

# Board Highlights



CitrusCollege

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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 May 27, 2014 Board of Trustees Meeting

## REPORTS

### Superintendent/President

Dr. Geraldine M. Perri, superintendent/president, welcomed Fariyah Chowdhury as the new student trustee for the 2014-2015 academic year. She said Ms. Chowdhury has served on the ASCC executive board, has been a Student Ambassador, was past vice president of leadership of Phi Theta Kappa Honors Society, and is a member of the Citrus Cosmic Research Team. During her tenure as student trustee, Ms. Chowdhury, who is studying civil engineering, plans to focus on increasing the presence of women in the fields of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM).

Dr. Perri was pleased to congratulate Dr. David Kary, astronomy faculty, for being named Distinguished Faculty for 2014.

Dr. Perri attended the recent memorial ceremony and open house at the Veterans Success Center. She said the new Veterans Success Center has received positive feedback from the college community and from community partners. She thanked Board President Patricia A. Rasmussen; Trustee Joanne Montgomery, board vice president; and Trustee Barbara R. Dickerson, board clerk/secretary, for their attendance at this event.

### Academic Affairs

Dr. Arvid Spor, vice president of student services/interim vice president of academic affairs, reported that the Citrus Rocket Owls successfully completed the NASA Student Launch Program. They were one of 16 teams, out of an original 26, to pass all of the completion milestones successfully, finish the program, and be allowed to launch their rocket at Bonneville Salt Flats in May. The Rocket Owls competed against students from four-year colleges and universities, and they were one of only two community colleges that made it into the final group. In addition, the Rocket Owls were commended for exceeding the norm in the required K-12 outreach component.

Dr. Spor said 41 students have been selected to participate in the summer research experience, which will take place at seven partner sites, including the Jet Propulsion Laboratory, the City of Hope, Chapman University, Cal State Fullerton, Cal Poly Pomona, Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Gardens and the Oak Crest Institute of Science.

Dr. Spor announced that the annual Transfer Achievement Reception will take place on June 5 and will recognize the achievements of students who are transferring to four-year institutions in the fall. Dr. Spor also announced that 393 students have applied for scholarships, and due to new software, they have been auto-matched with 4,696 available scholarships.

Dr. Spor read the biographies of Ms. Renee Liskey, an adjunct dance instructor at Citrus College, who is being recommended for the tenure track position of dance instructor and Ms. Natalie Desimone, an adjunct counselor at Citrus College, who is being recommended for the tenure track position of counselor.

### Finance and Administrative Services

Ms. Claudette Dain, vice president of finance and administrative services, reported highlights of the Governor's May Revise. The Governor has adjusted downward many of his January budget proposals. For access (restoration) funding, the Governor proposes 2.75 percent, down from 3 percent, and for COLA, he proposes 0.85 percent, down from 0.86 percent. Regarding the CalSTRS funding plan, he now proposes the plan take effect on July 1, 2014 instead of July 1, 2015. The employer contribution rate will be increased 1.25 percent, which will cost Citrus College \$300,000 for the first year, and there will be an ongoing 1.6 percent increase in subsequent years, which means an annual cost to the college of \$355,000. The Governor proposes to raise employees' contributions by 0.15 percent. He also proposes a one-time increase to the Economic and Workforce Development Program; one-time and ongoing increases for increased technology infrastructure; a decrease of \$27 million from his original proposal for scheduled maintenance—with no 50/50 split; and a decrease in proposed funding of \$1.5 million for Proposition 39 energy funds.

Ms. Dain said both the Senate and the Assembly Budget Subcommittees have met, and they have taken a coordinated approach. They proposed augmentations to the Governor's May Revision in the following areas: scheduled maintenance, DSP&S, EOPS, CalWORKs, apprenticeships, Economic and Workforce Development, part-time faculty office hours, and student success for basic skills. They are also recommending a COLA of 1.7 percent; conversion of part-time faculty to full-time faculty; and repayment of prior year mandate claims.

Ms. Dain said the next step in the budget process would be the convening of the Budget Conference Committee the first week of June. Passage of a final budget is expected on or before June 30.

## COMMENTS

### Academic Senate

Ms. Lisa Villa, academic senate president, provided an update on curriculum. She said the deadline for community colleges to submit course identification (CID) verifications has been extended from June 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015. Ms. Villa said the deadline of December 31, 2014 for colleges to have 100 percent of their associate degrees for transfer (ADT) approved remains in effect. She said Citrus College has done an outstanding job of meeting these requirements, and at the last Curriculum Committee meeting, they approved the last ADT to fulfill 100 percent of the college's obligation.

