

THIS WEEK

30 • Monday

» Spring recess begins. No classes in session; campus open Monday through Thursday

3 • Friday

» Spring holiday. Campus closed.

Upcoming

April

20 • Monday

» [Coffee with Trustees and the Chancellor](#), CCCPLX-414, 3-4 p.m.

26 • Sunday

» Last day to drop classes with a “W”

May

22 • Friday

» Commencement, Gateway Plaza, 6 p.m.

23 • Saturday

» Last day of the spring semester

View additional [campus events](#) and [Chargers athletics](#).

“THEY SAID IT”

“To attain happiness in another world we need only to believe something, while to secure it in this world we must do something.”

– Charlotte Perkins Gilman

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March 27, 2015, Newsletter from President Bob Simpson

ACES Film Series Highlighting Faculty Now Complete and Online

► The films were produced Media Arts Department students under the direction of Ian Holmes as part of a grant.

The ACES — Active Collaborative Engagement Strategies — Film Series website is now complete. The films, which were created by Media Arts Department students, were highlighted at Opening Day in January.

They are the result of a grant-funded project. The series is now complete until additional funding becomes available to add to the collection.

“We hope you take the time to explore the website to view the strategies and methodologies your colleagues are using to engage students in active learning and hear student perspectives about these strategies,” said Susan Klein, the Title V Component III Coordinator.

The films are primarily the work of the advanced students in the Digital Cinema Program of the Media Arts Department. This film

series was created under the direction of Ian Holmes, Coordinator of the Media Arts Department.

“The students deserve special recognition for their outstanding work in creating the film series,” Klein said. “These students were responsible for filming the classroom activities, conducting faculty and student interviews, and editing hours of digital videos.”

The faculty profiled in the series are: Virgil Adams, Human Services; Valeria Barragan, Spanish; Becky Floyd, Anthropology; Michael Frey, Astronomy; Ed Giardina, Art; Joel Gober, Biology; Carol Harvey, Nursing; Garet Hill, Mathematics; Richard Hock, Air Conditioning & Refrigeration; Ben Izadi, Computer Information Systems; Liana Koeppel, Communications Studies; Erin Landry, Dance; Mark Popeny, Music; Molly Schulps and Jeff Netzer, Art; Ed Valdez, Aviation & Travel Careers; and Keith Vescial, English/Reading.

In addition to Holmes and Klein, Nancy Deutsch also coordinated the project.

The videos are available on the ACES website at <http://cypresscollege.edu/aces/default.aspx>.

Cavin, Oxford’s Miller to Debate Jesus’ Resurrection on April 7

Faculty member Greg Cavin will engage in a debate with Calum Miller of Oxford University on Tuesday, April 7.

The debate — “Fact or Figment: Did Jesus Really Rise from the Dead?” — will be held from 2-3:30 p.m. in HUM-131.

Miller is travelling from Oxford University to participate in this debate. He has published important articles defending the traditional Christian viewpoint in such journals as *Religious Studies*.

Cavin has defended the opposing, skeptical, viewpoint in such journals as *Faith and Philosophy* and *Philosophia Christi*.

Miller and Cavin are also scheduled for a follow-up debate at Biola University on Saturday, May 2, at 6 p.m.

Human Services Club Collecting Clothing

The Human Services Club is conducting a drive promoting the recycling of fabric. Approximately 11.1 million tons of clothes are thrown in the trash every year. Recycling fabric saves water, energy and landfill space.

Spring Break is a great time to clean out closets and donate your old, ripped, or stained clothes and bedding. When: Monday, March 23-Friday, March 27 and Monday, April 6-Friday, April 10.

Where: Donation locations will be available in the Student Activities Center, the lobby by the Social Sciences Division Office (HUM Bldg, 2nd floor), Science, Engineering, and Math Building, and the Library/Learning Resource Center.

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BONUS



The District Staff Development Committee Presents:

**“Best Practices Symposium:
Emerging Technology in Teaching & Learning”**

**Wednesday, April 8, 2015
(3:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.)**

Fullerton College Center (Rooms 224-228)

**This event will include round table discussions,
featured speakers, and classroom technology demonstrations**

**Special Keynote: Dr. Tracey Wilen-Daugenti, thought leader on
technology in society, work and higher education**



**Reserve your seat now! To register, visit the District Staff Development
Calendar via *MyGateway*, under the Employee Tab.**

Food and Beverages will be served

meet and munch



You're invited to
"Coffee with the Chancellor
and Trustees"

Monday, April 20
3:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Cookies, iced coffee, and iced tea will be served.

Share ideas, get the latest news and ask questions.

Location: CCCPLX 414





TO: ALL STAFF

From: Fred Williams, Interim Chancellor

Date: March 26, 2015

It's been a few weeks now since I've stepped into this new role of Interim Chancellor, and I have to say that the view from here is interesting. For over 20 years I've looked at the District through a fiscal lens, and—while I have always kept the big picture in mind—numbers are pretty straightforward. There isn't a lot of ambiguity in budgeting—at least not the way we do it. But I've already discovered that when you're Chancellor, it's not about drawing a line in the sand. This job is all about people: how they work, what they need and want, and how they relate to one another. It's already been a lot of fun getting to know people I've never talked to before—especially because now our conversations are about more than money!

