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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 July 16, 2013 Board of Trustees Meeting

REPORTS

Superintendent/President

Dr. Geraldine M. Perri, superintendent/president, began her report with a presentation of the Above and Beyond – Classified Development (ABCD) Award. The award was presented to Mr. Mike Ramos, facilities access technician. Dr. Perri said Mr. Ramos is known for his continuous desire to expand his knowledge base of facilities management and his willingness to take on extra tasks. His colleagues say he has a great attitude and is always willing to help fellow staff members. Mike is also an adjunct faculty member in Social and Behavioral Sciences, teaching classes such as Introduction to Psychology, Abnormal Psychology and Introduction to Social Psychology. Board President Susan M. Keith presented the “Hootie” trophy to Mr. Ramos, saying he does a great job for the college. She thanked and congratulated him on behalf of the board. CSEA President Robert Coutts congratulated Mr. Ramos on behalf of the classified staff, and he said they appreciate the support and recognition of the board, Dr. Perri, managers and supervisors/confidential employees.

Dr. Perri said the special informational reports on the agenda reflect a year’s work and effort on the part of various individuals and committees throughout the college. She thanked Mr. Jim Woolum, past program review coordinator, and Ms. Roberta Eisel, incoming program review coordinator, for their efforts in preparing the college’s new program review process. The highlights of the final progress report on the Annual Implementation Plan, which will also be presented, detail the many activities and strategies that have been implemented this past year to advance 50 objectives of the college’s Strategic Plan. She thanked Dr. Lan Hao, director of institutional research, for her efforts in coordinating the Annual Implementation Plan and Progress Report.

Dr. Perri was pleased to report the college’s standing in *Community College Week’s* most recent rankings on the nation’s top-producing community colleges. Using data gathered from the 2011-2012 year, the publication ranked Citrus College 36 out of the top 100 producers of associate degrees awarded to Hispanic students; 60 out of the top 100 producers of associate degrees awarded to minority students; 68 out of the top 100 producers of associate degrees awarded to Asian students; 23 out of the top 50 producers of associate degrees awarded in multi/interdisciplinary studies; 37 out of the top 50 producers of associate degrees awarded in parks, recreation, leisure and fitness; and 38 out of the top 50 producers in nursing.

Board President Susan M. Keith thanked Dr. Perri and said the college just received some additional good news. She said Dr. Perri has been selected by Congresswoman Judy Chu as “Educator of the Year” for the 27th Congressional District.

Academic Affairs

Dr. Arvid Spor, vice president of student services/interim vice president of academic affairs, provided an update on Bridges to Success and College Success programs. He said summer planning retreats are currently being organized for two of the most active programs. The Learning Community Faculty Summer Planning Retreat will take place July 26, and the Faculty Leads Summer Retreat is scheduled for August 16.

Dr. Spor said the Citrus College High Altitude Balloon and Rocket Owls teams conducted a four-hour workshop for Glendora students, grades three through five, with 23 elementary students in attendance. They had the opportunity to build their own rocket and then launch and recover them on the baseball field.

Student Services

Dr. Spor reported that Counseling has been very busy offering assessment and orientation Monday through Thursday. Immediately following testing, students attend a workshop called College 101, which teaches them how to access their Citrus e-mail and WingSpan. Students have the option of completing orientation online or in person. To offset the tremendous number of requests for appointments, counseling faculty are offering several other types of counseling assistance. These include a “Triage Station” for prerequisite clearances, assessment concerns and placement; “Course Planning Sessions” that teach new students how to choose classes for their first semester; “Registration Assistance Sessions” that provide open workshops with advisor to help students; and “Advisor Questions and Answer Sessions” that assist students with frequently asked questions.

Dr. Spor said Citrus College is the 10th college in the California Community College system to go live with Open CCCApply. Currently, the college has received 1,237 applications using the new application. He said CCCApply will generate savings of approximately \$15,000 a year.

Human Resources

Dr. Robert Sammis, director of human resources, provided details of the annual Human Resources retreat. He said the staff identified Human Resources' presence on the Internet and Intranet as an issue they would like focus on for the coming year. During the retreat, they explored a number of related topics and came up with some good ideas.

