


Highlights of the March 21, 2017 Board of Trustees Meeting
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Mission Statement

Citrus College provides innovative educational opportunities and student support services that lead to the successful completion of degrees, transfer, career technical education and basic skills proficiency. The college fosters personal and professional success through the development of critical thinking, effective communication, creativity, and cultural awareness in a safe, accessible and affordable learning community. In meeting the needs of our demographically diverse student population, we embrace equity and accountability through measurable learning outcomes, ethical data-driven decisions and student achievement.

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**REPORTS
Superintendent/President**

Dr. Geraldine M. Perri, superintendent/president, thanked all those involved in coordinating the FLEX Day program. She said it was a wonderful program, and it received a great deal of positive feedback. Many found the keynote speaker, Dr. Tyrone Howard, to be current, insightful and inspirational. Dr. Perri thanked Mr. John Vaughan, dance faculty, for doing a great job as emcee and for moderating a panel discussion later in the day. She also recognized the members of the Faculty Learning Institute and the Classified Development Committee for their efforts in planning the day.

Dr. Perri said the first installment of the student engagement speaker series for the semester took place on March 7. She thanked Ms. Becky Rudd, English faculty, and Mr. Jesus Gutierrez, mathematics faculty, for presenting their inspirational teaching styles. The next event will take place on April 11.

Dr. Perri attended the annual Empty Bowls event in Glendora. She said the bowls attendees received were like pieces of artwork, and she was amazed by the creativity of the Citrus College students who crafted them. Dr. Perri thanked the students and Mr. Mike Hillman, fine arts faculty, for his leadership with this event.

Dr. Perri said the college is proceeding with plans to host the annual K-14 Education Forum on April 28. The topic is, "The Common Assessment and Multiple Measures Project," which will be presented by Mr. Ken Sorey, senior executive vice president for the Common Assessment Project.

Academic Affairs

Dr. Arvid Spor, vice president of academic affairs, reported that at the Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) regional conference, the college's PTK chapter earned Five Stars, the highest level possible for a PTK chapter. In addition, two students were selected to the All-California Academic First and Second teams, and they will fly to Sacramento on March 23 to receive recognition. Dr. Spor also reported that 11 students from the Honors Transfer Program and the Summer Research Experience have been accepted to present their research at the Honors Transfer Council of California Undergraduate Research Conference at the University of California, Irvine, on April 1.

Dr. Spor said two former foster youth who work in the Foster Kinship Care Education (FKCE) office were able to participate in the winter study abroad program in Florence, Italy, due to the support and guidance of John Morris, study abroad specialist, who assisted them with financial aid and scholarship applications. Upon their return, the students put together a PowerPoint to share what they gained from the experience with other students in the FKCE office.

Dr. Spor said, this spring, the Hayden Memorial Library has begun publishing brief guides to accompany its physical book displays. They started with African American History Month in February and continued with Women's History Month in March. Links to all of the guides are located on the library's homepage under Guides by Subject. The library is also publishing their first Digital Library Newsletter, which highlights new books and other resources for the Citrus College community.

Student Services

Dr. Martha McDonald, vice president of student services, reported on events that are taking place in honor of Women's History Month. She thanked Dr. Maryann Tolano Leveque, dean of students, and Dr. Elisabeth Ritacca, history faculty, for coordinating activities. Events included a movie, *Made in L.A.*, which depicts women who work in the Los Angeles garment district, and a panel discussion titled "Honoring Trailblazing Women," which included Superintendent/President Perri, University of La Verne President Dr. Devorah Lieberman, Glendora City Council Member Karen Davis, and Dr. McDonald. Dr. McDonald said she was humbled and honored to participate on the panel. She said the discussion was well done and enlightening, and she thanked the Office of Student Affairs for coordinating these two events.

Finance and Administrative Services

Ms. Claudette E. Dain, vice president of finance and administrative services, said that one of the steps between the release of the Governor's budget in January and the May Revise is the release of the Legislative Analyst's analysis of the proposed budget. That release took place in February. Since then, the

Community College League of California (CCLC) reaffirmed their priorities with regard to the budget. CCLC has emphasized rising operational, health and pension costs, as well as the need for a base augmentation. CCLC also continues to emphasize the need to maintain the Proposition 98 split between community colleges and K-12 schools.

