



# Board Highlights



## Highlights of the February 7, 2012 Board of Trustees Meeting

### Citrus Community College District Board of Trustees

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**Ms. Nohemi Camacho**  
Student Representative

**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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## REPORTS

### Superintendent/President

Dr. Geraldine M. Perri, superintendent/president, reported that Citrus College has received a letter from the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges (ACCJC/WASC) informing the college that the commission had reviewed its Follow-Up Report at their January 2012 meeting. This is positive news, as the receipt of this letter indicates that the report was successful and has been accepted by ACCJC. The letter also provided information regarding the submission of Citrus College's Midterm Report, which is due October 15, 2012. Dr. Perri thanked Dr. Irene Malmgren, vice president of academic affairs; cabinet members; and the college's shared governance leaders for their work on the Accreditation Follow-Up Report.

Dr. Perri thanked Board President Joanne Montgomery; Trustee Patricia Rasmussen, board member; and Student Board Member Nohemi Camacho for attending the recent Community College League of California (CCLC) Legislative Conference. Dr. Perri said the visits with local legislators in the Capitol were very important in ensuring that they fully understand the impact of budget reductions and the efforts of community colleges to do more with less. Dr. Perri also thanked Ms. Marilyn Grinsdale, protocol and government relations officer for her assistance with advocacy at the conference.

Dr. Perri said five students competed at the annual Dan Stover Music Scholarship Luncheon, which is held on campus. Each student received a scholarship and the opportunity to move on to the next level of competition. Dr. Perri thanked Mr. Robert Slack, dean of fine and performing arts; Mr. Gino Munoz, music instructor; Mr. Martin Green, music instructor; Mr. Alan Waddington, instructional lab technician III; Ms. Pamela Sewell, CO administrative assistant; Ms. Linda Swan, administrative secretary II, and Ms. Philomena O'Shea, cafeteria supervisor, for coordinating the event.

Dr. Perri said upcoming college activities include the Adjunct Faculty Spring Orientation on February 15, Spring Flex Day on February 21, and a tabletop exercise for the members of the Emergency Operations Center on February 24, which will fulfill the college's state mandated emergency preparedness process for the year. In addition, interviews are currently underway for several full-time faculty positions, with final interviews scheduled for February and March.

### Academic Affairs

Dr. Malmgren reported that the Career/Technical Continuing Education Division hosted a SkillsUSA regional competition, along with sixteen local employers and industry representatives, on February 4. Seven high schools, including Monrovia High School, participated. Citrus College Automotive Technology students volunteered to proctor and score the students across 36 testing stations.

Dr. Malmgren reported on news and events for the Hayden Memorial Library. The library will display images and artifacts from local archive collections from February 27 through March 29. The items that will be on display are from the college's library archives, the Azusa Public Library and the Glendora Historical Society. The library will celebrate African American History Month throughout February with a display featuring library resources and an online LibGuide on the topic. In addition, the library has purchased a touch screen computer to expedite service to students who are waiting to checkout reserve textbooks.

Dr. Malmgren said three of Citrus College's newest doctoral degree holders, Dr. Dana Hester, biology instructor; Dr. Martha McDonald, dean of students; and Dr. Eric Rabitoy, dean of physical and natural sciences; have been invited to participate in a symposium at Cal State Fullerton entitled, "From Theory to Practice: Educational Research Symposium." Dr. Malmgren said the college celebrates their success.

### Student Services

Dr. John Baker, interim vice president of student services, reported that he and Dr. Malmgren met with a group of Monrovia community leaders who are seeking help from Citrus College on ways to inform and motivate young people about the importance of going to college—especially those from the black community who believe they cannot earn a college degree. The group included representatives from two black churches and a Monrovia neighborhood activist. Dr. Baker thanked the Student Ambassadors who led the guests on a tour of the Student Services Building.

Dr. Baker and Dr. Malmgren met with Mr. Darvin Jackson, principal of Monrovia High School (MHS), to share information regarding the progress of MHS students who are attending Citrus College. Dr. Baker said he and Dr. Malmgren have similar meetings scheduled for the other feeder high schools in the district. Board President Montgomery thanked Dr. Baker and Dr. Malmgren for their outreach efforts.

Dr. Baker was pleased to report that the college now has a plan in place that will allow for the storage of between 200,000 and 300,000 student records dating back to 1980 in a data base, rather than on record cards. The project should be completed by June 2012 and will keep the data safe from fires and disasters.

The Student Life and Leadership Development program will launch The Leadership Academy on March 14. The Leadership Academy is a non-credit, co-curricular program in workshop format that is designed to provide students with skills to succeed outside the classroom. Dr. Baker said he is proud of the efforts to build student leadership on the Citrus College campus.

