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Highlights of the April 2, 2013 Board of Trustees Meeting

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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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REPORTS

Superintendent/President

Dr. Geraldine M. Perri, superintendent/president, reported that for the sixth year, Citrus College participated in the Azusa Unified School District/Azusa Chamber of Commerce Job Shadow Day on March 21. Fifteen Citrus College managers, supervisors and classified staff volunteered to be mentors-for-a-day to 23 high school students. Dr. Perri thanked all of the Citrus College staff who volunteered to share their time with these students. Dr. Perri also gave special thanks to Mr. Tedd Goldstein, liaison to the superintendent/president and supervisor/confidential team president, for his ongoing efforts in coordinating this important outreach event for the college.

Dr. Perri serves as the CEO representative on the 30-member Professional Development Committee of the Chancellor's Office Student Success Initiative. She provided an overview of the committee's eight recommendations to revitalize and re-envision professional development within the California Community College system. The recommendations have been submitted to the Chancellor's Office for consideration in the formal policy development process.

Academic Affairs

Dr. Irene Malmgren, vice president of academic affairs, reported that a Citrus College team composed of faculty, staff, retirees, students and others, participated in the 2013 Race for the Cure on March 24. They raised \$2,126. Dr. Malmgren commended retired faculty member Holly Colville for organizing and energizing the team.

Citrus College adjunct professor Waleed Rashidi has been selected by California State University (CSU), Fullerton to receive the university's Distinguished Faculty Service Award for 2013. Mr. Rashidi is a full-time professor at CSU Fullerton. Dr. Malmgren said this is a prestigious award and speaks to the services he provides to our students.

Regarding other academic programs, Dr. Malmgren announced that 90 students applied for the Summer Research Experience. There are approximately 30 spots in which to place students at four institutions, including CSU Fullerton, Cal Poly Pomona, the Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Gardens and Oak Crest Research Laboratory. Recruitment for STEM summer programs has begun. The college anticipates serving 100 middle school students in the Secrets of Science Summer Camp (S³C) program and 200 middle and high school students in Pre-algebra, Algebra, Geometry Enrichment (PAGE) program.

Dr. Malmgren congratulated the Rocket Owls on an excellent presentation to NASA. She said they are still on track and on their way to the NASA competition this spring.

Sixty students from Think Together, an after school program for grades K-12, will be touring the campus and meeting with Citrus College English Supplemental Instruction (SI) leaders and Citrus College Completion Corp (C²) mentors. The SI leaders and C² mentors will discuss their experiences as college students and the resources that they use on campus.

Dr. Malmgren also reported that 12 Citrus College students presented research at the UC Irvine conference on March 24.

Student Services

Dr. Arvid Spor, vice president of student services, reported on the recent Campus Safety Forum. The topics included personal safety tips, relationships with local law enforcement, police protocols for campus emergencies, what to do in the event of a campus/classroom emergency, and Timely Warnings. Dr. Spor said follow-up evaluations indicated that 91 percent of attendees found the forum was informative; 89 percent of attendees said they had a better understanding of campus safety; and 90 percent had a better understanding of their role in campus safety. Dr. Spor said they plan to post the presentation on the college website. Board President Susan M. Keith said she attended the forum and found it to be an excellent, informative session. She commended Dr. Perri for the taking initiative to keep the college safe and prepared.

COMMENTS

Academic Senate

Mr. James Woolum, academic senate president, reported on new bills in the California State Legislature. His report included AB 1306, which proposes a fourth segment of higher education in California; the College Level Examination Program (CLEP) as a tool to provide credit for Massive Open Online Courses; legislation that would mandate reduction of units in some current high-unit majors to force alignment with

the SB 1440 transfer degree structure; and SB 440, which moves the intent of the SB 1440 transfer degree further into legislation by requiring community colleges to create an associate degree for transfer in every major. He said that while many of the proposals will not become law as written, it looks like it will be a busy year for everyone.

Classified School Employees Association

Mr. Robert Coutts, classified school employees association (CSEA) president, was pleased to report that their CSEA chapter member recognition award, the Unsung Hero Award, has been presented to Ms. Olivia Canales, administrative clerk III in the Learning Center. The award is presented annually to a classified employee that selflessly supports and improves the chapter by diligently serving the students, faculty and staff of Citrus College.

Mr. Coutts commented on action item H.8, authorization to utilize district legal counsel to advise the board regarding the matter presented by Mr. John Fincher, CCFA president, on March 19, 2013. He expressed confidence that the board would support the action item, and he applauded the California Teachers Association (CTA), the Community College Association (CCA) and Mr. Fincher for investigating the alleged violations.