Ms. Dain congratulated Mr. Fred Diamond, director of facilities and construction, on the progress of Hayden Hall. She said the remodel is about 60 percent complete, and everything is on track and on budget. Ms. Dain reported that the engine dyno project is also on schedule, and swing space in the ED Building is almost ready for the Campus Center staff to move into, as they prepare for the start of construction in the Campus Center.

COMMENTS

Academic Senate

Academic Senate President Dr. Gina Hogan said at the March 8 Academic Senate meeting, the faculty approved the adoption of Taskstream, an online assessment management system. In the coming months, they will be working on the customization and implementation of the system. Academic Senate leadership extends gratitude to the SLO and program review chairs for their diligent work in researching and demonstrating this system.

Dr. Hogan said the next Academic Senate meeting will take place on March 22, and the agenda is filled with APs and BPs. There will also be a discussion about possible instructional program review modifications.

Members of the Board of Trustees

Student Trustee Jennifer Chavez Ramos reported on her experience during the National Legislative Summit (NLS) in Washington, D.C. She had an opportunity to advocate on behalf of Citrus College students in meetings with several members of Congress. She said, overall, it was a great experience.

Student Trustee Chavez Ramos said ASCC has provided funding for student art portfolios, which are often requested by universities when art students transfer.

Student Trustee Chavez Ramos introduced Student Trustee-elect Yachi Rivas. Ms. Rivas will take her place on the board of trustees in May. On behalf of the board, Board President Barbara R. Dickerson thanked Student Trustee Chavez Ramos for her excellent work as a student trustee.

Trustee Patricia A. Rasmussen, board vice president, said the panel discussion in honor of trailblazing women was very inspirational and interesting and a great kickoff for college events to celebrate Women's History Month.

Trustee Rasmussen said the Foundation hosted a wonderful Community Day last month, which resulted in an article in the *San Gabriel Valley Examiner*. She said one of the nice things about these tours is that guests leave the campus awed by the college and its programs.

Trustee Rasmussen attended a performance of *Cinderella* by the Russian Ballet in the Haugh Performing Arts Center. She said the college is a gem for the community in terms of the wonderful entertainment it presents.

Trustee Joanne Montgomery, board clerk/secretary, echoed the sentiments of Trustee Rasmussen with regard to the panel discussion, Honoring Trailblazing Women. She also praised the Foundation's Community Day. Trustee Montgomery said members of her community who attend Community Day become advocates for Citrus College.

Trustee Montgomery said the California Teachers Association recently presented her with a Community Outreach Action Team (COAT) Award. The COAT award recognizes members of the community for their volunteer efforts in public education, students and the community. Trustee Montgomery thanked Ms. Anne Battle, president of the Monrovia Teachers Association, for nominating her for this wonderful award.

Trustee Montgomery attended Battle of the Big Bands. She said the performance by the college's Blue Note Orchestra was fabulous. Trustee Montgomery said this marks the 13th year of this annual competition between Citrus College and Azusa Pacific University (APU).

Trustee Montgomery congratulated the men's basketball team. She said there were two close tournament games that were very intense. She complimented the team on a great season.

Trustee Montgomery attended the first of the student engagement series forums, and she said it is always great to see the talent of Citrus College faculty. She appreciated their innovative, fun presentation.

Trustee Edward C. Ortell, board member, said he has enjoyed Citrus College's version of "March Madness," watching the college's wonderful women's and men's basketball teams. He said the playoff games were very exciting, and he congratulated the players. Trustee Ortell added that the college's various sports programs are carrying on the college's long tradition of achievement in athletics.

Trustee Ortell reported on SB 769, legislation that would expand the ability of California's community colleges to offer baccalaureate degrees. He said the bill would expand the number of community colleges in the state allowed to pilot these programs from 15 to 30. Trustee Ortell suggested that the college community discuss the pros and cons of offering a baccalaureate degree, as Citrus College has many good programs that might be candidates. He said more than 20 states currently allow community colleges to offer baccalaureate degrees. Trustee Ortell said if the college decides to seek authorization to offer a baccalaureate degree, it should be ready to proceed in the event SB 769 becomes law.

