



Board Highlights



Highlights of the March 6, 2012 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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Official meeting minutes are available in the Superintendent/President's Office.

REPORTS

Superintendent/President

Dr. Geraldine M. Perri, superintendent/president, reported that the semester began with Flex Day, featuring a variety of morning workshops followed by a working lunch with a panel discussion on SLO assessment led by Dr. Dana Hester, biology instructor. Dr. Perri said the Flex Day program was well organized and productive. She thanked Dr. Eric Rabitoy, dean of natural and physical sciences; the Faculty Learning Institute; and Citrus College's Staff Development Committee for planning and organizing the day. Dr. Perri also thanked Board President Joanne Montgomery and Trustee Patricia Rasmussen, board member, for attending the morning activities.

Dr. Perri reported that the spring semester is off to a great start, with more than 13,000 students enrolled. The supervisor/confidential team once again assisted new students at information booths on the east and west sides of campus. She thanked Mr. Tedd Goldstein, student employment services supervisor, for his leadership in organizing the booths.

Dr. Perri reported on several college activities. She thanked Dr. Lucinda Over, dean of counseling, and the Counseling Department for organizing the annual high school counselor breakfast. She was pleased to have the opportunity to address the audience and share some of the college's successes. The college also participated in the Azusa High School Job Shadow Day, with 25 Azusa students job shadowing 15 college departments. She thanked Mr. Goldstein for coordinating Citrus College's participation. An emergency preparedness tabletop exercise was held for the members of the Emergency Operations Center team on February 24. The training scenario was a 7.2 earthquake. Dr. Perri said the team did very well, and they gained some new skills that will serve the college well. She thanked Mrs. Carol R. Horton, vice president of finance and administrative services, for her leadership with regard to emergency preparedness.

Dr. Perri said she was pleased to join Trustee Susan M. Keith, board clerk/secretary, in presenting a "state of the college" update to the Active Claremont group. She also made a presentation on the state of the college at Duarte Chamber of Commerce's annual State of the City and State of the Schools event. She thanked Dr. Edward C. Ortell, board member, and Board President Montgomery for attending.

Dr. Perri reported that the Little Hoover Commission, an independent state oversight agency, released its report on the California Community Colleges. The report makes several recommendations, including changing the funding model and moving all adult education to the community colleges. In other state news, Dr. Perri reported that Chancellor Jack Scott has announced his retirement. She said he has been a fierce advocate for community colleges.

Dr. Perri congratulated the men's basket ball team on its successful season. She had the opportunity to cheer them on at their last three home victories. She said the college wishes them well as they advance to the state finals.

Academic Affairs

Dr. Irene Malmgren, vice president of academic affairs, announced that Citrus College student Phoebe Sulzen has been accepted into the summer internship program at JPL. The STEM Academy is up and running, thanks to the efforts of TeCS and Ms. Jolie Elman, web page specialist. Students can apply online and complete a series of STEM activities. In addition, RACE to STEM summer internships are being offered at CSUF and Cal Poly Pomona. Dr. Malmgren said the Bridges to Success Writing Café has a new pilot program that will offer clinics and workshops that utilize proven best practices for student success.

Dr. Malmgren read the biography of Dr. Marianne Smith. Dr. Smith has more than 10 years of professional grant experience. Agenda Item I.4 recommends the employment of Dr. Smith as the new grant project director for the RACE to STEM grant.

Student Services

Dr. John Baker, interim vice president of student services, reported that ASCC voted to approve \$1,700 to help cover expenses for the men's basketball team to travel to the state championship tournament.

Dr. Baker said he and Dr. Malmgren have completed their meetings with the principals of the six feeder high schools in the district, during which they shared information on how their students are doing at Citrus College. They are now planning visits to the district's five alternative high schools. Dr. Baker and Dr. Malmgren are also working on a newsletter to keep the principals up to date on topics such as Early Decision.

Dr. Baker said, following the board's approval, the college will welcome Ms. Deanna Smedley to serve as a counselor in the Center for Teacher Excellence. Ms. Smedley brings over 10 years of career, academic and personal counseling experience to Citrus College students who aspire to become teachers.

Dr. Baker congratulated Student Ambassador Sarah Gleason for being selected as Miss Covina. Ms. Gleason's major is hospitality management, and she plans to transfer to the University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

Finance and Administrative Services

Mrs. Horton reported that the Climate Action Plan Committee has held its first meeting. Mr. Bob Bradshaw, project manager, will be chairing the committee.

The latest information from the Legislative Analyst's Office regarding the state budget is that there is an additional \$6.4 billion shortfall due to lower-than-expected property tax and enrollment revenues. Mrs. Horton said the Community College League of California was initially working on securing a backfill for the budget shortfall, but the additional bad news makes any hope of a backfill very unlikely. This takes the deficit for 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 to a total of \$15 billion.

