



Board Highlights



Highlights of the September 13, 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, commented that the Student Services Building dedication was a remarkable event, and she thanked the board of trustees for their vision in facilities planning that led to the funding and construction of this new facility. She also thanked all those who helped organize the dedication, including Ms. June Stephens, executive director of development and external relations; Ms. Marilyn Grinsdale, protocol and government relations officer; Ms. Paula Green, director of communications; Mr. Eric Magallon, bookstore supervisor, and his staff; the facilities and grounds crews; performing arts; ASCC; Dr. Lucinda Over, dean of counseling; and Dr. Martha McDonald, dean of students.

Convocation was held on Friday, August 26. Dr. Perri said that the theme, "You're the Top," set the tone for the 2011-2012 academic year. She thanked Mr. Bruce Langford, fine and performing arts instructor; Ms. Stacy Armstrong, publications specialist; Ms. Christine Link, executive assistant to the superintendent/president; and the Performing Arts staff for another fun and informative Convocation. She also commented on the publication, *Citrus Rocks*, which was suggested by Ms. Armstrong as a way to celebrate the success of the college's students, faculty and staff.

Dr. Perri said the ceremony commemorating September 11th was very successful. ASCC students and student veterans, along with members of the college community, gathered on Sunday, September 11 to place flags in the shape of a heart on the lawn west of the flagpoles, in honor of all those who lost their lives in the attack on the World Trade Center. A short ceremony was also held on Monday, September 12th, with speakers, the placement of a wreath and the lowering of the colors to half mast by several student veterans. Sunday's event was published in the San Gabriel Valley Tribune, with a color photo of the heart composed of United States flags.

Academic Affairs

Dr. Irene Malmgren, vice president of academic affairs, reported that attendance for fall is over 104 percent of capacity. She thanked the faculty for their willingness to serve as many students as possible.

Finance and Administrative Services

Mrs. Carol R. Horton, vice president of finance and administrative services, thanked everyone who worked on the Student Services Building dedication. She gave special kudos to the members of her staff who were instrumental in completing the facility, including Mr. Bob Bradshaw, project manager; Mr. Robert Iverson, director of purchasing and warehouse; Ms. Bernece Deck, buyer; Mr. Mike Harrington, director of facilities and construction, retired; and Mr. Jim Pierce, chief engineer, retired. She said through careful management of resources, they have saved approximately \$500,000 in costs. Mrs. Horton added that this is a remarkable achievement, considering the size of the facility.

COMMENTS

Academic Senate

Ms. Nickawanna Shaw, academic senate president, reported that the Academic Senate has received information of pending changes in state law that will impact California's community colleges. There are changes in Title V and the Education Code regarding a new cap on the

number of repetitions for substandard grades and withdrawals. The new number is set at three, down from seven. Their greatest concerns are the still-to-be-determined parameters of how the change will be enforced and whether it will be restricted to districts, regions or the state. Also, the SB 1143 Committee findings and recommendations have been discussed, but not shared outside of that work group. Ms. Shaw said the Academic Senate is eagerly awaiting word about the seven guidelines that may be used to create funding and/or accountability within the community college system.

Members of the Board of Trustees

Student Trustee Nohemi Camacho reported on ASCC activities. ASCC has held two meetings and reviewed a large number of APs and BPs. They are getting ready for club rush, which will be held this week. Student Trustee Camacho provided the board with a calendar of all ASCC activities through December 2011.

Trustee Susan M. Keith, board member, said she is always impressed with the immense talents of the Citrus College community. She recently attended the play, *Picasso at the Lapin Agile*, at the Lewis Family Playhouse at Victoria Gardens. Trustee Keith complimented Mr. Steve Siegel, skilled maintenance technician, for his role in the production as "Freddy," owner of the Lapin Agile. The play was directed by Citrus College adjunct instructor and former student, Mr. Kevin Slay.

Trustee Edward C. Ortell, board clerk/secretary, congratulated the Owls football team for winning their opening game. He said even after they have transferred to other colleges and universities, Citrus College athletes continue to bring recognition to the college, playing for teams such as UCLA and the University of Arkansas.

Trustee Joanne Montgomery, board vice president, commented on several recent college events. She said Convocation provided a great opening for the fall semester. The Nursing Program pinning ceremony was beautiful, and she commented on the pride exhibited by the students who have successfully completed the program. At the Scholarship Reception, many Citrus College students were awarded a variety of scholarships. Trustee Montgomery said she is impressed with the growth in Citrus College's Scholarship Program. Cosmetology once again participated in Foothill Unity Center's Back to School event, providing haircuts and manicures to young, low income students returning to school for the fall. Trustee Montgomery thanked Ms. Gus Brooks, director of cosmetology, and the cosmetology faculty and students for volunteering for this worthwhile event.

Board President Patricia Rasmussen commented on recent actions by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC), where a large number of colleges have been placed on "watch" or "warning." She said, given the fact that the United States now ranks 10th in the world in college degrees and the number of college degrees earned by young people nationally is declining, there is good reason for concern regarding the quality of education students receive.

Board President Rasmussen said Citrus College takes pride in its many "green" initiatives, and she suggested that the board consider ways to reduce some of the paper copies they receive as part of their board packets.

PUBLIC HEARING

Separate public hearings were held for the purpose of receiving public comment on the Gann Appropriations Limit Calculation and the 2011-2012 District Budget. No comments were received at either hearing.

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

Mrs. Horton made a PowerPoint presentation on the 2011-2012 District Budget. A similar PowerPoint was presented to the college community at the Budget Forum on August 29, 2011.

Dr. Perri introduced Ms. Kimi Shigetani, Community College League of California (CCLC) vice president, and Mr. Chris Chaffee, associate, Redistricting Partners, who presented several options for new trustee area maps. They also discussed the process and legal requirements for setting trustee area boundaries. At the suggestion of the board, they will look at additional options and return at a future meeting with map overlays that will assist the board in determining how the new maps can be drawn to best serve their communities.

Mrs. Horton introduced Ms. Deborah Shepley, consultant, who presented an overview of the Facilities Master Plan. The plan is part of the college's new Educational and Facilities Master Plan and spans the period of 2010-2020.

BOARD ACTION

The board approved six action items, including the District Budget for 2011-2012 and Board Goals for 2011-2012.