Mr. Coutts concurred with remarks made by Mr. Bruce Langford, CCFA chief negotiator, at the last board meeting, in commending the board and Dr. Perri for their excellent management of the district, which allowed for the recent increase in faculty and classified staff salaries.

Members of the Board of Trustees

Student Trustee Crescencio Calderon reported on the Cesar Chavez National Blood Drive Challenge that took place March 27-28. He said, with the collaboration of the Citrus College community, they collected 264 units of blood, making it the most successful ASCC blood drive thus far. ASCC was also the leader among the colleges in Southern California for the number of units collected.

Mr. Calderon presented the success story of student Alejandra Morales. Ms. Morales is an AB 540 student who has experienced many challenges. She was an honor student in high school and accepted to three universities, however, Citrus College became her only option for higher education. She is currently the president of the Beta Nu Eta Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, Secretary of the Alpha Gamma Sigma IOTA Chapter, and Commissioner at Large for the ASCC executive board. She has also been a leader in C⁴.

Trustee Patricia Rasmussen, board vice president, thanked Student Trustee Calderon for his efforts with regard to the Cesar Chavez Blood Drive. She said he has been an excellent student trustee and she has appreciated his inspiring student success stories.

Trustee Rasmussen congratulated the Citrus College team who took part in the Glendora's Great Trivia Challenge. She said the team placed second, and it was great to see Citrus College staff participate in the event.

Trustee Joanne Montgomery, board clerk/secretary, thanked Ms. Christina Garcia, director of development and alumni relations, for attending the Monrovia Coordinating Council meeting and reporting on the Citrus College Foundation. Trustee Montgomery said her report was very much appreciated by the council members.

COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE

Mr. Paul Swatzel, CCFA treasurer, was pleased to announce the results of the recent CCFA election of officers. For the 2013-2014 academic year, the following officers will serve on the CCCA board: Mr. Bruce Langford, president; Mr. Swatzel, vice president/president elect; Mr. Fincher, past president; Dr. Dave Ryba, treasurer; Ms. Cherie Brown, secretary; Mr. Brian Waddington, chief negotiator; Ms. Claudia Pohl, negotiator; and Ms. Pat Lawrence, academic senate liaison.

Mr. Swatzel was also pleased to report that CCAF will have 12 faculty members in attendance at the CCA conference at the end of April. This is a chapter record for attendance at the conference.

Ms. Cathy Day, CSEA chapter public relations officer, commented on Agenda Item H.8. Ms. Day said recent allegations by Mr. Fincher have left her dismayed and she urged the board to take appropriate action.

Mr. Bill Zeeman, Citrus College Adjunct Faculty Federation (CCAFF) president, urged the board to pass Agenda Item H.8 to ensure the college is acting in accordance with the law.

Ms. Linda Chan, CCAFF representative, urged the board to pass Agenda Item H.8, saying she would like to see the college's reputation cleared as soon as possible.

Mr. Art Morales, Azusa resident and Citrus College alumnus, commended the college on its standing as an institution. He said he has known Trustee Gary L. Woods, board member, for more than 40 years. Mr. Morales said Trustee Woods serves on a board in Azusa, and he is an honorable man and never misses a meeting. Mr. Morales also commented on the college's need for a parking structure and several other items. He thanked Ms. Christine Link, CO executive assistant, for assisting him in dealing with some transportation issues he faced in getting to the meeting.

Mr. Paul Naccachian, attorney and Azusa resident, commented on Agenda Item H.8. He encouraged the board to look at the ethical and moral aspects of the issue.

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

Dr. Perri presented this quarter's Above and Beyond Classified Development (ABCD) award to Campus Safety Officer David Ramirez. Officer Ramirez is CSEA's second ABCD Award recipient. The award is given in recognition of a classified employee's outstanding demonstration of the college mission, collaboration, exceptional service and dedication. Mr. Ramirez was commended for his professionalism and a positive attitude that encourages teamwork. Board President Keith presented the award to Officer Ramirez, including the "Hootie," and she thanked him for his outstanding service to the college. Mr. Coutts congratulated Officer Ramirez, and he thanked Dr. Perri and her Cabinet, as well as the managers and supervisors who have supported the effort to recognize outstanding classified employees.

BOARD ACTION

The board approved eight action items, 2013-3014 Budget Development Assumptions and Budget Calendar and nominations from the board for candidates for the Community College League of California Trustees Board of Directors.