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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 August 13, 2013 Board of Trustees Meeting

REPORTS

Superintendent/President

Dr. Geraldine M. Perri, superintendent/president, was very pleased to announce that the college has been notified that the Dental Assisting Program received approval from the American Dental Association for continued accreditation. She commended Ms. Claudia Pohl, dental assisting instructor, for her efforts and excellent leadership of the program. She also extended her appreciation to the faculty and staff who work hard to ensure the program's continued success.

Dr. Perri said new and returning student registration appointments have been completed and the college is slightly up in FTES. An additional 200 sections have been added. She said the college has been very active in recruiting students, and they are watching enrollment closely.

Dr. Perri was pleased to report that Citrus College recently received word that it was one of only five of the 72 community college districts in California to achieve 100 percent of its target in developing associate degrees for transfer (ADT). ADTs simplify the transfer process for students entering the California State University (CSU) system and meet the requirements for community colleges to develop transfer pathways to CSU as part of the Student Transfer Achievement Reform Act (SB 1440) of 2010. Dr. Perri thanked Mr. Raul Sanchez, counselor and ADT coordinator; Ms. Kathy Bueno, administrative secretary II; and the Curriculum Committee for their work in helping the college achieve its goal.

Regarding upcoming college events, Dr. Perri said the Citrus College Foundation will host "Commitment to Completion" Scholarship and Donor Appreciation Celebration" on August 15. The event will honor more than 180 students who will receive scholarships ranging in amounts from \$250 to \$2,500. Dr. Perri also invited everyone to attend Convocation on August 23. The theme, "The Road to Completion," will address obstacles students face and how the college community can support students in completing their academic goals.

Academic Affairs

Dr. Arvid Spor, vice president of student services/interim vice president of academic affairs, reported that training for instructional program review is set for August 19. The college will "train the trainers" to be local experts in preparation for Convocation, when instructional programs will be working on program reviews.

Dr. Spor said the Citrus College Cosmetology Program once again participated at the annual Foothill Unity Back to School event, where they provided haircuts and manicures to children who attend schools in the local communities.

Student Services

Dr. Spor reported that the Center for Teacher Excellence is working with the University of La Verne (ULV) to offer two camps for future teachers in August. At the first camp, which took place at ULV, the students learned about mobile application learning tools, electronic portfolios, flipping the classroom and how to use QR codes. The Summer Technology Camp, which will take place at Citrus College, covers the use of iPads in the classroom, Blackboard, Google Docs, social media and ethics for teachers, and other topics.

Dr. Spor said CalWORKs is now part of priority registration. CalWORKs students should be able to access priority registration by winter 2014.

COMMENTS

Academic Senate

Ms. Lisa Villa, academic senate president for 2013-2014, said the Academic Senate has been busy this summer e-mailing faulty new legislation that will have an impact on them. They have also drafted a resolution to honor retiring faculty member Mr. Darrell Carr, photography instructor, at the first meeting that will take place on Convocation. The Academic Senate will also be initiating a first-read for changes to the constitution and by-laws.

Classified School Employees Association

CSEA President Mr. Robert Coutts said representatives from the local CSEA chapter attended the CSEA state conference, where they elected five state association officers. In addition, Citrus College Bookstore Operations Coordinator Mr. Mike Bilbrey was elected as the state association president. They also had the opportunity to meet the new CSEA Area G Director Mr. John Nieto. Ms. Cathy Day, Citrus College's CSEA public relations officer, volunteered to serve as the Area G representative on the CSEA Community College Committee. Area G colleges include Citrus College, Rio Hondo College, Mt. San Antonio College, Cerritos College and Pasadena City College.

Mr. Coutts added that he attended several trainings and seminars at the conference and was able to complete his Level Three Training as part of the Chapter President Leadership Program.

Members of the Board of Trustees

Student Trustee Mariana Vega reported ASCC will be holding their retreat for the executive board August 19-21. The Inter-Club Council met on August 12 to prepare for the fall semester.

Student Trustee Vega said she will attend the Student Trustee Workshop in Anaheim on August 16 and 17. She thanked the board for giving her the opportunity to participate and Ms. Christine Link, executive assistant, for making the arrangements.

Trustee Joanne Montgomery, board clerk/secretary, said she was pleased to attend Congresswoman Judy Chu's Fourth Annual DiverCities celebration where Dr. Perri was honored as Educator of the Year.

Trustee Montgomery also attended Foothill Unity's Back to School event. She said about 200 Citrus College cosmetology students, faculty and staff participated, giving haircuts and manicures to school children. She said it is a very worthwhile and inspiring event. Trustee Montgomery also thanked students from the *Clarion* who were there to cover the event this year.

Trustee Patricia Rasmussen, board vice president, said she attended Congresswoman Chu's DiverCities celebration, and she congratulated Dr. Perri on being an honoree at the event. Trustee Rasmussen also attended a Citrus College Summer Theatre performance of *The Mousetrap*. She commented on the excellent performances and the set.

Trustee Rasmussen thanked Dr. Lan Hao, director of institutional research, for the research project done in spring 2013 by the Office of Institutional Research and the Institutional Research and Planning Committee. The project was done to better understand the student experience at Citrus College and to identify their learning needs. Trustee Rasmussen said it was a great project, and it exhibits a tremendous amount of work.

Dr. Rasmussen commented on an article in the *Los Angeles Times* published last month regarding San Jose State University's online learning experiment. The article discusses the promises and pitfalls of online learning. She said it is interesting commentary on classroom versus distance education.

Board President Susan M. Keith congratulated all those whose efforts contributed to the college reaching 100 percent of its target goal for developing ADTs. Based on her conversations with trustees from other colleges, she said Citrus College has been successful in fulfilling this requirement of SB 1440, while many other community colleges are struggling to meet their goals.

COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE

Ms. Shawn Millner, a candidate for trustee area one, introduced herself to the board. She said she has lived in Azusa for 17 years, and she is a graduate of Citrus College. She asked the board to reconsider their action taken at the July meeting to extend the term of the ad hoc advisory committee, formed to consider residency concerns regarding trustee area one, until September 30, 2013.

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

Dr. Spor introduced Dr. Marianne Smith, director grant project director Race to STEM, who provided an update on the STEM grants as required by the funding sources.

Dr. Robert Sammis, director of human resources, provided an overview of two new professional development programs. He said the Summer Professional Development Series was implemented in the summer of 2013, and the Classified Employee Enrichment Program will be a comprehensive yearlong enrichment program for classified staff.

Dr. Spor introduced Mr. James Lancaster, dean of curriculum, career, technical and continuing education, who provided an update on significant workforce development programs at the state, regional and local levels.

Administrative Procedure 5075, Course Adds and Drops, was on the agenda for information only.

Citrus College attorney Chris Keeler provided a procedural update on a report that will be issued by the board's ad hoc committee formed to consider residency issues related to trustee area one. Mr. Keeler said he is still in the fact-gathering stage, and he is working with the attorney representing Trustee Gary L. Woods, board member, in what he described as a voluntary process to gather information.

BOARD ACTION

The board approved eight action items, including the appointment of Mr. Tyler Hernandez as the student representative to the Measure G Citizens Oversight Committee and eight board policies.