



Board Highlights



Highlights of the December 6, 2011 Board of Trustees Meeting

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Dr. Geraldine M. Perri
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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Official meeting minutes are available in the Superintendent/President's Office.

REPORTS

Superintendent/President

Dr. Geraldine M. Perri, superintendent/president, began her report by thanking the members of the President's Cabinet and their staffs for their responsiveness in handling the campus closure due to the windstorm and resulting power outage. She said every area of the college had a role in responding to the emergency, and our emergency systems worked well. Dr. Perri was pleased that the college was able to resume normal operations the following day.

Dr. Perri thanked all those who helped to make the Thanksgiving Luncheon a success. She gave kudos to Ms. Philomena O'Shea, cafeteria supervisor, and her staff, and she recognized the efforts of the Supervisor/Confidential Group and the Management Team in assisting with logistics. She also thanked Ms. Jody Wise, dean of physical education and athletics, and Dr. Martha McDonald, dean of students, for co-chairing this wonderful annual college event.

Dr. Perri reported the latest information from the Community College League of California on Orange County's plan to withhold \$73 million in property tax money. That money would have gone to K-12 and community college districts throughout the state. This tax shortfall will impact 69 community college districts and means an additional cut to Citrus College of between \$94,000 and \$150,000. Citrus College has placed calls to each of the Orange County Board of Supervisors members to voice opposition to the "tax grab."

Governor Brown has announced that he will go directly to the voters and place a tax initiative on the ballot. The plan, called "The Schools and Local Public Safety Protection Act," will seek a constitutional amendment to raise approximately \$6.8 billion in sales and income taxes. Dr. Perri said the funds would be dedicated to K-12 schools, community colleges, cities and counties. Community colleges would be guaranteed 11% of the new funds, or approximately \$748 million.

The Chancellor's Office has published the revised Student Success Task Force Recommendations. Dr. Perri provided highlights of the revised recommendations, including elimination of the proposal to consolidate categorical program funding; elimination of the recommendation limiting non-credit classes to only those identified as Career Development/College Preparation (CDCP); removal of the recommendation to charge students the full cost of instruction for any courses not included in their education plans; and a revision of the recommendation to change the overall funding model for basic skills, which would, among other things, grant the Chancellor's Office the authority to provide alternative funding allocations to individual districts to pilot innovative basic skills program models.

Dr. Perri extended an invitation to the board and the college to the upcoming CSEA Annual Holiday Buffet and the Superintendent/President's Holiday Social. She thanked the college community for their hard work this year and the board of trustees for their leadership. She also wished everyone a wonderful holiday and a Happy New Year!

Academic Affairs

Dr. Irene Malmgren, vice president of academic affairs, announced some recent student achievements. Photography student Mr. Ricky Lin was awarded first place in the College Seen photo contest for 2011. Sponsored in part by the Foundation for California Community Colleges, College Seen recognizes exceptional photos and showcases outstanding community college student work. In addition, Ms. Jennifer Broyles, registered dental assisting student, has been appointed as the first student trustee to the Board of Trustees of the American Dental Assistants Association.

Dr. Malmgren said Citrus College will be featured in an article on the California Community College Success Network (3CSN) web page. The article will highlight Citrus College's innovative approach in piloting "acceleration" in its English 098 and 099 courses this semester.

Dr. Malmgren announced that the College Library will be open for six hours on Saturday, December 10, to allow students to prepare for finals week. The library staff is also collecting food for the library's annual Food for Fines Drive. They will be accepting non-perishable food in lieu of library fines from December 12 through 16. All food will be donated to the Shepherd's Pantry in Glendora.

Student Services

Dr. John Baker, interim vice president of student services, reported that Academic Affairs and Student Services are collaborating to host a Leadership Team Training for deans and program heads from both areas on important issues surrounding access and compliance for students with disabilities. An attorney who is knowledgeable on disabled students' rights will conduct the training.

Each year, prior to the November 30 deadline, the Career/Transfer Center holds open forums and workshops to assist students with their CSU and UC applications. Dr. Baker thanked the counselors who provided assistance to 362 students. He also thanked the instructional team and Writing Café for helping 56 students with their personal statements.

Dr. Baker recently met with a group of student veterans to climb to the top of the Azusa "A" on the local hillside to celebrate their service to our country. At the top, the veterans unfurled the United States flag and flags of each branch of the military.

