



# Board Highlights



## Highlights of the May 3, 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, provided a report on the emergency preparedness tabletop exercise that took place on April 8, as part of the college's emergency preparedness training. Dr. Perri said the exercise was very extensive and involved the entire emergency operations center team. She commended the team on their level of responsiveness and expertise.

There is no news on the state budget, as the college awaits the Governor's May Revise. Dr. Perri said the college is continuing its tentative budget planning based on budget scenario number three, which reflects the deepest cuts in state funding, and the budget assumptions approved by the Board of Trustees. There will be a college budget forum on June 6, 2011.

With regard to the new Strategic Plan for 2011-2016, Dr. Perri was pleased to report that the plan is advancing with the expectation of completion by the end of the semester. Six main focus areas have been identified: Academic Excellence; Student Success; Institutional Resources; the Learning Environment; Institutional Effectiveness; and College and Community Relations. Dr. Perri also reported that the final drafts of Chapters 1-3 of the Educational and Facilities Master Plan have been posted on the college intranet for review and comments.

Dr. Perri had the opportunity to welcome the California Community College Success Network Foothill/Inland Empire Region Conference to Citrus College on April 29. There were approximately 70 basic skills faculty and coordinators in attendance. The focus of the conference was to consider the accelerated basic skills instruction model. Dr. Perri gave kudos to Ms. Sylvia Smythe, director of college success, for her role in organizing the conference.

Dr. Perri was pleased to note agenda item H-6, a resolution proclaiming May as Alumni Month at Citrus College.

### Academic Affairs

Dr. Irene Malmgren, vice president of academic affairs, congratulated the Citrus College team who participated in the college success conference on April 29. She said Citrus College is recognized as a leader in basic skills education in our region.

Dr. Malmgren was pleased to report that Citrus College student Mr. Ricky Lin was the gold medal winner at the California State Finals Skills USA photography competition. This is the second consecutive year Mr. Lin has received this honor.

Reporting on college events, Dr. Malmgren said the children of the Child Development Center earned \$1,100 for the Muscular Dystrophy Association during their "Hop-a-Thon." The *Clarion* continues to earn top honors at the Journalism Association of Community Colleges annual state convention. They earned the top award of General Excellence, as well as three individual on-the-spot and seven individual mail-in category awards. There were 225 attendees at the 26<sup>th</sup> annual Citrus College Water Awareness Day on April 19. Seven \$500 scholarships were awarded at the event. The college presented four performances of the musical *Ragtime*, which was attended by 3,233 people. The production employed the talents of many Citrus College students, including 45 performers; 28 cosmetology students; six recording arts students; 24 theatre technology students; and 19 instrumental music students, as well as 18 faculty and staff members.

Dr. Malmgren reported that the physics workshop for 24 pre-advanced placement physics students from Monrovia High School was a success. Citrus College's *Focus on Calculus* mentors; *Women in Mathematics* grant participants; and *GraviTeam* (NASA) members helped Monrovia students with electrical circuit activities. Dr. Malmgren thanked Dr. Eric Rabitoy, dean of physical and natural sciences, and Ms. Lucia Riderer, mathematics instructor, for organizing and facilitating the workshop. Similar workshops were held in Claremont and Glendora earlier in the year, and workshops are planned for Duarte and Azusa later this spring.

### Student Services

Dr. Jeanne Hamilton, vice president of student services, congratulated Dr. Martha McDonald, dean of students, for successfully defending her dissertation at California State University at Fullerton (CSUF). Dr. Rabitoy and Dr. Dana Hester, biology instructor, also recently received their doctorates from CSUF.

Dr. Hamilton reported that the Chancellor's Office is redoing their website and adding a newsletter. The first edition will feature student veterans attending community colleges, and they are planning to interview Citrus College veterans; Dr. Bruce Solheim, history instructor; and Mr. Manual Martinez, adjunct Boots to Books instructor.

Dr. Hamilton said two of our veteran student mentors, Mr. David Keys and Mr. Brian Crowe, have been accepted to the University of California at Berkeley, and Mr. Crowe was also accepted to Columbia University.

