



Board Highlights



Highlights of the June 19, 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 this has been a year of accomplishment and progress by the college. Reporting on college events, Dr. Perri said Commencement was a wonderful success, with 1,332 degrees awarded to 1,066 students, and 480 students participating. These numbers represent new records in the college's history. Dr. Perri thanked Ms. Pam Mc Guern, administrative assistant, for her hard work and her dedication to Commencement.

Dr. Perri was pleased to announce that the national publication, *Community College Week*, has published its latest rankings of "top producers." Citrus College has ranked among the nation's top degree producers in the past few years, and this year the college was listed in five categories. The college also improved its standing from previous years in several categories. Out of the nation's top 100 community colleges, Citrus College ranked 33 in the number of associate degrees awarded to Hispanic students; 65 in the number of associate degrees awarded to minority students (all ethnicities); and 87 in the number of associate degrees awarded to Asian American students.

Dr. Perri commented on newspaper headlines from San Diego announcing that Mr. Jeff Baker, son of Dr. John Baker, interim vice president of student services, is following in his father's footsteps and has been selected to serve as Grossmont College's new vice president of student services.

Academic Affairs

Dr. Irene Malmgren, vice president of academic affairs, reported that the curriculum committee has done a great deal of work this year. In addition to other curricular work, they have approved: eight new courses, 106 course modifications, 78 course deactivations, seven new transfer degrees, one degree modification, one degree deactivation, seven certificate modifications and five certificate deactivations. Dr. Malmgren thanked them for a productive year.

Dr. Malmgren announced that Mr. Jim Lancaster, dean of career, technical and continuing education, received a certificate of appreciation from the East San Gabriel Valley ROP/TC. She thanked Mr. Lancaster for serving as Citrus College's representative at the ROP meetings.

Student Services

Dr. Baker reported that Ms. Adrienne Thompson, student life and leadership development supervisor, was invited by the Chancellor's Office to Sacramento to provide leadership training for the incoming members of the Student Senate for California Community Colleges (SCCC).

Dr. Baker commented that the college will be losing two fine Financial Aid staff members with the retirements of Ms. Lilia Medina, director of financial aid, and Ms. Wendy Coulter, financial aid advisor.

Human Resources

Dr. Robert Sammis, director of human resources said the hiring process for five new faculty members has been completed, and those selected are on the agenda for board approval. This brings the total of new faculty members for 2012-2013 to eight. Dr. Sammis thanked all those who participated in the process, and he recognized the efforts of the Human Resources staff.

Finance and Administrative Services

Mrs. Carol R. Horton, vice president of finance and administrative services, commented on agenda item H-2, approval of the 2012-2013 tentative budget. She said that the budget is built on the assumption that the November 2012 tax initiative will not pass. Mrs. Horton said in-depth information on the college's tentative budget was presented at the Budget Forum on June 14, as well as the latest news on the state budget. At the state level, trailer bills for education are still being discussed. There was good news regarding the threatened loss of funding for community colleges from redevelopment money that may not materialize. The state has included language in the budget bill to backfill any losses.

COMMENTS

Academic Senate

Mr. Jim Woolum, academic senate president-elect, read a report on the activities of the Academic Senate for 2011-2012 drafted by Ms. Nickawanna Shaw, academic senate president. Highlights include the adoption of the student learning outcomes process and form; numerous surveys of faculty members on a variety of important topics; the adoption of the new Program Review process; a waitlist procedure; the adoption of policies that ensure support of program viability and enrollment priorities; and the review, discussion, and adoption of a large number of Human Resources administrative procedures and board policies.

Members of the Board of Trustees

Student Trustee Crescencio Calderon said he was pleased to ride in the Monrovia Day Parade on May 19 with Dr. Baker. He was also pleased to announce that Citrus College ranked 15 out of 229 colleges and universities across the nation in the Cesar E. Chavez National Blood Drive Challenge. The effort also earned Citrus College first place among participating colleges and universities in Southern California.

Student Trustee Calderon announced the names of the new officers that will serve on the ASCC executive board for 2011-2012. He introduced the incoming ASCC vice president, Ms. Nayiri Baghdassarian, who was present.

Trustee Patricia Rasmussen, board member, commented on the many recent college activities she has attended, including the Cosmetology graduation, the Annual Achievement Awards ceremony, the alumni reception, the nursing students' pinning ceremony, and Commencement. She said Commencement was excellent and a wonderful affirmation of a job well done for our students.

Trustee Susan M. Keith, board vice president, said she was pleased to attend a recent community event in Claremont with Ms. Christina Garcia, director of development and alumni relations. She said Ms. Garcia was very well received.

Trustee Edward C. Ortell, board member, said the Gold Line Construction Authority will be hosting a community open house in Duarte on June 28 to provide an update on the overall construction schedule and the Duarte station. Trustee Ortell said a major construction hurdle will soon be completed with the tearing down of the old bridge adjacent to the 210 Freeway and the construction of a new bridge that spans the 210 Freeway. He added that the new bridge required over 200 trucks of cement pouring continuously over an 18 hour period. Trustee Keith said the Gold Line Construction Authority has asked her to speak at several upcoming events in her area and carry the message that "Citrus College supports the completion of the Foothill Extension."

Board President Joanne Montgomery commented on recent college events, including the CalWORKs and CARE reception and Commencement. She congratulated all of the students who earned degrees and certificates and she thanked the college community for their part in helping these students achieve success. Board President Montgomery regretted that she was unable to attend the Achievement Awards, due to the passing of a friend, but she congratulated all those who were recognized. She added that it was a pleasure to present Bright Futures scholarships to outstanding high school graduates from Monrovia who will be attending Citrus College in the fall.

COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE

Mr. Robert Lopez, senior buyer, thanked CSEA Chapter 101 for the scholarship that they awarded to his son for his college education. Mr. Lopez said his entire family is grateful.

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

Accreditation co-chairs Dr. Malmgren and Ms. Roberta Eisel presented an overview on the progress of the college's accreditation mid-term report. The report is nearing completion and is due by the accrediting commission on October 15, 2012. The Accreditation Oversight Committee has met regularly to prepare the report, and Dr. Malmgren thanked the many people who have participated. The report will be on the board agenda in July for a second reading. Trustee Keith said she enjoyed reading the report, which she said summarizes the greatness of Citrus College.

Dr. Malmgren introduced Ms. Sylvia Smythe, director of college success, who along with Ms. Gina Hogan, English instructor; Dr. Beverly Van Citters, reading instructor; Ms. Rebecca Rudd, English instructor; and Ms. Suzanne Martinez, HSI grant project coordinator, made a presentation on Citrus College's Accelerated English Program. The innovative curriculum is a consolidation of basic skills English and reading programs in an effort to remove redundancy, save time and increase student persistence. It has received positive reviews statewide and propelled Citrus College into a leadership position in this area. It has also resulted in improved student success.

Ms. Smythe also provided an update on college grants that fund programs that promote student success. She introduced Dr. Marianne Smith, project director for RACE to STEM, who will be taking over much of Ms. Smythe's work upon her retirement. Dr. Malmgren thanked Ms. Smythe for launching the college in new directions with regard to college success, and she said the best way to honor her work is for these programs to continue being successful.

Dr. Malmgren provided highlights of the Mathematics Program Review. She commended the Mathematics Department for their excellent work.

BOARD ACTION

The board approved 18 action items, including the 2012-2013 tentative budget and the 2013-2014 academic calendar.