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Mission Statement

Citrus College delivers high quality instruction to students both within and beyond traditional geographic boundaries. We are dedicated to fostering a diverse educational community and learning environment by providing an open and welcoming culture that supports successful completion of transfer, career/technical education, and basic skills development. We demonstrate our commitment to academic excellence and student success by continuously assessing student learning and institutional effectiveness.

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Highlights of the January 15, 2013 Board of Trustees Meeting

REPORTS

Superintendent/President

Dr. Geraldine M. Perri, superintendent/president, began her report by introducing Mr. Tedd Goldstein, supervisor/confidential team president. Mr. Goldstein presented the student workers of the semester for fall 2012. There were two winners, Ms. Heather Hendrickson from DSP&S and Ms. Sydney Jackson from Admissions and Records. Both students were commended for their outstanding work ethic and professionalism. They received certificates and an award of \$150 from the Supervisor/Confidential team.

Dr. Perri welcomed everyone back for the start of the new year. She was pleased to begin the year with news that the Citrus College Foundation has received one of the most sizable charitable gifts in the college's 97-year history. The gift is a bequest from the estate of Citrus College alumni Dr. Bill May and Mrs. Betty Holt May. The Mays attended Citrus College during the 1950s and earned reputations as student leaders and high achievers. Dr. Perri said the college is profoundly grateful to the May family for this enduring gift, which will allow many Citrus College students to achieve their educational goals, establish their careers and build successful lives.

Regarding the winter session, Dr. Perri said enrollment is up, with headcount over 5,000 compared to 3,626 students last winter. The college has also increased the number of sections from 113 to 170. She said students are very pleased.

Dr. Perri provided highlights of the Governor's budget proposal for 2013-2014. This budget will be the first state budget since the passage of Proposition 30. She said overall it is a good budget for community colleges. The Governor has proposed an increase to community colleges of \$196.9 million in apportionment and \$49.5 million for energy efficiency efforts. There is also funding proposed for adult education and distance education. The budget proposes some policy changes, including a 5-year phase in of funding apportionments based on completion rather than census, which will be cost-neutral, and a 90 unit cap for students. It also includes backfill for community colleges in the event there are shortfalls in funding from redevelopment and Proposition 30. Dr. Perri said this is the beginning of the process, and there is a long way to go before many of the details are decided. Threats to the budget proposal include a tax revenue shortfall, slowing of the state's economic recovery, the national debt limit debate, and a shortfall in local tax revenues.

Dr. Perri thanked Ms. Chris Garcia, director of development and alumni relations, and her staff for the wonderful Foundation Winter Reception and "Christmas Is..." events. There was a good turnout, and the Performing Arts Department once again excelled with an outstanding performance of "Christmas Is..."

Dr. Perri was pleased to report that the men's and women's basketball teams are doing well. The men are 7-6 and the women are 11-5. Dr. Perri praised their efforts and said she is looking forward to attending the Scholar Baller event on January 26.

Academic Affairs

Dr. Irene Malmgren, vice president of academic affairs, reported that the men's basketball game on January 26 will include the annual Coaches vs. Cancer event as well as the Scholar Baller awards.

Dr. Malmgren reported that the statewide Basic Skills Advisory Committee has requested that Citrus College's English 98/99 redesign be included in the next edition of the publication, *Basic Skills as a Foundation for Student Success in California Community Colleges*, also known as the "Poppy Copy." The "Poppy Copy 2" will be an online resource that will include a review of the best practices in the state with regard to basic skills projects and programs.

Regarding performing arts, Dr. Malmgren reported that the play "The Bronze Star," has been selected to compete in the regional finals for the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival. "The Bronze Star" is a Citrus College production that was the result of a close collaboration between the Theatre Arts and Social Science Departments and the Veterans Center. There were 10 performances of "Christmas Is..." and the Citrus Singers performed at 38 off-campus venues during the holiday season. The instrumental music program has also been active throughout the year. In addition, "Holidance! 2012" was the most successful "Holidance!" ever, with over 900 tickets sold and 32 dancers performing in the production.

Student Services

Dr. Arvid Spor, vice president of student services, reported that Student Services has been very busy this month with winter intersession and registration for spring.

Dr. Spor was pleased to report on the success of the student veterans who appeared in the video

that was featured at the Veterans Summit in December. One of the students had been struggling with PTSD and wanted to quit school, but with counseling and mentorship from the Veterans Center, the student persisted and completed the semester with a 4.0 GPA while carrying 16 units. The other student veteran featured in the video also received a 4.0 GPA for the semester.

