



GROSSMONT-CUYAMACA  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

## Districtwide Executive Council

Monday, October 13, 2003  
District Annex Conference Room

### MEETING NOTES

Present: O. Suarez, M. Amov, P. Anderson, J. Austin, K. Brauer, T. Martinez, C. McMahan, D. Quittner, P. Setzer, B. Smith

Absent: J. Althaus, M. Meador, G. Perri, R. Rose, B. Tiffany

Others Present: C. Chiriboga (representing G. Perri), A. Orr (representing J. Althaus)

Recorder: M. Watkins

#### **Review of October 21, 2003, Governing Board Meeting Agenda**

Suarez reviewed the agenda for the October 21, 2003, Governing Board meeting.

- *Items 310 and 311—Out of Country Travel to Guadalajara and Europe:* Chiriboga will provide the name(s) of the faculty member(s) leading the Cuyamaca College Summer Abroad Program tours to Guadalajara and Europe.
- *Item 503—New Classified Positions, Categorically Funded Under BFAP:* McMahan reported that funds set aside in the State budget provide for funding for financial aid outreach. There is controversy, however, whether the funds will be ongoing. New positions are being added in the Financial Aid departments at both colleges with the understanding that, if the funding goes away, the positions may not continue. Suarez reiterated that the Presidents will make the determination regarding whether to eliminate the positions.

#### **Pre-Board Meeting Presentation/Tour**

Suarez announced that there will be a pre-Board meeting presentation/tour at 5:30 p.m., October 21, featuring the Grossmont College Athletics/Exercise Science Program. Participants will meet at Room 401.

#### **Budget Update**

Suarez announced that the budget update will be presented at the Districtwide Strategic Planning and Budget Council meeting immediately following the DEC meeting, at which time plans for the coming year will continue to be developed. He added that severe challenges were presented at the October 7 special Board Adoption Budget workshop meeting. He indicated he will attempt to lay out the numbers in such a way that concerns about where the resources reside will be allayed. He commented that, to keep things in perspective, we are one of the lowest funded districts in the State, and it is a challenge to pay for the enrollment plan and for benefits. He expressed the commitment to provide answers to questions people might have regarding the budget.

Quittner provide an update on legislation signed by the Governor. Setzer commented that Santa Monica Superintendent/President Piedad Robertson, who is an active member of the Under-funded Districts Caucus, will serve on Governor-elect Schwarzenegger's transition team.

#### **Proposition R Update**

Austin reported that several milestones have been completed, including the short list for pre-qualified architects, individual projects, and the Grossmont College parking structure. Task forces will begin putting together criteria for RFQ's and RFP's. The Board will be asked to approve plans for the Cuyamaca Auto Tech and Grossmont Science buildings at the October 21 Board meeting. The Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee will meet on October 15, and representatives from other districts will observe the committee.

#### **DEC Meeting Notes**

The September 8 Districtwide Executive Council meeting notes are posted on the District website.

#### **November DEC Meeting Cancelled**

Due to the Veteran's Day holiday, there will be no DEC meeting in November. Draft Board dockets will be sent to DEC members for review via e-mail.