## Finance and Administrative Services

Mrs. Carol R. Horton, vice president of finance and administrative services, reported on construction projects. She said the college has now taken occupancy of the new restrooms on the east side of campus. She also reported that the Administration Building remodel is on time and proceeding smoothly.

Regarding the budget, Mrs. Horton said the Department of Finance has released its 2012-2013 state budget "trailer bill" language. According to School Services of California, the budget bill, AB 1463, contains language prescribing that, for 2012-2013, the Chancellor's office "allocate funding to districts in the same proportionate share that districts received in 2011-2012." The bill further states that the Chancellor may deviate from this allocation method, if it develops an alternative method that is approved by the Board of Governors and the Department of Finance. The bill also eliminates five out of eight mandates. Mrs. Horton said Scott Lay, CCLC president and chief executive officer, commented that this is not the year to re-write the SB 361 formula and eliminate equalization.

Mrs. Horton said the deficit in community college funding for the current year continues to grow and could go above 3 percent. For Citrus College, this translates to a midyear cut of between \$1.5 and \$1.75 million. She said the details are still being worked out, and the one unknown is the amount of taxes that will be collected before the end of the fiscal year.

## COMMENTS

### Members of the Board of Trustees

Student Trustee Nohemi Camacho commented that she had a great experience attending the CCLC Legislative Conference in Sacramento, and she thanked the board for the opportunity. The Citrus College representatives met with several legislators, and she had the chance to communicate the student perspective. Student Trustee Camacho said there was a lot of discussion regarding the state budget and the importance of the Governor's tax initiative to community colleges, a topic currently under discussion by ASCC. Board President Montgomery thanked her for attending and said she did a great job of advocating on behalf of students.

Trustee Edward C. Ortell, board member, commented on the recommendations of the Student Success Task Force. He said Recommendation 7 speaks to the governance of community colleges and could greatly lessen local control. Trustee Ortell is hopeful students will speak out on the task force recommendations, as they have on other issues, such as the Gold Line.

Trustee Ortell attended the men's basketball game on February 4, and he congratulated the team on achieving the ranking of number one in the state.

Trustee Susan M. Keith, board vice president, thanked music instructors, Mr. Bruce Langford and Mr. Doug Austin, for bringing a group of Citrus Singers to a memorial service for a former mayor and community leader in Claremont. They sang a capella and Trustee Keith received many compliments from community members on their performance.

Trustee Rasmussen reported on the CCLC conference. She was surprised that very little time was given to discussion of the recommendations of the Student Success Task Force. Other conference topics included health care, the state's governance structure, and the Governor's proposed tax initiative. She said several community colleges have taken drastic steps to deal with budget cuts, such as eliminating their athletic programs and negotiating reductions in employee salaries. Trustee Rasmussen said Citrus College representatives had an opportunity to meet with Assemblymember Roger Hernandez, and it was a very positive meeting. They asked him to be the "community college voice" in the Assembly, and he agreed to do so. Trustee Rasmussen said the college plans to invite Assemblymember Hernandez for a tour of the campus. She added that she believes he will be a good ally in the Legislature.

Trustee Rasmussen also attended a meeting with Congresswoman Grace Napolitano, which was hosted by the San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership. She said Congresswoman Napolitano wants federal funding for the high speed rail moved to the Gold Line. The Congresswoman said it is "partnerships" rather than individual groups that get attention in Washington, D.C.

Trustee Rasmussen thanked all those from Advancement who worked to produce the new *Citrus College Magazine*. She said it is a wonderful publication. She also congratulated Dr. Perri for the recognition she has received on the YMCA website, which highlights Dr. Perri's leadership in the area of disaster preparedness.

Board President Montgomery said the college athletic program has set a new record in the number of "Scholar Ballers," with 75 student athletes earning a GPA of 3.0 or better. She congratulated Ms. Jody Wise, dean of physical education and athletics, and all of the coaches on the fine academic program that is within the athletic program. Board President Montgomery encouraged the college community to come out to the last regular basketball game of the season and root the team on to the championships.

## INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

Mrs. Horton introduced Ms. Nikki Hull, chair of the Measure G Citizens Oversight Committee. Ms. Hull introduced the members of her committee in attendance and presented highlights of the committee's Annual Report for 2011. Ms. Hull commented on the outstanding Measure G projects to date, and commended Citrus College staff on their conscientious management of Measure G dollars. Dr. Perri thanked the committee for their service to the college. She also thanked Mrs. Horton for her leadership with regard to Measure G projects. On behalf of the board of trustees, Board President Montgomery thanked Ms. Hull and Mrs. Horton and said the board appreciates their good work. Mrs. Horton recognized the efforts of her staff with regard to implementing Measure G.

## BOARD ACTION

The board approved eight action items, including the granting of tenure to Mr. Jesus Gutierrez, mathematics instructor; Ms. Christine Styles, economics instructor; and Ms. Stephanie Yee, counselor, for the 2012-2013 academic year.