Human Resources

Dr. Robert Sammis, director of human resources, reported that the public hearing process for CSEA's initial collective bargaining proposal and the district's initial collective bargaining proposal has been completed. Dr. Sammis said he looks forward to sitting down after the holidays with the negotiating teams. He anticipates an efficient and collegial round of negotiations.

Finance and Administrative Services

Mrs. Carol R. Horton, vice president of finance and administrative services, thanked Maintenance and the ground crews for their work in clearing debris and restoring access to the campus so quickly after the recent windstorm. She said the college lost a minimum of four trees.

Citrus College has been participating in a pilot program to develop a roadmap to guide the state's community colleges to a more sustainable future and to address the greenhouse emission mandates under AB 32. Funded by a \$285,000 grant from the Public Utilities Commission, Citrus College, in partnership with the California Community College Chancellor's Office, has developed a sustainability template. Mrs. Horton said there has been a great deal of interest by the Board of Governors (BOG) in the sustainability template, and the BOG has invited Dr. Perri, Mrs. Horton, and energy consultant Mr. Matt Sullivan of Newcomb, Anderson and McCormick to present the template to them at their meeting in Sacramento on January 10, 2012.

COMMENTS

Academic Senate

Ms. Nickawanna Shaw, academic senate president, said the Academic Senate is participating in training with the SLOA coordinator in preparation for their 2012 Flex Day activity. They are also discussing streamlining the Program Review process. The Program Review task force hopes to provide recommendations by spring 2012. Ms. Shaw extended best wishes to all for the holidays.

California School Employees Association

Mr. Steve Siegel, CSEA president, congratulated Board President Joanne Montgomery, Trustee Susan M. Keith, board vice president, and Trustee Patricia Rasmussen, board member, on their reelection and said he is looking forward to working with them. Mr. Siegel added that CSEA is looking forward to productive negotiations with the district on a new collective bargaining contract.

Members of the Board of Trustees

Student Trustee Nohemi Camacho thanked the staff of the library for opening the library the Saturday before finals so that students could have additional study time. In other ASCC activities, Student Trustee Camacho said the windstorm necessitated that ASCC elections be moved to December 6. ASCC will continue collecting canned food and toys for donation to local charities until December 8. On behalf of the ASCC executive board, she wished faculty and staff "Happy Holidays" and a happy new school year.

Board President Montgomery commented on an editorial in the *San Gabriel Valley Tribune*, regarding the way in which the people of the San Gabriel Valley pulled together following the recent windstorm. The article mentioned Citrus College students who arrived to find classes canceled, but instead of heading home, they stayed to assist those in the Glendora community who needed help.

Trustee Edward C. Ortell, board member, thanked the men's basketball team for hosting the 2011 Neil Edwards Classic, also known as the Thanksgiving Weekend Basketball Tournament. Dr. Ortell said the Owls won all of the games and now ranks 2nd in the state. He congratulated the student athletes and thanked the coaches and staff who spent their holiday weekend hosting the event.

PUBLIC HEARING

No comments were received at the public hearing on redistricting and the proposed new trustee area boundary maps.
No comments were received at the public hearing on CSEA's initial proposal to the Citrus Community College District.

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

Mrs. Horton introduced Ms. Tina Henton, CPA and partner with the firm of Vincenti, Lloyd and Stutzman, Certified Public Accountants. Ms. Henton provided an executive summary of the audits for the district and the Measure G Bond Funds. The reports were all clean, unqualified statements, which is the best possible result.

Dr. Baker provided highlights of the college's Annual Security Report. The report was prepared in compliance with the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Crime Statistics Act. This year's report indicates that the college's crime statistics in several areas improved from 2009 to 2010. It also includes a section on the Campus Safety Forum that was held on December 16, 2011. A copy of the report is posted on the college website.

Dr. Malmgren provided highlights of the program reviews for Library Technology, Chemistry and Physics. The Library Technology Program is moving into deactivation; therefore the program review was not presented in the usual format. The program reviews for Chemistry and Physics were done in the format used for other instructional programs.

BOARD ACTION

The board approved 20 action items, including five board policies, the election of Mrs. Joanne Montgomery as board president, and a reapportionment plan designating new boundaries for trustee areas based on the 2010 census.