



Board Highlights



Highlights of the May 17, 2011 Board of Trustees Meeting

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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, introduced the new student trustee, Ms. Nohemi Camacho. Student Trustee Camacho is a graduate of West Covina High School. She is a theatre arts major at Citrus College and plans to transfer to the University of Southern California to complete her studies.

Dr. Perri reported on the May Revise, saying that the news is positive relative to the Governor's January budget proposal. The State Department of Finance has identified an increase in revenues of \$6.6 billion for budget years 2010-2011 and 2011-2012. The Governor is proposing to use this new revenue to increase funding for Proposition 98 and to modify his tax proposals. The May Revise also retains most of the budget solutions proposed earlier, including a \$400 million reduction in base funding and a fee increase of \$10 per unit. Dr. Perri said that Chancellor Scott, in a phone call with CEO's, has advised them to move forward with changes to noncredit adult education and noncredit physical education.

Dr. Perri said at the June 21 board meeting, the board will have an opportunity to provide input on the redistricting of trustee area boundaries, as a result of the 2010 census. Community members will be provided an opportunity for input at a community redistricting forum at 6:00 p.m. in CI 159 on the same day.

Dr. Perri was pleased to note that this is the week that the college honors its classified staff. The annual Pancake Breakfast will take place on Friday, and Dr. Perri thanked Ms. Rosalinda Buchwald, director of fiscal services, and Dr. Michael Hurtado, dean of social and behavioral sciences, for chairing this event.

Dr. Perri said she is pleased to have been invited to be the keynote speaker at the Duarte and Monrovia Mayors' Youth Council Leadership Summit on May 21. The event celebrates "The Year of the Youth and Year of the Family."

Board President Patricia Rasmussen said she is looking forward to honoring Dr. Perri on Thursday at the San Gabriel Valley YWCA's "Honoring Vision and Voice" Conference and Women of Achievement Awards. The event honors women who have achieved extraordinary success in their field of work, study or volunteer service.

Academic Affairs

Dr. Irene Malmgren, vice president of academic affairs, reported that the deans are currently busy with the important task of developing next year's schedule in support of the college's budget preparation

Dr. Malmgren was pleased to report that the Citrus College Owls softball and baseball teams both finished second in conference and made it to the playoffs. Both teams were defeated in game three of the playoffs by number one seeded teams.

Dr. Malmgren said that Mr. Jesus Gutierrez, mathematics instructor, has been working with the California Mathematics and Science Partnership grant with Duarte and Glendora Unified School Districts. As the "math content coach," Mr. Gutierrez is helping increase the content knowledge and confidence of teachers in grade 3 through algebra 1. In addition to classroom observations, Mr. Gutierrez holds after school and Saturday content coaching sessions.

The Child Development Center (CDC) is once again hosting a Scholastic Book Fair. Dr. Malmgren said the event takes place May 9-20, and the proceeds will be used to purchase books for the CDC.

Student Services

Dr. Jeanne Hamilton, vice president of student services, reported that Citrus College has a new articulation agreement with California Baptist University, Riverside. Ms. Michelle Plug, faculty articulation officer, and Ms. Justina Rivadeneyra, career/transfer center coordinator, worked to develop the articulation in general education and all of their majors.

The college's annual Parent Night took place on May 11. Over 240 students and parents attended, and Dr. Hamilton said feedback was very positive. She thanked Ms. Ivon McCraven, coordinator of school relations, for her efforts in organizing this event.

Dr. Hamilton said there are 29 veterans graduating and/or transferring in June. She said this is an excellent outcome for our student veterans and their support systems. While the college has numerous support programs in place, a lot of the support comes from other student veterans in the form of mentoring, tutoring and motivation. Dr. Hamilton congratulated them on their success.

This year, the University of California at Berkeley hosted a "fly to Berkeley for admitted transfers" program. They selected 34 students from across the state for a two-day trip with all expenses paid, to encourage them to choose Berkeley. Of the 34 students invited, three were from Citrus College. Dr. Hamilton thanked the Career/Transfer Center for helping make this opportunity possible for Citrus College students.

Human Resources

Dr. Robert Sammis, director of human resources, commented on the Tenuree/Retiree Reception that took place prior to the board meeting. He said it is good to see the enthusiasm and excitement of the tenurees and the sense of accomplishment exhibited by the retirees. He thanked Ms. Rhonda Norris, administrative clerk III, for her investment of time and effort in coordinating this event.