The college received a letter from the United States Department of Education commending financial aid administrators for adapting and continuing to seamlessly administer financial aid programs in light of new regulations and the largest increase in financial aid in the history of student federal aid programs. Dr. Hamilton said Citrus College has already experienced a 23 percent increase in the number of Pell grants awarded to students over last year. The number will continue to grow through June 30, 2011.

Dr. Hamilton attended the California State Senate budget hearing at Cal Poly Pomona on April 29. Senators Carol Liu, Ed Hernandez, Gloria Negrete-McLeod and Bob Huff participated. They heard testimony on public safety, K-12 education and higher education.

## Finance and Administrative Services

Mrs. Carol R. Horton, vice president of finance and administrative services, spoke to agenda items H.2, Quarterly Financial Status Report for the fiscal quarter that ended March 31, 2011, and H.3, Budget Revisions for fiscal year 2010-2011, which reflect the quarterly report.

## COMMENTS

### Academic Senate

Ms. Roberta Eisel, academic senate president, said the faculty is gearing up for the second half of the semester and the end of the academic year. At their next meeting, the Academic Senate will conduct its self evaluation based on the responsibilities and duties identified in the fall of 2010.

Regarding program review, Mr. John Vaughan, dance instructor, has provided excellent leadership in the area of learning outcomes and assessment, but he will not be able to continue serving in that role in the fall. Mr. James Woolum, administration of justice instructor, is spearheading improvements to the program review process, and the Academic Senate is working on those improvements this semester so that changes and data are in place by fall convocation.

### Members of the Board of Trustees

Board President Patricia Rasmussen announced that this would be the last meeting in which Student Trustee Alejandra Delgado would represent students on the Board of Trustees. Board President Rasmussen said Student Trustee Delgado was a fine leader and her advocacy in Sacramento and in the district were greatly appreciated. Student Trustee Delgado thanked all those who had mentored her and said she learned a lot that would be of value to her in the future.

Trustee Susan M. Keith, board member, commented on the Sabbatical Forum, where Ms. Theresa Villeneuve, communications instructor, and Mr. John Fincher, speech instructor, presented reports on their sabbaticals. Trustee Keith said both reports were very interesting.

Trustee Keith also commended several Citrus College transfer students on their recent success in being accepted to prestigious universities.

Trustee Edward C. Ortell, board clerk/secretary, congratulated Citrus College's baseball and softball teams for their very successful seasons. He said these extracurricular activities are what makes community colleges distinct from junior colleges and provide added value to the students and communities they serve.

Trustee Joanne Montgomery, board vice president, said *Ragtime* was an outstanding production and a monumental undertaking for Performing Arts and all of the other college programs involved.

Trustee Montgomery thanked Dr. Malmgren, Dr. Rabitoy and the Citrus College faculty and students who work with Monrovia High School's Math and Science Academy. She also expressed her appreciation to Dr. Perri and Ms. June Stephens, executive director of development and external relations, for participating in Monrovia Reads. Trustee Montgomery said she continually receives accolades about Citrus College's wonderful students, faculty and staff.

Board President Rasmussen commented on college events, including the production of *Ragtime*, saying it was very professional and very well done. She also congratulated Dr. Kathy Bakhit, economics instructor, on earning her doctorate.

Board President Rasmussen was pleased to have had the opportunity to provide newly-elected Glendora City Council Member Ms. Judy Nelson a tour of the college.

Board President Rasmussen commented on a recent *Clarion* article on the National Day of Science and bullying on college campuses. Dr. Hamilton said there have been no hate crimes at Citrus College in the last year.

## INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

Ms. Paula Green, director of communications, presented information on three recent Community College Public Relations Organization (CCPRO) awards garnered by Advancement Division staff Ms. Stacy Armstrong, publications specialist; Ms. Stacey Donaldson, publications specialist; Mr. Roy LaBomme, photographer; Ms. Green and Ms. Stephens. They received second place awards for a feature story and a press release and a first place award for print advertising. CCPRO is a professional organization dedicated to excellence in public relations, marketing, advertising and design on behalf of California's community colleges.

## BOARD ACTION

The board approved ten action items, including the Quarterly Financial Status Report for the fiscal quarter that end March 31, 2011, and a resolution proclaiming May as Alumni Month at Citrus Colleges.