thatcher Scholarship. The funds are gifts from Mrs. Georgia Meissenburg, a long-time Glendora resident, and were established to give back to Citrus College, where she and her sister Eleanor were students. Both women graduated in 1938.

Academic Affairs

Dr. Stephen Lindsey, dean of business, CSIS, distance education, and library, reported on behalf of Dr. Irene Malmgren, vice president of academic affairs. Dr. Lindsey reiterated congratulations to Citrus College students Mr. Yamato Kaneko and Ms. Gabrielle Lamarche, who were selected for the PTK All-California Academic Team. Ms. Carolyn Perry, PTK advisor, will accompany the students to a luncheon honoring the All-California Academic Team in Sacramento on March 21.

Dr. Lindsey was pleased to report that a team of Citrus College students mentored by Ms. Lucia Riderer, physics professor, have been selected to participate in a very prestigious NASA competition, the "2011 MSI/CC Reduced Gravity Education Flight Program." The students competed against high-powered schools, including ivy leagues. They will conduct their proposed experiment this spring, and the culminating experience will take place this summer at the Houston Space Center.

Dr. Lindsey announced that Citrus College student Mr. Ricky Lin is eligible to go to the state SkillsUSA competition in April. Last year, Mr. Lin was the state finalist for California in the national SkillsUSA competition held in Kansas City.

On March 9, Citrus College hosted an early Earth Day event in the Haugh Performing Arts Center where 16-year old Alec Looz encouraged the audience of 1,200 to "Join the Green Revolution." Dr. Lindsey said the event was attended by Citrus College students, faculty and staff; community members; and students from area high schools and middle schools. Mr. Looz also invited those in attendance to join a "Million Youth March" to demonstrate to lawmakers the urgency of climate change.

Student Services

Dr. Jeanne Hamilton, vice president of student services, reported that Citrus College has 142 students from Japan this semester. Upon learning of the earthquake, the International Student Center sent an e-mail to all of the Japanese students, expressing concern and letting them know that the student lounge would be open and providing televised news all day. They also offered counseling and assistance in calling home. Ms. Lori Gatto, international student technician, used Facebook to contact current students and alumni to offer assistance and encouragement. Mr. Coe Lamoureux, international student supervisor, also opened the center on Saturday for part of the day to allow students to use the computers and telephone. The students are discussing fund raising efforts to support relief.

Dr. Hamilton was saddened to report that Mr. Andy Sprogis, DSP&S instructional lab technician, passed away on March 6. Mr. Sprogis had worked at the college since 1993 and assisted many students with disabilities in using adaptive technology in the High Tech Center. His family requested that a memorial service be held at the college. Dr. Lucinda Over, dean of counseling, and the DSP&S staff are planning a service for March 24 in CI 159.

Dr. Hamilton said that Club Rush took place on the Campus Center Mall on March 8 and 9. There was a great deal of enthusiasm exhibited by all of the 15 clubs that participated. Huntington Memorial Hospital brought their blood mobile to the event and was able to collect 86 units of blood. Dr. Hamilton said the Office of Student Life has received inquiries from students wishing to start five new clubs. The college's clubs program is led by Mr. Aaron Bennett, a graduate intern from Azusa Pacific University (APU). The Office of Student Life has also hired two interns from APU who will share the responsibility of developing a Leadership Academy for Citrus College students.

Finance and Administrative Services

Mrs. Carol R. Horton, vice president of finance and administrative services, spoke to Agenda Item H.2, the award of the Restroom Building East Campus Project to TEK-UP Construction. The district has determined that TEK-UP was the low bidder, can perform the duties for which they did not list a sub-contractor, and that there were no grounds for a bid protest. However, TEK-UP will be monitored to ensure that they do the work themselves.

COMMENTS

Academic Senate

Ms. Roberta Eisel, academic senate president, reported that the Academic Senate met on March 9. They appreciated the timely and informative presentation by Dr. Perri and Dr. Malmgren, and several faculty members have remarked that the presentation helped them understand the deep challenges the college is facing.

The Academic Senate approved several BPs and APs. In addition, they approved the Physical Education program name change to Kinesiology/Health/Athletics, and they agreed to conduct a survey of the faculty on the work of the department chairs task force, a task that carries over from the earlier work of that group.

Ms. Eisel said the Academic Senate has worked with the Office of Academic Affairs to coordinate a sabbaticals forum on April 7, where 2009-2010 sabbatical recipients will share their sabbatical projects.

Members of the Board of Trustees

Student Trustee Alejandra Delgado reported on ASCC activities. On March 30 and 31, ASCC will host the National Caesar Chavez Blood Drive to help increase blood donations amongst the Latino community. Last year, Citrus College students gathered more blood donations for this national blood drive than many large colleges and universities. Student Trustee Delgado also reported that ASCC will partially sponsor the Citrus College students who will compete in NASA's 2011 MSI/CC Reduced Gravity Education Flight Program.

Trustee Susan M. Keith, board member, reported that she and her husband attended the men's basketball championship game. She said the caliber of the team and the coaches was impressive. She is very proud of the entire team.

Trustee Keith also attended a reception welcoming the Interim Superintendent for Claremont Unified School District, Dr. Gloria Johnston.

Trustee Patricia Rasmussen, board president, reported that she was pleased that Citrus College has been proactive with its Disaster Preparedness Plan in light of the disaster in Japan, and she gave kudos to the staff for keeping the plan up to date. Board President Rasmussen was also pleased that the students are planning to find a way to contribute to aid for Japan.

BOARD ACTION

The board approved four action items, including a resolution recognizing the Centennial of the City of Glendora and passed the first reading of Board Communication Protocols.