Finance and Administrative Services

Mrs. Carol R. Horton, vice president of finance and administrative services, provided additional details on the state budget and May Revise. She said one of the Governor's themes throughout his proposal was to reduce the "wall of debt" that has accumulated in recent years. The budget is still premised on tax extensions over the next five years, which may be more difficult to pass due to the increase in state revenues. Mrs. Horton said the Governor's proposal depends on tax extensions; the reliability of projections regarding additional revenues; the extent to which redevelopment agencies are reduced or eliminated; and whether the Legislature's priorities are similar to the Governor's. Mrs. Horton was not optimistic that the budget will be passed on time. She added that Citrus College will continue to work off the same budget scenario that has been adopted by the Board of Trustees.

COMMENTS

Academic Senate

Ms. Roberta Eisel, academic senate president, said the recent meeting of the Academic Senate was busy and productive. Dr. Malmgren, and Dr. Sam Lee, dean of language arts and enrollment management, provided an outline of the guidelines for the instructional schedule for the next academic year.

Ms. Eisel reported that Mr. John Vaughan, fine and performing arts instructor, held a syllabus workshop that generated many comments and questions. She said that faculty are encouraged to provide sample syllabi, so that best practices can be widely shared.

Mr. Jim Mustain, CSIS instructor; Ms. Patty Glover, cosmetology instructor; and Mr. Jim Woolum, administration of justice instructor, also shared the work of the registration waiting list work group. Ms. Lois Papner, dean of admissions and records, provided additional late-breaking news on possibilities to accommodate both students and faculty, as the college moves toward automated waiting lists that can backfill enrollment slots when they become available.

At the suggestion of the ASCC student representative to the Academic Senate, they are taking a close look at AB 515 (Brownley): Community College Extension Program. Ms. Eisel said they are reviewing the amended bill, as well as information from student leadership groups and the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges.

California School Employees Association

Mr. Steve Siegel, CSEA president, reported that our local CSEA Chapter 101 has awarded scholarships to the following CSEA members or family members: Mr. Sean Adamiak, son of Ms. Felicia Adamiak; Ms. Zvart Keyan, daughter of Ms. Aygush Fasulyan; Mr. George Zamaro, son of Ms. Bernice Rose; Ms. Christy Allen, daughter of Ms. Gayle Allen; and unit members Ms. Autumn Leal, Ms. Barbara Munoz and Ms. Bernice Rose.

Members of the Board of Trustees

Student Trustee Camacho reported on ASCC activities. The recent SpringFest featured food trucks, club booths on campus and a performance by the Citrus College Salsa Band. Student Trustee Camacho also reported that the Rotaract Club is holding a drawing with 100 percent of the proceeds going to Japan Relief.

Trustee Joanne Montgomery, board vice president, said the City of Monrovia recently observed its 125th anniversary. The celebration included a parade, festivities in the park, and the Annual Don Montgomery Golf Tournament. Trustee Montgomery thanked Dr. Perri, Dr. Hamilton, Mrs. Horton and Ms. June Stephens, executive director of development and external relations, for attending the tournament, which raised money for Monrovia High School and YMCA camp activities. Trustee Montgomery congratulated Dr. Hamilton for the "longest drive" and Mr. Julian "Trip" Horton, physical education athletics facilities supervisor, whose students won the top prizes.

Trustee Montgomery applauded the *Clarion* on the wonderful retiree biographies. She congratulated those retiring and said the college is losing an outstanding group of faculty and staff.

Trustee Edward C. Ortell, board clerk/secretary, congratulated the Owl softball team, baseball team and track and field team for having great seasons.

Trustee Ortell commented on an NBC News interview of California Community Colleges Chancellor Jack Scott and California State University Chancellor Charles Reed. He said the two chancellors received equal billing and profile, indicating how much the status of California's community colleges has grown.

Trustee Susan M. Keith, board member, commented on a recent *Los Angeles Times* news article regarding a proposal from the state's Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO) to place a tax on the extraction of oil in California with the revenues going to fund education. She said it was interesting to note that, according to the *Times*, the LAO office recommended that community colleges receive the largest share of the revenues.

Board President Rasmussen commented on a *Clarion* article regarding priority registration. She applauded their work on this issue, which is so important to students.

Board President Rasmussen said that as board president, she has the opportunity to work with the auditors. She said she appreciated learning more about the college's We Tip program, where college employees can anonymously report fraud or wrongdoing.

Board President Rasmussen has read through the college's new Educational Master Plan. She said the plan contains great data and will serve the college well. She thanked all those who participated in the development of the new Educational Master Plan.

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

Dr. Lan Hao, director of institutional research, presented the Accountability Reporting for the Community Colleges (ARCC) report. She said the performance indicators were very positive for Citrus College, showing improvement in six out of seven.

Dr. Hamilton provided highlights of the 2010-2011 International Student Center Program Review.

BOARD ACTION

The board approved eight action items, including four board policies and a proclamation declaring the week of May 15-21, 2011 as Classified School Employees Week.