

# Board Highlights



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Highlights of the May 21, 2013 Board of Trustees Meeting

### Citrus Community College District Board of Trustees

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**Ms. Mariana Vega**  
Student Representative

**Dr. Geraldine M. Perri**  
Superintendent/President

### 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, introduced the new Student Trustee Ms. Mariana Vega. Ms. Vega began her community college journey immediately after high school, and she intends to go on to a four-year university. She plans to major in public relations and is interested in pursuing a career in political campaign communications. Ms. Vega is very grateful for the sacrifices of her parents that have allowed her to be in the United States and attend Citrus College. Dr. Perri welcomed Student Trustee Vega to the board.

Dr. Perri remarked that the week of May 19-25 will be Classified School Employees Week. She expressed her gratitude to the classified staff and said it will be good to have the opportunity to honor their work and thank them for all they do.

Dr. Perri said the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC) has placed a photo of Citrus College on its home page along with a caption that reads: "Citrus College is the oldest community college in Los Angeles County and the fifth oldest in the state of California." Dr. Perri thanked Ms. Paula Green, director of communications, and Ms. Stacy Armstrong, publications specialist, for working with AACC to submit the photo and caption.

### Academic Affairs

Dr. Irene Malmgren, vice president of academic affairs, reported that summer school enrollment has begun and it is growing rapidly. There are two times as many class sections available to students as there were last summer.

### Student Services

Dr. Arvid Spor, vice president of student services, reported that the new process for students to purchase parking permits online, *iparq*, will be tested during the summer session. The process has only become operational in the last two days, and already 39 students have purchased permits. He said students normally wait until the first day of classes to purchase parking permits. Dr. Spor believes the process will serve students well and help to greatly reduce lines at the beginning of each semester.

### Human Resources

Dr. Robert Sammis, director of human resources, reported that Human Resources has conducted the final training for managers and supervisor/confidential team members for the year. It was done in an "open house" format, and it provided trainees an opportunity to ask Human Resources staff any questions they wished. Dr. Sammis said they are now working on a series of training sessions for next year.

### Finance and Administrative Services

Mrs. Carol R. Horton, vice president of finance and administrative services, thanked Dr. Perri for her update to the college community regarding the May Revise. Mrs. Horton said they are now watching to see how the Governor will distribute \$50 million in matriculation funds. The Governor is proposing to use the current year increase in Proposition 98 funding to pay down an additional \$179.9 million in deferrals. This would reduce the total system-wide deferral to \$621.2 million. He further proposes to pay down an additional \$64.5 million in deferrals in the budget year, reducing the system-wide deferral to \$557.5 million. Mrs. Horton said this payback of deferred funding will translate to increased cash flow for Citrus College. She added that she is hopeful that the budget will be passed on time this year.

## COMMENTS

### Academic Senate

Mr. James Woolum, academic senate president, commented on some of the changes that are currently taking place in the state's community college system. The Student Success Task Force, the Legislature, the Board of Governors, and Governor Brown have all made recommendations in an effort to improve student success and completion. Mr. Woolum mentioned several topics that have sparked discussion and controversy, such as funding strategies, the Student Success Scorecard, adult education, distance learning and MOOCs. He said strength and balance are skills necessary for leaders during times of change.

### Classified School Employees Association

Mr. Robert Coutts, classified school employees association (CSEA) president, said CSEA has finished reviewing applications for scholarships. He was pleased to announce that CSEA will be awarding five scholarships at \$275 each to the son or daughter of a CSEA employee. This year, scholarships went to: Mr. Tony Tunno, son of Ms. Julie Tunno, administrative secretary; Ms. Johanna Jamison, daughter of Ms. Lynn Jamison, study abroad specialist; Ms. Christy Allen, daughter of Ms. Gayle Allen, administrative secretary; Mr. Richard Chase, son of Ms. Theresa Gallegos, human resources assistant; and Mr. Roman Lopez, son of Mr. Bob Lopez, senior buyer.

Mr. Coutts said three CSEA members have volunteered to serve on a committee that will work with the district to review the experience and education requirements listed on bargaining unit job descriptions. The committee members are: Ms. Linda Hughes, human resources technician; Ms. Marian Manfre-Winchester, athletic programs assistant; and Ms. Cathy Napoli, admissions and records coordinator.

On behalf of CSEA, Mr. Coutts extended best wishes to the retirees and newly tenured faculty member for 2013. He also thanked the Board of Trustees for their proclamation recognizing Citrus College's outstanding classified staff as part of Classified School Employees Week.

### Members of the Board of Trustees

Student Trustee Vega began her report by thanking her constituents for trusting her to represent them at the district level. She also thanked Dr. Spor; Dr. Martha McDonald, dean of students; Ms. Christine Link, CO executive assistant; and Ms. Adrienne Thompson, student life and leadership development supervisor, for providing her with guidance as she moves into her new position. She recognized former Student Trustee Crescencio Calderon for mentoring her over the past year.

Student Trustee Vega said ASCC's Springfest was a big success. She also announced that ASCC executive board elections will take place June 5-6, and she is looking forward to meeting all of the new students who will join the board in the fall.

Trustee Edward C. Ortell, board member, said he attended Senator Carol Liu's recent open house at her new field office in San Dimas. He said Senator Liu is very supportive of Citrus College.

Trustee Joanne Montgomery, board clerk/secretary, said she wished to publically recognize the retirees for their many years of service to Citrus College. She thanked them and wished them well in their retirement.

Board President Susan M. Keith reported on several recent college events. She said the pop show was uplifting and the student performers did a great job. The Cosmetology Hair Show was excellent, and Mr. Bruce Langford, performing arts instructor, did a great job as master of ceremonies. Board President Keith said the creativity, talent and leadership skills of our students speak well for the college.

Board President Keith also attended Senator Liu's open house. She invited Senator Liu to come to the college for a tour of our facilities and programs.

Board President Keith said recent natural disasters have made her proud to be a community college trustee, as community colleges train the first responders who are so critical in times of large-scale emergencies. She said community colleges are more than junior colleges in that they truly serve their communities.

## INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

Mrs. Horton provided an overview of the general obligation bonds that were sold to RBC Capital Markets, LLC, on April 24, 2013. She said the actual cost for the sale of the bonds was less than anticipated, which resulted in a net savings to district taxpayers.

## BOARD ACTION

The board approved five action items, including the adoption of a proclamation honoring the contributions made by the classified employees of Citrus College and designating the week of May 19-25, 2013 as Classified School Employees Week.