



Board Highlights



Highlights of the January 17, 2012 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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Official meeting minutes are available in the Superintendent/President's Office.

REPORTS

Superintendent/President

Dr. Geraldine M. Perri, superintendent/president, said she hoped everyone had a wonderful holiday season, and she welcomed the college community back to a new year.

Dr. Perri introduced Mr. Tedd Goldstein, student employment services supervisor, who, along with Ms. Carol Cone, budget supervisor and supervisor/confidential team president, presented the award for Student Worker of the Semester for fall 2011. The recipient was Mr. Nelson Hua, who works in the Bookstore. Board President Joanne Montgomery congratulated Mr. Hua, saying the college appreciates his efforts.

The winter session is underway, and Dr. Perri said the campus has been very active with new and returning students. Enrollment is at capacity and Student Services has been busy assisting students.

On Tuesday, January 10, Dr. Perri and Mrs. Carol R. Horton, vice president of finance and administrative services, attended the Board of Governors (BOG) regularly scheduled meeting in Sacramento. Dr. Perri, assisted by Mrs. Horton, presented Citrus College's template for sustainability to the BOG. The presentation was well received, and the BOG complimented Citrus College on being leaders in sustainability. The template will eventually serve as the statewide model for sustainability for California's community colleges. Dr. Perri thanked Mrs. Horton and her team for their efforts in developing the template.

Dr. Perri reported that on January 9, the BOG took action to support the Student Success Task Force Recommendations. Dr. Irene Malmgren, vice president of academic affairs, and Dr. John Baker, interim vice president of student services, are chairing a college workgroup with the Academic Senate to discuss the implications for Citrus College, including possible measures to align the college with the recommendations. Dr. Perri said the Vice Chancellor of Government Relations is proposing some legislation to implement the recommendations.

Dr. Perri was pleased to announce that the Citrus College Foundation received a \$50,000 donation from Mr. Anthony La Fetra for the La Fetra Memorial Scholarship Fund. Dr. Perri said the college is very gratified by this generous donation.

On January 13, all Emergency Operations Center officers participated in the "annual planning exercise" as part of the college's ongoing efforts to ensure the safety of the college community. Dr. Perri added that there will be an Emergency Operations Center simulation in the spring.

Dr. Perri is looking forward to joining members of the board for the annual Community College League of California Legislative Conference (CCLC) in Sacramento later in the month. They are planning to meet with state legislators and advocate on behalf of community colleges.

Academic Affairs

Dr. Malmgren reported on several noteworthy events that took place in December. Twenty-five Child Development Center (CDC) families were adopted by the Citrus College family for the Holiday Giving Program. The gesture was met with a great deal of gratitude from the families. The CDC team thanked the board for their support. Two of our former students, Mr. Anthony Logerfo and Mr. Corey McCormick performed on the Jimmy Kimmel Show. In addition, about 40 students from Gladstone High School came to Citrus College on a Saturday morning to participate in a DNA lab.

Dr. Malmgren also reported that Women in Mathematics took a field trip earlier this month to visit the University of California at Irvine. They especially enjoyed the Department of Engineering and the Dana Point Ocean Institute.

Student Services

Dr. Baker announced that the college has a new registrar, Ms. Kristina Spalding. Ms. Spalding comes to Citrus College from Chaffey College, where she held various positions in Admissions and Records. She received her bachelor's degree in legal studies from Kaplan University and her master's degree in human behavior from National University. Ms. Spalding plans to pursue a doctorate in higher education with an emphasis on student success from Azusa Pacific University.

Dr. Baker said he and Dr. Malmgren are planning to meet this spring with the principals of the six feeder high schools in the district.

Human Resources

Dr. Robert Sammis, director of human resources, reported that this month his department will have an outside speaker present on disabled students and student rights. Dr. Sammis also said that training for managers and supervisors will resume this spring. Topics include employee evaluation, the new APs, and issues of attendance.

Finance and Administrative Services

Mrs. Horton provided highlights of the Governor's proposed budget for 2012-2013. The Governor identified an initial deficit of \$9.2 billion, which he proposes to close through deep programmatic cuts and a temporary revenue increase that would need to be approved by voters. If the tax initiative fails, community colleges would be subject to midyear trigger cuts of up to \$482.3 million. Other highlights include augmentation of base funding by \$218.3 million to buy down deferrals from previous years. There is no new funding proposed for growth, COLA, or restoration of categorical programs that were reduced in 2009-2010. The Governor proposes to provide annual funding increases of at least 4 percent to CCCs, CSUs and UCs for years 2013-2014 through 2015-2016, contingent upon voter approval of the tax initiative in November 2012.

COMMENTS

California School Employees Association

Mr. Steve Siegel, CSEA president, announced the names of the new CSEA executive board members for 2012. They are: Mr. Siegel, president; Mr. Mike Ramos, first vice president; Mr. Steve Handy, second vice president; Ms. Olivia Canales, secretary; Mr. Robert Coutts, public relations officer; Mr. Anthony Deck, political action officer; and Ms. Cathy Napoli, past president. Mr. Siegel said CSEA is looking forward to a great year.

Members of the Board of Trustees

Student Trustee Nohemi Camacho said ASCC has held their first meeting of the year and have begun to plan spring activities. ASCC will hold a blood drive on January 24 and 25. All of the units of blood collected will go to the Huntington Hospital. Student Trustee Camacho added that she is looking forward to attending the CCLC legislative conference.

Trustee Edward C. Ortell, board member, commented on the recent success of Citrus College's women's basketball team against College of the Canyons. He said our men's basketball team also prevailed, and he congratulated them and thanked them for exciting games.

Board President Montgomery said she also attended the basketball games and she added her congratulations, saying the Owls have another championship team this year.

Trustee Patricia Rasmussen, board member, attended a reception coordinated by Ms. Lucia Riderer, physics instructor, for the Women in Engineering Grant. She said it is exciting to hear about career opportunities for women in engineering. During the reception, Trustee Rasmussen enjoyed hearing about the Citrus GraviTeam's trip to NASA. She thanked Ms. Riderer for her leadership.

Trustee Keith also commented on a *Clarion* article by news editor Daniel Hernandez entitled, "The Silent Heroes: finding the hero within." The article summarizes a number of stories that Mr. Hernandez wrote about the life challenges of Citrus College instructors who have found their voices and now use those voices to help guide students toward life and career goals. Trustee Keith thanked Mr. Hernandez for his inspirational and well written stories.

PUBLIC HEARING

No comments were received at the public hearing on the Energy Service Contract for the development of energy saving projects.

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

Two revised APs, AP 6340 – Bids and Contracts and AP 7503 – Leaves: Classified Administrator/Manager and Supervisor/Confidential, were on the agenda for information only.

BOARD ACTION

The board approved seven action items, including the non-resident student tuition fee for 2012-2013 and the notice of completion for the Campus Center flooring asbestos abatement project.