Human Resources

Dr. Robert Sammis, director of human resources, commented on the Public Hearing for the Citrus College Faculty Association (CCFA/CTA/NEA) initial collective bargaining proposal to the district, which is part of the agenda. Dr. Sammis said he is looking forward to meeting with faculty association representatives and coming to a quick and amicable resolution.

Finance and Administrative Services

Mrs. Carol R. Horton, vice president of finance and administrative services, commented on the Governor's budget proposal, saying the Governor has given the California Community Colleges Board of Governors the opportunity to decide on how to distribute the \$196 million increase in apportionment, including the option to apply it to growth, restoration and/or COLA. She added that the \$179 million in the Governor's proposal to offset cash deferrals over the past few years will help the college with its cash flow.

Mrs. Horton spoke to Agenda Item H.2, a resolution to approve the non-resident tuition fee for 2013-2014 of \$190 per semester unit, plus a \$19 capital outlay surcharge. This represents a decrease in the college's non-resident tuition fee from last year of \$8.

COMMENTS

Academic Senate

On behalf of the Academic Senate and full-time faculty, Mr. Jim Woolum, academic senate president, wished Dr. Perri and the Board of Trustees a Happy New Year. He provided an overview of some initiatives the Academic Senate will undertake in 2013, including modifying the Academic Senate's constitution and bylaws to align faculty representation with a recent reorganization of disciplines; completing a revision of the comprehensive program review process and bringing it to the board through the shared governance process; developing and modifying curriculum and enrollment priority procedures to meet the guidelines filed with the Secretary of State; continuing to prepare and submit applications for AA and AS degrees for transfer as the Transfer Model Curriculum guidelines for disciplines become available; completing the first year of the new Faculty Mentoring Program; and improving communication between full-time and adjunct faculty regarding academic and professional matters of common interest.

Classified School Employees Association

Mr. Robert Coutts, CSEA president, commented on the CSEA Holiday Buffet. He thanked Dr. Perri for donating the drinks and Board President Susan M. Keith and Trustee Joanne Montgomery, board clerk/secretary, for attending. He said the event helped raise \$1,186 for CSEA scholarships. Mr. Coutts said he is looking forward to working with everyone this year.

Members of the Board of Trustees

Student Trustee Crescencio Calderon presented another Citrus College student success story. Mr. Kuan Wang, an FLS student, credits the programs, services and mentoring provided by Citrus College with helping him overcome life challenges and language barriers and achieve success in his studies. He hopes to transfer to UCLA.

Trustee Patricia Rasmussen, board vice president, commented on several college events in December. She said the performance of "Christmas Is..." was very exciting, and she was pleased by the comments of audience members regarding the quality of the show. She said the Foundation Winter Reception that preceded the show was very nice. Trustee Rasmussen said the Vocational Nursing Pinning Ceremony was inspiring, and it is gratifying to know that 23 students are well on their way to careers in nursing.

Trustee Rasmussen commented on the latest edition of the *Citrus College News Magazine*, saying it is an outstanding publication, with many great stories. She said the *Glendoran Magazine* recently published some nice stories on Citrus College students.

Trustee Montgomery commented that the Foundation Winter Reception was a great event and a nice way for her to introduce friends to the college. She said two of her guests joined the Golden Circle, and she thanked Ms. Garcia for the handwritten note of thanks that she sent to them. Trustee Montgomery added that Dr. Perri's Holiday Social was a lovely party, and she thanked the Foundation for sponsoring the event.

Board President Keith commented that she kept very busy with Citrus College parties and celebrations at the end of last year. She said it was a good time for the college community to honor what we do, and she thanked all those who helped with the events.

Board President Keith also commented on the *Citrus College News Magazine*, saying she appreciated the variety of articles, with all parts of the college represented. Dr. Perri thanked Ms. Paula Green, director of communications, and Ms. Linda Welz, chief information services officer, and members of their staff for the excellent publication.

COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE

Mr. Bill Zeman, Citrus College Adjunct Faculty Federation (CAFF) president, provided an update on adjunct faculty activities. He said CAFF is trying to increase the participation of adjunct faculty in college events. They had good representation at the Vet Net event last fall. CAFF was also very active in the effort to pass Proposition 30.

PUBLIC HEARING

No comments were received during the public hearing on the CCFA/CTA/NEA initial collective bargaining proposal.

BOARD ACTION

The board approved five action items, including a resolution adopting a non-resident tuition fee for the 2013-2014 fiscal year and Board Policy 5030, Fees, which updates board policy regarding fees charged to students.