

Board Highlights



Highlights of the February 4, 2014 Board of Trustees Meeting

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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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Official meeting minutes are available in the Superintendent/President's Office.

REPORTS

Superintendent/President

Dr. Geraldine M. Perri, superintendent/president, was pleased to introduce Ms. Claudette Dain, the college's new vice president of finance and administrative services. Ms. Dain comes to Citrus College from North Orange County Community College District, where she served as the vice president of administrative services for Fullerton College, as well as the district director of fiscal affairs. Ms. Dain is a Certified Public Accountant, and she holds a master's degree in business administration from Cal State Dominguez Hills and a bachelor's degree in accounting from Cal Poly Pomona. Board President Patricia A. Rasmussen welcomed Ms. Dain on behalf of the board.

Dr. Perri said enrollment for spring is going very well. There are 1,103 sections, 50 more than last spring; the fill rate is currently 84.63 percent; and headcount is at 11,617. She thanked Dr. Arvid Spor, vice president of student services/interim vice president of academic affairs and commended the deans on their efforts to enroll students.

The Citrus College Foundation recently hosted a President's Circle for Completion Breakfast. Attendees included donors, prospects, members of the board of trustees, and the Foundation Board of Directors. They received information on the state of the college, the College of Completion initiative, and the President's Circle recognition process for donors to the College of Completion. Dr. Perri said the attendees expressed their appreciation, and many provided financial support for the College of Completion as a result. Dr. Perri thanked Ms. Chris Garcia, foundation director, and her staff for the nice event.

The Foundation also hosted the first of five events for the district's communities. Claremont was the first city to participate in the outreach effort, and leaders from education, government and business came to campus for a luncheon and tour. Similar events are being planned for the four other communities. Dr. Perri thanked all those involved in coordinating the event.

Dr. Perri invited the board and the college community to attend FLEX Day on February 18. During lunch, there will be a panel discussion on emergency preparedness and "active shooter" information presented by Santa Monica College. Dr. Perri thanked Dr. Eric Rabitoy, dean of natural and physical sciences and library services, and his staff for coordinating FLEX Day.

Academic Affairs

Dr. Spor expressed his appreciation to the deans and Technology and Computer Services staff for their efforts with regard to enrollment.

Dr. Spor was pleased to report that about 20 students from the Research in Science Education (RISE) program and the college's honors program were accepted to present research at the University of California, Irvine's Honors Undergraduate Research Conference in April. This will be the largest delegation at this event since the college began attending the conference 13 years ago. In addition, the Citrus College Beta Nu Eta chapter of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society will be hosting a regional convention for the California/Nevada region at Cal Poly Pomona in March.

Student Services

Dr. Spor reported that the Early Decision Outreach for district high school students would begin in April and run through May. Dr. Spor said the program, now in its third year, has grown in popularity. It began with 50 students per district high school and is now offered to 150 students per district high school.

Dr. Spor said Dr. Shauna Bigby, college nurse, was nominated for the Community Health Advocate Award presented by the Pasadena Health Department and Aspires West, a community based partnership. The award recognizes individuals who make significant contributions to the Public Health Department and the community.

Finance and Administrative Services

Ms. Dain said she is excited to be part of the Citrus College community. She said it is a great time to be involved in community college education. The Governor's budget is promising, and she will continue to monitor its progress and keep the board updated on developments.

COMMENTS

Academic Senate

Ms. Lisa Villa, academic senate president, welcomed Ms. Dain on behalf of the faculty. She reported that the Academic Senate will hold their first general meeting on February 26th. The executive committee has been busy throughout the winter intersession responding to various requests for faculty participation on topics within the senate's purview, including hiring panels. They are looking forward to a productive spring semester.

Classified School Employees Association

CSEA President Robert Coutts thanked Dr. Perri for granting release time for classified staff to attend FLEX Day activities. They are also coordinating with the CSEA field office to present two workshops on campus. "Know Your Rights" will take place on February 5, and there will be a Site/Department Representative seminar on February 19.

On behalf of classified staff, Mr. Coutts welcomed Ms. Dain to Citrus College.

Members of the Board of Trustees

Student Trustee Mariana Vega attended the annual Community College League of California Legislative (CCLC) Conference in Sacramento and said it was a very rewarding experience. As a result of one of the workshops, she has been motivated to work with ASCC to distribute financial aid FAFSA applications to Citrus College students.

