



# Board Highlights



Highlights of the May 1, 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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## REPORTS

### Superintendent/President

Dr. Geraldine M. Perri, superintendent/president, was pleased to report that the college has once again earned impressive rankings in the national publication *The Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education*. For 2012, Citrus College placed in the top 50 community colleges nationally in three categories: Community Colleges by Hispanic Full-time Enrollment, with a ranking of 45; Community Colleges for Hispanics Awarding Associate Degrees, with a ranking of 40; and Community Colleges by Hispanic Faculty, with a ranking of 40. Dr. Perri said the college is honored to be on the national radar, and she noted that there were only a small number of colleges in California that made the list.

Dr. Perri said Citrus College was bustling with activity last week as more than 1,300 high school students, accompanied by their teachers, arrived on campus for the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Fine and Performing Arts Open House. Dr. Perri said the event showcased the talent and academic programs of the college. She thanked Mr. Robert Slack, dean of fine and performing arts; Dr. Irene Malmgren, vice president of academic affairs; and the fine and performing arts students, faculty and staff for their efforts in arranging for this special college event.

Dr. Perri reported that the spring College Transfer Fair and Transfer Task Force meeting were very successful. The Transfer Fair offered Citrus College students the opportunity to meet onsite with numerous representatives from four-year colleges and universities. The fair was followed by a meeting of the Transfer Task Force. Dr. Perri commended Dr. Lucinda Over, dean of counseling, and Ms. Justina Rivadeneyra, coordinator, career/transfer center, for their efforts in coordinating these events.

Dr. Perri announced the formation of the college's Institutional Effectiveness Committee (IEC). The IEC will be chaired by Dr. Lan Hao, director of institutional research, and Mr. James Woolum, program review coordinator. The purpose of the committee is to review and make recommendations on matters regarding institutional effectiveness, such as the review and assessment of the integrated planning process and the means by which it is linked to the budget process. Dr. Perri said the committee has already begun to meet.

### Academic Affairs

Dr. Malmgren reported that students from the *Clarion* attended the Journalism Association of Community Colleges (JACC) conference in March. During the conference, Citrus College was named a "Pacesetter" for program excellence, the highest honor for a California community college student publication. The Pacesetter is awarded to the top four colleges in the state, based on total points accumulated in JACC competitions. Citrus College has won the Pacesetter four times since 1998. In addition, both the *Clarion* newspaper and theclariononline.com website won General Excellence awards, the top JACC honor for a student publication. Seven students also brought home six individual awards.

Regarding College Success, Dr. Malmgren said counselors and educational advisors have begun visiting 63 basic skills, math, English and ESL classes to inform students of the college support services that are available. In addition, College Success counselors conducted a workshop for English 099 faculty entitled "Student Support Services: How to Empower Students to Succeed Beyond the Classroom." They will also present this workshop to math faculty in April.

### Student Services

Dr. John Baker, interim vice president of student services, presented the board with table tents that the faculty in DSP&S and Counseling have created. The table tents contained information about services in each of their areas and will be placed at locations where students gather. Dr. Baker said this is a great way to inform students, and he thanked them for their efforts.

Dr. Baker reported that Citrus College is in good standing with regard to its cohort default rate (CDR). The CDR is the rate that measures how many student loan borrowers default on their federal loans within two years of entering repayment. Colleges with high CDRs, including those above 25 percent for three consecutive years and those with rates above 40 percent, face sanctions and can lose their ability to offer federal loans and Pell Grants. Citrus College's three-year CDR is 17.6 percent and its most recent one-year rate is 8.7 percent. Dr. Baker said this is an excellent number, and he added that the college's low CDR rate is very important to our students.

## Human Resources

Dr. Robert Sammis, director of human resources, reported that the new collective bargaining agreement between the district and CCFA was on the docket for the board's consideration. Dr. Sammis said that at all times during negotiations, the discussions were professional, direct and centered on finding mutually agreeable solutions. He expressed his appreciation for the degree of professionalism and openness that was demonstrated during the process.

## Finance and Administrative Services

Mrs. Carol R. Horton, vice president of finance and administrative services, spoke to agenda item H.2, 2012-2013 Budget Development Assumptions and Calendar and agenda item H.3, Budget Revisions for Funds 01.0, 01.3, 33.0, 41.0 and 42.0. She reviewed revenues and expenditures in the budget development assumptions, which she said are based on the Governor's ballot initiative being rejected by voters in November. Mrs. Horton said, assuming the Governor and the Legislature approve a state budget by June 15, the college's adopted budget for 2012-2013 will be ready for approval at the September 11 board meeting.

## COMMENTS

### Members of the Board of Trustees

Student Trustee Nohemi Camacho reported that Student Trustee-elect Crescencio Calderon organized the recent Cesar Chavez Blood Drive on campus. During the two-day event, 180 units of blood were donated. This is a record number for community colleges who participate in this event, and Student Trustee Camacho said this amount could potentially save 540 lives.

Trustee Edward C. Ortell, board member, said there has been another report issued by the Gold Line Construction Authority indicating that the Gold Line is on target for a 2015 date for completing the line from Pasadena to the Citrus Station. He said this will be very helpful for Citrus College students. Trustee Ortell also commented that there has been an initiative filed with the Secretary of State that seeks to roll back tuition for the California Community Colleges, the California State University and the University of California. It also proposes to eliminate redundancies between the three systems. He said community colleges may support some parts of the initiative and oppose others, and he suggested that the college monitor it as it moves through the process.

Trustee Patricia Rasmussen, board member, thanked Dr. Perri and Mrs. Horton for meeting with her to explain several items with regard to the college budget. She also reported that she and Trustee Susan M. Keith, board member, were working on documents for the board's self-evaluation.

## INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

Mrs. Horton introduced Mr. Bob Bradshaw, project manager, and Mr. Matt Sullivan of Newcomb, Anderson & McCormick, who presented a report on the progress of the Citrus College Sustainability Committee and the template they are developing for California's community colleges. Mr. Bradshaw complimented Dr. Martha McDonald, dean of students, and Ms. Adrienne Thompson, supervisor of student life and leadership development, for taking the template to the ASCC leadership class and asking them to develop SMART goals and objectives for college sustainability. Mr. Bradshaw said there will be a campus presentation of the plan during Earth Day activities later in the month.

Dr. Malmgren presented highlights of the program reviews for Foreign Languages and Speech Communications.

## BOARD ACTION

The board approved ten action items, including a resolution to adopt the Citrus College Sustainability Mission Statement and the Pilot Demonstration of the California Community College Sustainability Template at Citrus College.