### Members of the Board of Trustees

Student Trustee Chowdhury thanked the board for their warm welcome. Regarding student activities, ASCC recently hosted a blood drive, and they are currently working on a transfer project where a large banner will be hung in the Campus Center Mall with the names of transfer students and their transfer institutions. ASCC has also donated \$5,000 to the Institute for Completion. ASCC elections will take place June 4 and 5. Student Trustee Chowdhury thanked the faculty, staff and administration for being supportive of student activities and for encouraging their participation in shared governance.

Trustee Montgomery said this is a busy time at Citrus College, with many events taking place, such as the K-12 Education Forum, the Veterans Success Center Open House and the Honors Program recognition ceremony. She said the most exciting aspect of these events is to hear from the students about their successes and accomplishments. Trustee Montgomery thanked the faculty and staff for their significant contributions to student success, which is evidenced by the numerous special recognitions, the number of transfers, and the certificates and degrees, that are awarded at Commencement.

Trustee Montgomery also congratulated and welcomed the newly tenured faculty, and she bid farewell to all of the retirees.

Trustee Dickerson applauded all of the recent college events that highlight student success, such as the Veterans Success Center Open House and the Honors Program recognition ceremony. She congratulated the students and programs featured in the *Clarion*, including the third-year music majors, the student athletes who have received scholarships to continue their education, and the award-winning *Clarion* website.

Trustee Edward C. Ortell, board member, said the recent K-14 Education Forum at Citrus College was an exciting workshop. He said the event brought together board members, superintendents, high school principals, and administrators from each of the college's K-12 unified school districts to discuss ideas on how to improve their students' college readiness and completion. Two guest speakers and Dr. Perri presented information, and all of the districts participated in roundtable discussions. Dr. Ortell expressed his appreciation to the Citrus College vice presidents, deans and administrators for attending and providing their expertise and input. He also thanked Ms. Linda Welz, chief information services officer, and her staff for organizing the workshop. Trustee Susan M. Keith, board member, agreed with Trustee Ortell's comments regarding the K-14 Education Forum, saying it was a very good event.

Trustee Keith provided an update on the California Community College Trustees (CCCT) board, to which she is an elected representative. She said a plan to reorganize the CCCT board has been under discussion for the past several months. The plan, which was publically presented at the Community College League of California (CCLC) Trustees' Conference in May, would significantly decrease the number of trustees on the CCCT board and change the way in which trustees are elected to the board. Trustee Keith said a series of meetings to present the plan had been scheduled across the state, but they have now been canceled.

Trustee Keith said there is always a plethora of legislation to consider at each CCCT meeting, especially legislation regarding accreditation and the challenges faced by City College of San Francisco. Given the large number of sanctions colleges across the state are receiving, Trustee Keith suggested that CCLC provide information to all community college trustees so they can better understand the reasons.

Trustee Keith said she is pleased to be the board's appointed liaison for the college's accreditation self-evaluation. She provided an overview of the last co-leads meeting, which she said was well attended and engaging. Trustee Keith appreciates the leadership of Dr. Spor and Ms. Roberta Eisel, accreditation co-chair, and she asked the board to continue to encourage and support the collegewide effort.

Trustee Keith praised the Citrus Singers for their end-of-the-year show, saying the production was highly professional and could easily have performed on Broadway. She added that she is looking forward to celebrating the accomplishments of all Citrus College students in the coming weeks.

Board President Rasmussen agreed with Trustee Keith's praise of the Citrus Singers and she expressed her appreciation to the faculty staff and students involved in the program. Board President Rasmussen also gave kudos to Dr. Lan Hao, director of institutional research, on her follow-up study of the Community College Survey of Student Engagement (CCSSE). She said it contained good information and will be helpful in determining what students need and want.

## PUBLIC HEARING

No comments were received at a public hearing on the transfer of funds between state categorical programs. The public hearing was held in accordance with the Budget Act of 2009 and is further defined in Education Code Section 84043.

## INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

Dr. Spor introduced Mr. Mariano Rubio, automotive faculty, who presented the Citrus Automotive and Physics Eco-Marathon Team (CAPE Owls). The students provided information on the 2014 Shell Eco-Marathon challenge in which they recently competed. Each student made a self-introduction, which included their course of study, their college goals, and the benefits, both academic and personal, they received by participating in the competition. The vehicle they created achieved 186 miles per gallon and was on exhibit at the meeting.

Dr. Spor explained the Notification of Grant Submission in compliance with Board Policy 3280, which requires board notification of all grant applications in support of college programs.

Dr. Spor provided highlights of revisions to AP 4103, Cooperative Work Experience; AP 4230, Grading and Academic Record Symbols; and AP 5012, International Students.

## BOARD ACTION

The board approved nine action items, including the hiring of Ms. Natalie Desimone and Ms. Renee Liskey in full-time, tenure track positions and a proclamation declaring the week of May 18-24, 2014 as Classified Employees Week in honor of the contributions made by Citrus College's classified employees.