



# Board Highlights



## Highlights of the November 20, 2012 Board of Trustees Meeting

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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, began her report by thanking the ASCC leadership for their "Rock the Vote" efforts. She said the education community of the state is breathing a sigh of relief with the passage of Proposition 30. Citrus College is already planning to add more than 150 class sections for the winter and spring semesters. Dr. Perri congratulated all those who worked to get out the vote.

Dr. Perri commented on a recent report by the Campaign for College Opportunity entitled, "Meeting Compliance but Missing the Mark," that addresses progress on SB 1440, the historic 2010 legislation intended to create a preferred pathway for California community college students to transfer to the CSU system. Dr. Perri noted the following: 18 out of 112 colleges statewide have developed between nine and 18 transfer model curriculum (TMC)-aligned associate degrees and 9 community colleges have developed only two to four associate degrees. In contrast, Fullerton College has adopted all 18 initial TMC pathways and Citrus College and Pasadena City College offer 13, making them the strongest leaders across the community college system.

Dr. Perri congratulated Dr. Eric Rabitoy, dean of library and physical and natural sciences, on being recognized by the Duarte Education Foundation at their annual "It Takes A Village" dinner. Dr. Rabitoy was honored for his collaboration with the Duarte Unified School District to provide credit college courses for high school students at Duarte High School.

Dr. Perri said the Thanksgiving Luncheon was a wonderful success. She thanked Ms. Philomena O'Shea, cafeteria supervisor, and her staff for the delicious food and Dr. Lucinda Over, dean of counseling, and Dr. Rabitoy for co-chairing this annual college event.

Dr. Perri was pleased to attend the Foster 2 Famous dinner on November 14. This foster youth success initiative assists foster youth by connecting them with the support services and financial aid they need to achieve their goals. She said students Ms. Mikisha Deason and Mr. Matt Deason, founders of the Foster 2 Famous Club at Citrus College, were in attendance. Both students graduated with associate degrees in June 2012.

Dr. Perri thanked everyone who has helped our students be successful this semester, and she wished the entire college community a very Happy Holiday Season.

### Academic Affairs

Dr. Irene Malmgren, vice president of academic affairs, reported on several academic events and activities. Citrus College's Women in Engineering program hosted a successful Rocket Camp workshop on October 20. Twenty-four middle school girls built and launched Alpha rockets and heard a presentation by the Citrus Rocket Owls. The college has received a \$1,000 grant from the California Space Grant Consortium that will enable a Citrus College team to participate in the Near Space Balloon Project at Cal Poly, Pomona. More than 50 students attended the Citrus Business Association meeting on October 23, where they heard encouragement and advice from former Citrus College business students who now have careers in business. The Automotive Technology Department will host an open house on November 28. Dr. Malmgren said the library will be open for six hours on December 8 to facilitate students preparing for finals.

Dr. Malmgren provided an update on the Bridges to Success grant. This semester, the Writing Café has conducted 454, forty-five minute consultations; provided two "Poetry in Motion" workshops, with a poetry reading scheduled for December 7; presented a series of workshops entitled, "Secrets," presented by adjunct instructor Mr. Mick Curran; and held a UC Personal Statement workshop in which 26 students participated. There will be a Bridges to Success professional development workshop on Reading Apprenticeship in January that will provide faculty with strategies to help their students read class texts critically.

### Student Services

Dr. Arvid Spor, vice president of student services, reported that he and Dr. Malmgren will be visiting the college's feeder high schools beginning next week to share information with the principals on how their graduates have performed at Citrus College. He said this is the second year the college has done this, and he believes that it is something the principals find useful.

### Human Resources

Dr. Robert Sammis, director of human resources, thanked the board for approving the collective bargaining agreement between the district and CSEA. Dr. Sammis congratulated CSEA for ratifying the contract and said it sets forth good balance and brings fairness into the workplace.

