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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 October 15, 2013 Board of Trustees Meeting

REPORTS

Superintendent/President

Dr. Geraldine M. Perri, superintendent/president, reported that, with the passage of AB 86 earlier this year, the state will be awarding \$25 million in planning grants to local consortia, made up of at least one community college district and one K-12 adult education provider, to enhance coordination and collaboration between community colleges and schools regarding adult education. An invitation has been sent to superintendents and directors of adult education in our K-12 districts to meet with Mr. James Lancaster, dean of curriculum, career, technical and continuing education; Dr. Arvid Spor, vice president of student services/interim vice president of academic affairs; and Dr. Perri to explore the topic.

Dr. Perri was pleased to announce that Ms. Roberta Eisel, language arts instructor, has been appointed by the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges to its Accreditation Committee for the 2013-2014 academic year. This will be Ms. Eisel's third term on the statewide committee.

Dr. Perri was also pleased to report that Mr. Darrell Carr, retired photography instructor, was among those honored at the Duarte Education Foundation "It Takes a Village" event. This annual event celebrates educators and students, as well as the foundation's successful relationship with Citrus College. Dr. Perri congratulated Mr. Carr, and she thanked Trustee Gary L. Woods, board member; Trustee Edward C. Ortell, board member; and Trustee Joanne Montgomery, board clerk/secretary, for attending the event.

Dr. Perri introduced the Steering Committee Highlights, a new, online college communication intended to showcase the activities and actions of the committee. The highlights will be distributed collegewide after each Steering Committee meeting and will be accessible on the Governance at Citrus College website, along with the agenda and minutes for each meeting. Dr. Perri thanked Ms. Patricia Robidoux, administrative assistant, and TeCS for their efforts in creating the Steering Committee Highlights.

Labor leader and civil rights activist Dolores Huerta came to the college on October 8 as part of the college's Hispanic Heritage Day celebration. Ms. Huerta encouraged greater community involvement and activism, voter participation, and tolerance. Dr. Perri said her message was enthusiastically received by the over 400 members of the audience. She thanked Ms. Adrienne Thompson, student life and leadership development supervisor, and the ASCC leadership for arranging for the visit.

Academic Affairs

Dr. Samuel Lee, dean of language arts and enrollment management, reported on Academic Affairs activities. The STEM program will hold its annual Careers in Math and Science workshop on October 30.

Dr. Lee said faculty members Ms. Victoria Dominguez, math instructor, and Ms. Rebecca Rudd, English instructor, are seeing great success in their Fast Track Learning Community. The success rate is 20 percent higher than the average math class. Ms. Dominguez and Ms. Rudd will be sharing the results and their methodologies with their departments.

The *Clarion* recently attended the Journalism Association of Community Colleges fall conference. In addition to numerous individual awards, Dr. Lee said the *Clarion* once again won two General Excellence awards, the highest award possible, for its newspaper and website publications.

Student Services

Dr. Martha McDonald, interim executive dean, reported on recent and upcoming Student Services activities. The Health Center will be holding several events in October, including a women's self-defense class, a blood glucose and cholesterol screening, and a nutrition lecture.

Dr. McDonald said the Transfer Center helped 135 students submit a University of California TAG application for fall 2014. This is an increase of 62 students over fall 2013. The College of Completion Fair took place on October 17, with approximately 55 universities and various Citrus College programs. UCLA Day at Citrus College will be October 25. There will also be Resume, Career Planning, and Choosing a Major workshops available through the Career/Transfer Center during the fall 2013 semester. Dr. McDonald said a Career Center goal for 2013-2014 is to enhance career series modules to help students identify an educational goal and/or program of study early.

Human Resources

Dr. Robert Sammis, director of human resources, reported that the Classified Staff Development cohort has taken the first of three Strengths Quest modules. They followed up with a brown bag lunch to

discuss what they learned and how to apply it. The training is being done by Dr. Keith Hall from Azusa Pacific University. The second module will take place in January 2014.