Mrs. Horton said the college is monitoring information from the redevelopment successor agencies regarding state tax monies that were anticipated as a result of dismantling the local redevelopment agencies. So far, there seems to be no additional revenues.

COMMENTS

Academic Senate

Ms. Nickawanna Shaw, academic senate president, said the work of the Academic Senate is underway for spring. They are reviewing their policy on program discontinuance, which focuses on program viability in light of the current budget situation. They are also polling the faculty on the academic calendar to ascertain the effects of the 16 week semester. In addition, Ms. Shaw said they are making plans to host the state Academic Senate Area C meeting on March 31, which will include discussions on minimum qualifications and changes to the disciplines list.

Members of the Board of Trustees

Student Trustee Nohemi Camacho attended the Latina Leadership Network conference. She said it was a good conference, and the list of speakers included Secretary of Labor Hilda Solis and Congresswoman Loretta Sanchez.

ASCC will host Club Rush on March 8 and 9. The Leadership Academy will launch on March 14. The academy will teach different types of leadership and present a certificate upon completion. Student Trustee Camacho also announced that there will be a St. Patrick's Day celebration on March 15 in the Owl Café patio, and ASCC will host a Caesar Chavez Blood Drive on March 28 and 29.

Trustee Ortell thanked Dr. Perri for the excellent presentation she made at the Duarte State of the City and State of the Schools event. He said her remarks illustrated the many accomplishments of the college in the toughest of times, and her leadership has earned great respect for Citrus College in the community. Trustee Ortell received many compliments from Duarte's mayor and the Duarte USD superintendent. He thanked Board President Montgomery for attending.

Trustee Ortell remarked on the recent Little Hoover Commission report on community colleges. He said the Little Hoover Commission has long advocated the centralization of governance of community colleges at the expense of local control. He said this would diminish the voice of local faculty, staff and student leaders who cannot easily travel to Sacramento to talk with decision makers.

Trustee Gary L. Woods, board clerk/secretary, thanked Dr. Perri, Mrs. Horton and all those involved in budget planning for keeping Citrus College on a steady course during these turbulent financial times. He said there is a very different atmosphere at other colleges, where there are demonstrations and much unrest.

Trustee Keith complimented Dr. Perri on her presentation to the Active Claremont group. She said the college has much to be proud of and is earning a reputation as one of the finest community colleges in the region and the state. She thanked Dr. Perri for her willingness to go out into the community and speak about Citrus College.

Trustee Rasmussen acknowledged the five Citrus College students whose photos appeared in the book *The Best of College Photography Annual 2012*. She gave kudos to Darrell Carr, photography instructor, for staying current in a changing field.

Trustee Rasmussen reported that the members of the Citrus College Foundation board are working on several projects, and they are enthusiastically looking forward to the college's upcoming celebration of its 100th anniversary.

Trustee Rasmussen commented on the success of the men's basketball team and complimented them on the high level of sportsmanship they have exhibited. She also complimented the cheer squad for a great job of cheering them on at the games.

Board President Montgomery thanked Dr. Perri for her work in the community and said she always does a great job of representing the college. Dr. Perri thanked Ms. Christine Link, CO executive assistant, for technical support of her presentations.

COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE

Ms. Lois Papner, dean of admissions and records, commented on Agenda Item I.5, Resolution of Non Employment, Release of Employment of an Academic Administrator.

PUBLIC HEARING

No comments were received at the public hearing on the Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Property located at 1155 W. Foothill Blvd., Glendora, CA.

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

Dr. Perri introduced Ms. June Stephens, executive director of development and external relations, who made the annual presentation on the Citrus College Foundation's financial report. Ms. Stephens introduced Mr. Tom Gerfen, Foundation board president, who presented Mrs. Keith with a plaque recognizing her service to the Foundation. Ms. Stephens also introduced Mr. David Luna of Pacific Western Bank who presented the Foundation with a check for \$5,000. Mr. Luna will serve on the Foundation board this year. Ms. Stephens thanked Foundation board members Ms. Phyllis Fritz, Ms. Sharon Lewis and Ms. Joyce Dill, for attending the meeting.

Dr. Malmgren introduced Ms. Meg O'Neil, journalism instructor, who provided a brief history of the *Clarion* and introduced the publication's editorial staff. The *Clarion* and the *Clarion Online* have consistently won recognition for "general excellence" by the Journalism Association of Community Colleges. Ms. O'Neil was commended by members of the board and Dr. Perri for her leadership and commitment to excellence and for staying abreast of the ever-changing technology in the field of journalism.

BOARD ACTION

The board approved five action items, including the employment of Ms. Deanna Smedley as counselor and the employment of Dr. Marianne Smith as grant project director for the Title V RACE to STEM Grant.