## Finance and Administrative Services

Mrs. Carol R. Horton, vice president of finance and administrative services, spoke to action items H.2., Report for the Fiscal Quarter Ended September 30, 2012, and H.3., Budget Revision for Fund 01.0 for the fiscal year 2012-2013. She said the revisions in the adopted budget for 2012-2013 reflect changes that were made possible by the passage of Proposition 30. Trustee Susan M. Keith, board vice president, said it is important that the college uphold its promises to students regarding adding classes, now that Proposition 30 has passed.

## COMMENTS

### Academic Senate

Mr. Jim Woolum, academic senate president, thanked Board President Montgomery and Trustee Keith for joining the Academic Senate in honoring 23 college employee veterans during their November 14 meeting. A resolution was presented to each employee in recognition of their service to the country and the college.

Mr. Woolum expressed appreciation to the more than six million voters who voted in favor of Proposition 30. He said the courses that are being added to the winter and spring schedules will provide Citrus College students with additional opportunities to complete their educational goals.

Mr. Woolum; Ms. Lisa Villa, counselor; and Ms. Roberta Eisel, English instructor, attended the State Academic Senate Plenary Session that took place November 8-10. Mr. Woolum said Ms. Eisel was a panelist during a workshop on accreditation, in her capacity as a state senate committee member. Chancellor Brice Harris spoke at the General Session. His remarks focused on student access and success.

Mr. Woolum wished everyone a happy and safe Thanksgiving Holiday.

### Members of the Board of Trustees

Student Trustee Crescencio Calderon said he appreciated the opportunity to participate in the Azusa Golden Days parade with Dr. Woods. He said the Citrus College Cheer Club accompanied them. Student Trustee Calderon said ASCC observed Hispanic Heritage Month with a celebration in the Campus Center Mall that included food trucks and flamenco dancers. He also reported on the very successful Project Z event that launched their Rock the Vote effort. He passed around a letter signed by the entire ASCC executive board thanking the board of trustees, Dr. Perri and Dr. Arvid Spor, vice president of student services, for their support. The students added they are proud to be part of the Citrus College community. Student Trustee Calderon said they hope the event will bring greater political awareness to students.

As part of his effort to highlight stories of students whose lives have been positively impacted by attending Citrus College, Student Trustee Calderon read the biography of ASCC Vice President Nayiri Baghdassarian. Ms. Baghdassarian believes the unique college culture of support and encouragement at Citrus College has helped her overcome personal challenges. She is doing well in her studies and plans to transfer in two years. Student Trustee Calderon said ASCC is fortunate to have Ms. Baghdassarian as a member of the executive board.

Trustee Keith said she is looking forward to attending this year's Night of Music from Film. She also congratulated the students for their Rock the Vote effort, saying she is proud of their willingness to get involved in the political process.

Trustee Patricia Rasmussen, board member, commented that the airways are heating up with political ads for the November election. She said many ads are misleading, and it is important for voters to be informed about the issues.

## COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE

Community College Association (CCA) President Dr. Ron Norton Reel expressed CCA's support for Dr. Perri. He said Citrus College is fortunate to have her leadership.

Mr. John Fincher, CCFA president, expressed concern about the possible abuse of the use of college computer technology support by one board member. Mr. Fincher also provided a proposal to the board to limit eligibility for lifetime healthcare benefits to qualified board members.

## INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

Dr. Spor introduced Dr. Martha McDonald, dean of students, who introduced the Student Ambassadors for spring 2013.

Dr. McDonald and Ms. Monica Christensen, project director, provided an update on the Operation Veteran Education and Transitional Services (Operation VETS) grant, including a video made for the Chancellor's Office and a PowerPoint on the progress and success of the grant.

The annual Campus Safety Report was presented for information only.

## BOARD ACTION

The board approved nine action items, including the revisions to Fund 01.0 in the college's 2012-2013 adopted budget, approval of the academic calendar for 2013-2014, and the agreement between the Citrus Community College District and the California School Employees Association, Chapter 101.