COMMENTS

Academic Senate

Ms. Lisa Villa, academic senate president for 2013-2014, introduced herself to the board and announced the names of the faculty members who will serve on the incoming executive board. The officers are: Mr. John Vaughan, vice president/president elect; Mr. Alfie Swan, secretary; Ms. Laura Villegas, treasurer; Ms. Patricia Lawrence, CCFA liaison; Ms. Nicki Shaw, curriculum chair; and Mr. Jim Woolum, past president. Ms. Villa is looking forward to working with the institution she has come to call "my second family."

Classified School Employees Association

Mr. Coutts said Owl Bookstore Operations Coordinator Mr. Mike Bilbrey is running for president of the California School Employees Association. Mr. Bilbrey currently serves as 1st vice president of CSEA. Later this year, he will also be running for re-election as a CalPERS Administrative Board Member, a position he currently holds. Mr. Coutts said he and two other chapter delegates are looking forward to representing Citrus College and voting for Mr. Bilbrey at the 87th Annual CSEA Conference, which will take place at the end of July.

Members of the Board of Trustees

Trustee Gary L. Woods, board member, read a statement addressing past statements by CCFA leaders at board meetings and in newspapers. He stated that the comments were full of half-truths and misrepresentations. He stated that he was offended by comments that he was not faculty friendly, and that he received his Master's in Education, that he had been a faculty member in the L.A. inner city schools for 8 years, and a community college faculty member for 35 years receiving several awards for his service and teaching. In addition, he stated that the nepotism policy was deeply flawed, for example the policy lists cousins, but does not state the degree of cousins, and that many employees are related on campus. He stated that this policy hurts the faculty and the leaders should have opposed this policy. Also, he stated that in regard to trustees having computers, the President/Superintendent requested the trustees to have computers in order to stay connected with the college. Dr. Woods stated that the computer he has is currently 10 years old, and has a market value of \$27 on e-bay. He stated that he was amazed that Dr. Ortell would be attacked on having his computer serviced since he has a desktop computer that is very heavy causing even a healthy person to have trouble carrying it in for repairs and that Dr. Ortell is handicapped, making it extremely difficult to carry it into the campus.

Trustee Patricia Rasmussen, board vice president, commented on a brochure from the Haugh Performing Arts Center announcing their upcoming season. She said it is a beautiful publication.

As the board's representative to the Citrus College Foundation, Trustee Rasmussen reported on the Foundation board retreat. She said the board celebrated the success of the past year and planned for the future. Trustee Rasmussen highlighted several accomplishments by the Foundation last year, including awarding more than \$100,000 in scholarship assistance to students and providing \$25,000 to faculty through the mini-grant process. She also provided details of plans for a productive year ahead.

Board President Keith reported on the California Community College Trustees (CCCT) first board meeting for the 2013-2014 year. She said CCCT, along with the Chief Executive Officers of the California Community Colleges (CEOCCC), is the governance and policy board of the Community College League of California (CCLC). Board President Keith said they worked through a large agenda, and topics included education issues, legislation, finance and emergency preparedness. A topic of particular interest to the board was SB 440. This bill would, among other things expand the provisions of the Student Transfer Achievement Reform Act (STAR) to require that California community colleges create associate transfer degrees in every major and require that the California State University accept these degrees. Board President Keith concluded her report with positive comments about the meeting and the new CCCT board.

COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE

Mr. George Yin, attorney with the Kaufman Legal Group representing Dr. Woods, expressed concerns about jurisdictional issues related to the board's Ad Hoc Advisory Committee formed to consider the residency of the board member who represents trustee area one. Mr. Yin said this type of matter is handled by a quo warranto action, a process specified in law.

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

Dr. Spor introduced Ms. Eisel, incoming program review coordinator, who provided an overview of the new program review model, where programs complete the core annual report plus one addendum in each of four years. The new model will enhance alignment of program review with other college planning processes.

Dr. Spor and Dr. Hao provided highlights of the 2012-2013 Annual Implementation Plan and Progress Report that documents collegewide achievements for the second year of the college's 2011-2016 Strategic Plan.

Dr. Spor explained revisions to 10 Administrative Policies. Mrs. Carol R. Horton, vice president of finance and administrative services, explained revisions to one administrative procedure. Administrative Procedures are regularly reviewed and updated to align with recommendations developed in conjunction with CCLC.

BOARD ACTION

The board approved 13 action items, including the reappointment of Dr. Bernard "Bo" Bollinger and Ms. Sharon Lewis to serve two-year terms on the Measure G Citizens Oversight Committee.