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President's Report to the Governing Board October 21, 2008

🐾 **Classified Senate Retreat**

The Classified Senate held their Annual Retreat at Mission Trails Regional Park on September 19th, 2008. Over 20 classified senate members, Trustees, District and College administrators participated in a collegial exchange of ideas and suggestions during the successful and productive event. After the administrators enjoyed lunch and dialogue with the Classified Senate E-Board, the E-Board: Drafted Mission & Vision Statements (that were sent to the E-Board for approval at their October meeting), took their yearly picture (now on the Classified Senate website), created a master calendar for fundraising projects, discussed the Classified Staff Appreciation Day, and discussed formulating Goals & Objectives.

This was a very successful and well-attended retreat, which was characterized by working together to address common projects and a healthy exchange of positive ideas.

🐾 **Business/CIS Construction Kickoff**

The construction kickoff for the new Business/CIS building was held on Thursday, September 25th. Trustees, administrators, faculty, staff and the public participated in the event which highlighted the future building's construction and features. The Trustees' and Chancellor's and Interim President's handprints were immortalized in clay bricks that were fired and will be included as a design element of the new building. The building is scheduled to be completed in late 2009. Our thanks go to Dr. Madelaine Wolfe, Dean of Division I, and her team for coordinating another wonderful event.

🐾 **Faculty Member Recognized for Her Work**

Patricia Santana, Department of Foreign Languages Chair, has been invited to be the keynote speaker and workshop facilitator for "Best Practices" sponsored by the California Association of Teachers of English (CATE). Additionally, she has also been invited to be a Visiting Scholar at Sacramento State University on November 10th, where she will be giving the keynote presentation. As an accomplished author, Ms. Santana was interviewed during KPBS's "These Days" followed by a Guest Writer presentation at San Diego City College's annual Authors' Festival.

🐾 **Students Complete Certificate of Specialization in Kumeyaay Studies**

Four dedicated individuals: Ana Gloria Rodriguez, Lori Ring, Queenette Alexander, and Jan Tubiolo recently completed their college Certificates of Specialization in Kumeyaay Studies. A special certificate awards ceremony was hosted on September 19 at the Sycuan Resort marking the occasion of this first graduating class. Interim President Cristina Chiriboga highlighted the significance of the awards through her remarks. To be commended for their participation and support of the program that evening are college staff members: Dr. Teresa McNeil, Donna Hajj, Doug Howarth, and Maggie Gonzalez. The unique program consists of 16 units of college coursework in discipline areas selected from Kumeyaay language, Cultural Ethnobotany and Kumeyaay History. All courses were taught by Kumeyaay Tribal Elders.

The Kumeyaay Studies Program is the result of a special partnership between Cuyamaca College and Kumeyaay Community College. Our mutual goal has been to foster the development of a college curriculum and array of student support services designed to promote entry into college and transfer success of Kumeyaay tribal members. None of these efforts would have come to fruition without the

support and leadership of key individuals, such as Nubia Ruiz, then Director of the Sycuan Education Department, and members of her staff.

🐾 **Student Services Division – CARE Program Food Pantry Outreach**

The CARE program held its annual Food Pantry Outreach on Wednesday, October 1st, 2008, at the College. Even though the temperature outside was unseasonably hot, the Cuyamaca staff and faculty raised the bar through their generous donations to the pantry. The donations will be used to assist CARE single parents and any other Cuyamaca students in need of emergency food aid.



🐾 **Greener Future & Renewable Energy Seminars**

On Saturday, September 20th, the college hosted the Greener Future & Renewable Energy Seminars, featuring Sustainable Fire Resistant Building & Design with Architect Drew Hubbell, and a Wind Farm and sponsored in part by the new Project Manager for enXco, a hugely successful wind farm management company whose new project manager is a Cuyamaca College graduate with a transfer degree in electrical engineering from Cal Poly Pomona!

🐾 **Foundation Completes its Strategic Planning Process**

Cuyamaca College Foundation's Board has completed its strategic planning process, and is moving forward in its overall organization. Committees, which include Finance, Marketing, Board Development, and Event Planning, have been formed and begun to meet to forward the foundation's new and ambitious agenda. The Board also voted to adopt a bi-monthly meeting schedule beginning in November 2008.



As part of the Strategic Planning process, the Foundation decided to update its marketing and promotion materials – including designing a new logo that is more reflective of the Foundation's relationship to the College. After a college-wide competition (including students, faculty, staff and the public), and approval from the District's Vice Chancellor of Inter-governmental Relations and Community Information, the new logo was adopted by the Foundation at the October Board meeting. The design of the new logo follows the protocol established by San Diego State University's Foundation. The new logo was designed by David Francis in the College's Graphics Department.

🐾 **Interim President Participates in Panel Presentation**

A panel presentation entitled "Sustainability is Integrated Design" was given by Glen Carels, AIA, LPA, Inc. Principal; Dale Switzer, GCCCD Sr. Director Facilities Planning Development/Maintenance; and Dr. Cristina Chiriboga, Interim President, at the Green CA Community College Summit held at Pasadena on October 8th. The focus was on the collaborative nature among team members (including developer/owner, client, architect, landscape architect, interior designer, engineers, and other consultants) to create the College's Student Center.