COMMENTS

Academic Senate

Ms. Lisa Villa, academic senate president, said that Mr. John Vaughan, vice president/president elect, and she will be attending the statewide Academic Senate Area C meeting this week. Ms. Villa joined Dr. Perri in congratulating Ms. Eisel on her appointment to the state Academic Senate Accreditation Committee. Ms. Villa said our local Academic Senate continued to review policies and procedures with changes generated by the Student Success Act mandates. After attending numerous meetings on this topic, she said she appreciates the honest discussion and genuine concern for students exhibited by all constituencies collegewide.

Classified School Employees Association

CSEA Vice President Ms. Kai Wattree-Jackson said, during the CSEA Chapter 101 meeting last week, their members nominated the current executive board to serve for a second term next year.

The chapter met the alternate Area G director candidates at their last meeting. They cast their vote for Azusa Unified School District CSEA President Amber Sanchez. They are awaiting the results of the election from their state field office.

Members of the Board of Trustees

Student Trustee Mariana Vega said she joined Trustee Woods and Dr. Spor for the Azusa Golden Days parade. She said it was a good event with a great turnout.

Trustee Patricia Rasmussen, board vice president, said the recent STEM symposium was amazing and very inspiring. She said the lives of students are being changed as a result of the program.

Trustee Rasmussen and Ms. Chris Garcia, director of the Foundation, attended a Glendora Unified School District board meeting, where the board learned about La Fetra Elementary School students visiting Citrus College in May 2013. The report was well received. Trustee Rasmussen said La Fetra's 4th and 5th grade students have adopted Citrus College.

Board President Keith recently attended a Regional Advocacy Convening at Mt. San Antonio College presented by the Community College League of California (CCLC) and the Community College Public Relations Organization (CCPRO). She said CCLC's advocacy focus for this year will be to boldly and bluntly confront the issue of equity in higher educational opportunity and to work for financial aid resources that will enable all students to attend full-time, which equates to higher student achievement. In addition, CCLC will address the inequities in the Cal Grant program, which currently awards \$1,473 a year to public community college Cal Grant B students who are also on BOG waivers, while students at proprietary institutions receive \$9,223. CCLC believes additional work study resources would help. CCLC will also address reducing the number of students needing remediation through pre-assessment review, K-12 articulation, and alternatives to traditional basic skills sequencing. Board President Keith added that Citrus College is already successfully implementing alternatives to traditional basic skills sequencing.

Board President Keith also related information on the state budget framework that was discussed at a higher education stakeholder meeting. The proposed framework includes the need for predictable funding; additional investment in student support at the pre-entry and entry levels; building on the Student Success Task Force and the metrics established by the system, including equity in outcomes; local flexibility to best serve students; and alignment across all segments.

Regarding the last California Community College Trustees (CCCT) meeting, Board President Keith said CCLC is discussing the possibility of reorganizing and merging its CEO and CCCT boards. There have been concerns expressed about the proposal.

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

Dr. Perri announced that Mr. Ron Livingston, information technology support specialist III, is the fourth recipient of the ABCD award. Some of his characteristics that make him a good choice for the award include the fact that he leads by example, is dependable, and he demonstrates a strong work ethic. Board President Keith presented Mr. Livingston with the "Hootie" trophy, and she thanked him for all that he does for Citrus College. On behalf of the classified staff, Ms. Wattree-Jackson congratulated Mr. Livingston. She said the classified staff appreciates the recognition of their service through the ABCD award.

Dr. Lan Hao, director of institutional research, and Dr. McDonald presented highlights of the 2013-2014 Annual Implementation Plan (AIP), which is part of the Citrus College Strategic Plan for 2011-2016. This marks the third year of implementation of the college's five-year strategic plan.

Mrs. Carol R. Horton, vice president of finance and administrative services, presented information on a resolution authorizing the issuance and sale of Citrus College general obligation bonds, election 2004, series 2013D, in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$29,004,698. In accordance with AB 182, this information must be presented twice, and the board must understand the payback ratio. The resolution will go to the board at its November meeting.

The Program Plan for Extended Opportunities Programs and Services (EOP&S) for 2013-2014 was presented to the board for information only. The Chancellor's Office requires that EOP&S submit a plan on an annual basis.

BOARD ACTION

The board approved four action items, including a contract between the Chancellor's Office and Citrus College for Proposition 29 program implementation.