Trustee Susan M. Keith, board member, said she had an opportunity to see Student Trustee Chavez Ramos in action in Washington, D.C., and she did a great job. During the NLS, Trustee Keith worked with representatives from Mt. San Antonio College, Pasadena City College and Glendale Community College to lobby Congressional representatives. She said the representatives asked colleges to tell them what is happening with undocumented students and to include personal stories. Trustee Keith commented that the federal government is largely responsible for funding financial aid programs our students need. During the summit, there was a lot of discussion regarding K-12 and community college partnerships and early college.

She said federal priorities for California include preservation of DACA (deferred action for childhood arrivals), funding for veterans' education and funding for innovative community college programs.

Trustee Keith reported on a study that indicated that college's that educate primarily low-income students push more students into the middle class than elite institutions.

Trustee Keith said Battle of the Big Bands was fabulous. She also had an opportunity to see the college's theatre arts production of *Spring Awakening*, which was well attended by students. Trustee Keith said our performing arts programs continue to impress audiences.

Trustee Keith thanked the Kiwanis Club of Claremont for providing a grant to the Veterans Success Center for the second consecutive year.

Board President Dickerson said, in addition to the partnership between Citrus College and APU on Battle of the Big Bands, APU also has a scholarship that is available to Citrus College students who wish to transfer.

Trustee Dickerson attended the Job Shadow Luncheon at APU. She said this is a K-12 event hosted by the Azusa Chamber of Commerce. She expressed her appreciation to departments at Citrus College that hosted students for the Job Shadow event. She said it is an enlightening experience for these students.

Trustee Dickerson attended the CSEA barbeque. She said the event was a lot of fun.

During the Foundation's 50th celebration, Board President Dickerson won the opportunity to have lunch with the student veterans. In addition to the lunch, she was very impressed with the artwork student veterans are creating.

Board President Dickerson commended Campus Safety staff for providing a welcoming atmosphere for students. She observed a Campus Safety staff member provide money for a meter for a student and then walk that person to the building where they needed to go. She thanked Campus Safety for training their security team well.

Board President Dickerson announced that, once again, a Citrus College student was awarded a \$1,500 Live Your Dream Award by the Soroptimists of Azusa-Glendora. This student was also selected to go to the regional conference, where she has an opportunity to win additional support for her education.

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

Dr. McDonald introduced Dr. Gerald Sequeira, dean of admissions and records, who presented a review of the college's School Relations and Outreach program for the current academic year. The School Relations and Outreach office is responsible for coordinating the district's outreach and recruitment activities and services, such as AB 288 programs, college and career fairs, the Counselor Breakfast, Early College, Early Decision, I Will Complete College (IWCC) and many others.

Dr. Spor introduced Mr. Jeremy Clark, automotive faculty, who provided information about the Automotive Department's efforts to gain Chassis, Electrical, Engine and Drivetrain (CEED) certification from Toyota. He said it was a very rigorous process, which required that faculty rewrite curriculum and assessments. Mr. Clark introduced the team of automotive faculty who worked on this project. Mr. Clark also introduced Mr. Rick Lester, manager for Toyota Sales USA, who presented a plaque to the Automotive Department in recognition of this achievement.

Ms. Christina Garcia, director of the Foundation, presented its annual report, which included highlights of its 50th anniversary celebration and a financial report. She thanked Dr. Perri for her guidance and support and Mr. Clarence Cernal, administrative assistant, for his dedication and hard work. She also recognized the Foundation Board for their leadership.

Dr. Perri said Administrative Policy 7101: Discrimination Compliant Procedure: Employees and Job Applicants was on the agenda for information only.

Dr. McDonald provided highlights of comprehensive program reviews for the Counseling and Advisement Center, the Department of Campus Safety, and the Student Health Center.

BOARD ACTION

The board approved 12 action items, including the hiring of Dr. Tom Dellner as Executive Director of Communications and External Relations; Mr. Robert Hughes as Chief Information Services Officer; and Mr. Douglas Schultz as Digital Communications and Publications Supervisor.