Presenters discussed how collaboration among the team members begins with the very start of the design process and with a focus on a holistic view of the project, a team can adjust up front planning and design elements and shift budget allocations from one building component to another to meet the larger project objectives of a cost-effective green building. The holistic view of the building shows the team how the many elements are connected and how they can work together to create the best sustainable development within the project budget. These include but are not limited to; Sustainable Site Planning, Safeguarding Water and Water Efficiency, Energy Efficiency, Conservation of Materials and Resources, and Indoor Environmental Quality.

🐾 **Men's Basketball Website Receives High Praise**

After a review of all the Community College websites in Southern California, the men's basketball website came in at #1 in the ratings through the Antelope Valley College basketball fans website. The review was published on the website <http://avc-basketball-fan.com/>. The website is viewed by 500-700 community college basketball fans in Southern California on a weekly basis.



🐾 Women's Soccer Team Ranked

Our Athletic Director, Cathy Bowyer, reports that the Women's Soccer Team has been ranked second in the Pacific Coast Conference League. They recently defeated the #1 team, Southwestern, by a score of 2 to 1. Way to go team!

🐾 Water Grant Featured at Fall Conference



The annual fall conference of the California-Nevada American Water Works Association will feature a presentation titled "Water in the West: Tapping the Next Generation of Water Professionals", which will discuss the WaterWorks Grant that was awarded to Cuyamaca College. The presentation will feature how the College's WaterWorks Program complements other existing programs and initiatives such as the CA - NV Section Workforce Development Council & the San Diego Regional Water Agency Internship program.

🐾 Administrative Council Retreat

The Cuyamaca College Administrative Council held its annual retreat on Tuesday, October 14th. The focus of this year's retreat marked the kick-off of Cuyamaca College's Strategic Planning process. The day began with a detailed and thorough Environmental Scan presentation from the District Research Office staff. Administrative Council staff were then charged with identifying the predominant trends and data that should be taken into account as the College considers its Strategic Plan. These trends and data were then clustered according to four overarching themes previously defined by the District that will form the framework of the College's new Strategic Plan. The results of the Administrative Council Retreat will form the fundamental basis of the Innovation and Planning Retreat, scheduled for Friday, October 24th.

🐾 Cabinet Breakfast with ASCC

The President's Cabinet members and Academic Senate President joined the new Executive Officers of the Associated Students at Cuyamaca College on Friday, October 10th. In addition to a program that focused on an overview of the college governance system and discussion regarding avenues for collaboration, the student, administrative, and faculty leaders shared a unique opportunity to exchange introductions and personal stories.

🐾 High School Counselors Luncheon

The High School and Community Relations Department hosted the 24th Annual High School Counselor Luncheon on Friday October 10th. Approximately 45 counselors from high schools throughout the Grossmont Union High School District and beyond spent the day touring the college's spectacular new facilities, and received program, department, and college updates from Interim President Dr. Cristina Chiriboga; Vice President of Student Development and Services Dr. Joe Marron; Kari Crawford from Financial Aid; and Donna Hajj and Cindy Morrin from the Counseling Department. All guests enjoyed a delicious catered lunch compliments of Cuyamaca College Dining Services.



🐾 Library Displays

This month's display contains books, items on loan from the College's Disabled Students Programs Services (DSPS) that assist the disabled, information sheets on famous individuals and their disability, and five Paraquads Disability Awareness Posters.

Upcoming College Events

Tuesday, October 21, 2008

GOT PLANS?

This event is a large, all-day Grossmont Union High School District Transfer Fair and an opportunity for the college to feature the campus and academic programs. The college is anticipating 4-5000 attendees.

Wednesday, October 22, 2008

Congressional Debate - California 52nd District

Reception: 5:30 – 6:30 (Water Conservation Garden), Debate: 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. (theatre)

Presented by the San Diego East County Chamber of Commerce

Free Admission, Communication and Arts Center Auditorium

Friday, October 24, 2008

Child Development Center Fall Festival Fundraiser –

5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Stop by the Child Development Center to purchase your opportunity drawing tickets for fabulous prizes or bid on a silent auction basket. Silent auction and tickets sales will begin Wednesday, October 22nd, and end at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, October 24th.

Friday, October 24, 2008

Aggie Open Golf Tournament

This fundraiser, for the Cuyamaca College Botanical Society Scholarship Fund, will be held at the Bonita Golf Club.

Saturday, November 15, 2008

Robot Expo

9:00 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Cuyamaca College will be hosting in the Student Center. The *Robot Expo* event is aimed at recruiting students from elementary school through college into various robotics competitions and classes held throughout San Diego County. Botball, First Robotics Challenge, First Lego League, and other organizations will be present. The event is being organized by David Massey and Cory Hoover of the San Diego Science Alliance, and Dr. Kathryn Nette and Dr. Duncan McGehee from Cuyamaca College.