Trustee Susan M. Keith, board member, thanked everyone who was involved in producing the *Citrus College News Magazine*. She also expressed her appreciation to Mr. John Vaughan, interim director of the Haugh Performing Arts Center, for bringing new and innovative entertainment from groups outside the college to Citrus College audiences.

Trustee Keith reported on the Los Angeles County School Trustees Association (LACSTA) meeting. She said LACSTA is making great strides in bringing community colleges and K-12 districts together. They have heard three presentations on the Governor's adult education initiative, and their consortium is a leader in vetting this issue. She thanked Mr. James Lancaster, dean of curriculum, career, technical and continuing education for his work in this area.

Trustee Keith thanked Dr. Perri, Ms. Garcia, and those who coordinated the luncheon for distinguished representatives and citizens of Claremont. She said it was a very successful event that garnered rave reviews from those in attendance.

Trustee Keith said the overall tone of the recent CCLC conference was optimistic. The theme was consistent with Citrus College's College of Completion initiative with regard to doing everything possible to help students succeed. She said there was a spirit of collaboration between all segments of higher education, as exhibited by one panel discussion, where leaders from the California Community Colleges, the California State University, the University of California, and private institutions spoke of the need to work together.

Trustee Joanne Montgomery, board vice president, said the CCLC conference was exceptional. She was especially impressed with the opening and closing speakers, who focused on closing the achievement gap. Following the conference, the Citrus College delegation went to the Capitol to meet with Assemblymember Chris Holden to discuss a variety of issues, including his legislation on concurrent enrollment.

Trustee Montgomery thanked Dr. Spor for attending the Monrovia Chamber of Commerce installation dinner.

Trustee Edward C. Ortell, board member, expressed his appreciation to those who maintain the college's readiness to deal with emergencies. Given the recent fires and the campus shootings that are continually in the news, he said it is good to know the college is well trained and ready to respond.

Trustee Barbara R. Dickerson, board clerk/secretary, thanked faculty and administrators for restructuring course offerings to create a Friday/Saturday schedule. She said she is confident it will lead to greater participation and success for students, as well as greater utilization of campus facilities.

Trustee Dickerson applauded Student Trustee Vega for taking information she received at the CCLC conference and turning it into action, by working to distribute FAFSA applications to fellow students.

Trustee Dickerson thanked Dr. Perri and all of the staff who have responded to her requests for data. This has assisted her in responding to requests and questions from her community.

Trustee Dickerson attended a session at the CCLC conference on accreditation and noted that accreditation teams will be looking for targets the college sets for itself. She found the conference session on concurrent enrollment to be very interesting and a possible way to increase student success and completion. She was also very interested in the discussion of career pathways. She said career pathways are a great way to align high schools, community colleges, and the business community.

Board President Rasmussen thanked Ms. Garcia and Foundation Board President Tom Gerfen for helping to organize a recent event at a local restaurant for the benefit of our Veterans Program. A number of Citrus College employees participated, and the event brought in new clientele for the restaurant. She said it was a "win-win" for everyone involved.

Board President Rasmussen toured the Administration Building and said it will be a very nice facility that will provide increased accessibility.

Board President Rasmussen is looking forward to attending the Scholar Baller recognition and honoring student athletes for their academic success.

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

Mr. Bernard Bollinger, chair of the Measure G Citizens' Oversight Committee, presented the committee's annual report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013. Mr. Bollinger introduced the members of the committee who were in attendance, including Ms. Sharon Lewis, Mr. John Lundstrom, Mr. Edmund Richardson, Ms. Helen Storland, and Mr. Tyler Hernandez. He also thanked Mrs. Carol R. Horton, former vice president for finance and administrative services, for her leadership. Mr. Bollinger added that the college has completed an impressive list of facilities projects over the past ten years.

Mrs. Horton made a presentation regarding the possible issuance and sale of general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$29,004,698 as part of Measure G, which passed by the voters in 2004. Mr. Rod Carter and Ms. Christina Long from RBC Capital Markets and Ms. Lisalee Wells, bond counsel from Nixon Peabody LLP, were on hand to answer questions. At the March 18, 2014 board meeting, the board will consider a resolution for action.

BOARD ACTION

The board approved six action items, including the Quarterly Financial Status Report for the fiscal quarter ended December 31, 2013 and two board policies.