Of course, though I'll only be Chancellor for four months, I would like to accomplish more than sharpening my social skills. In speaking with the Board of Trustees, I've identified a couple of goals that I think I can make substantial headway on during my tenure (and beyond, in my normal function as Vice Chancellor). The first of these is to establish appropriate legislative priorities to focus the District's advocacy efforts. The second is to develop a process to help identify and pursue additional District-wide resource opportunities. To facilitate this, Vice Chancellor of Educational Services and Technology Cherry Li-Bugg has already begun researching methods to support and expand existing campus grant activities so that we can increase efficiencies and free up resources.

As you hopefully know, in recent years the North Orange County Community College District has been far more aggressive in advocating on behalf of student success and state budgetary issues. We have seen a lot of movement in a short time, especially in regards to legislation surrounding student veterans, noncredit education, and financial aid. I believe that we could be even more successful if we focused on a few main issues instead of reacting in a piecemeal fashion. That's why, with the help of Chancellor's Staff and our lobbying firm Nossaman, we have begun to create legislative priorities for 2015-16 which include: securing differential funding for high-cost programs, supporting a state facilities bond to maximize Measure J resources, advocating for a fair disbursement of funding for adult education under AB 86, strengthening college-to-career pathways, and right-sizing the faculty obligation number (FON) formula. We are certainly interested in and will continue to monitor opportunities above and beyond these concerns, but the majority of staff time and energy will be spent in these areas. Already this year many District administrators have traveled to Sacramento to meet with legislators. In fact, the last time I was in Senator Marty Block's office his staff commented that NOCCCD has a noticeable presence in the Capitol!

I am particularly eager to use that presence in regards to challenging the current faculty obligation number formula. A baseline number for each district's FON was established in 1988, and the California Code of Regulations requires districts to increase the number of full-time faculty over the prior year in proportion to the amount of growth in funded credit FTES. The problem is that the baseline number set nearly 30 years ago was an arbitrary snapshot of what was happening that year—it's not based on any real science or demographic parameters. That's why NOCCCD has the third largest FON in the state even though we're not the third largest district.

The ramifications of an inequality in calculating the FON are enormous. Not only does it affect obvious campus issues like hiring and curriculum, it is a key reason why NOCCCD is not able to offer highly competitive salaries. Just to take one example: if we compare NOCCCD with Coast Community College District—similar in student numbers and demographics—our FON last year was 131 more. That’s approximately \$9 million that we are not able to utilize in discretionary dollars for things like salary increases, retiree health benefits, or maintenance.

It is time this disparity is addressed. A coalition of like-minded districts and organizations, including the Community College League of California, has begun to actively explore ways of improving the revenue-to-faculty ratio. You’ll hear more about what we can do about the FON as the work continues, and it is my hope we can have some candid conversations as a District about how all the pieces of the budgeting puzzle come together to form the complex reality of what we’re able to offer our employees. It’s tempting—but futile—to just look at an ending balance. In finance, that is only the beginning.

I look forward to the next four months and all the good work we can do together.

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School of Continuing Education Change. Cultivated.
Fullerton College Excellence. Elevated.
NOCCCD Greatness. Achieved.



NEWS FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

A Summary of the Board Meeting of March 24, 2015

Strategic Conversation

Preceding the regular business portion of the Board meeting, over 100 students, faculty, and staff members from throughout the District participated with the Board in Strategic Conversation #16: "Supporting All Students: The Challenges of Creating and Promoting a Culture of Equity."

Interim Chancellor's Report – Fred Williams

Strategic Conversation – Interim Chancellor Williams commended Cypress College staff on the excellent Strategic Conversation.

Measure J – Mr. Williams also announced that the District has received the fully executed stipulation regarding the waiver of appeal and costs related to the lawsuit brought on by Charles R. Clough regarding the November election. This puts closure on this issue, and the District may proceed with Measure J projects.

Comments from the College Presidents and Provost

Dr. Rajen Vurdién, Fullerton College President; **Dr. Bob Simpson**, Cypress College President, and **Dr. Greg Schulz**, School of Continuing Education Provost, reported on activities from their respective campuses.

Comments by Members of the Resource Table

Appreciation – SCE Academic Senate President **Adam Gottdank** thanked Cypress College for hosting tonight's Strategic Conversation, and shared his excitement to expand upon ideas discussed at the event.

Shared Governance – Fullerton College Faculty Senate President **Sam Foster** shared that the Senate has been hard at work on the collaborative shared governance process of setting standards for the Institutional Effectiveness Partnership Initiative. The Senate also authorized a resolution for consideration at the state level, in support of adjunct faculty.

Comments by Members of the Board of Trustees

Associated Students – Fullerton College Student Trustee **Stephen Tith** and Cypress College Student Trustee **Tiana Buttice** both thanked Cypress College for hosting tonight's Strategic Conversation. Student Trustee **Tith** encouraged the dialogue to continue at each of the campuses, and Student Trustee **Buttice** informed the Board of Associated Students events.

Strategic Conversation – Trustees **Donna Miller**, **Molly McClanahan** and **Leonard Lahtinen** echoed the earlier appreciation to Cypress College for hosting Strategic Conversation. In addition, Trustee **McClanahan** shared how wonderful it was to have an opportunity to interact with students from diverse backgrounds, and Trustee **Lahtinen** was pleased to see a large number of students and adjunct faculty participate in the Conversation.

Institutional Effectiveness – Board Vice President **Dr. Barbara Dunsheath** thanked Fullerton College for hosting the Institutional Effectiveness Partnership Initiative, and shared the “Trends Report” in the recent edition of *The Chronicle of Higher Education*.

Finance & Facilities

Anaheim Campus – The Board authorized an amendment to the agreement for programming and preliminary plan design services for the first, seventh, and 10th floors, and the warehouse areas at the Anaheim Campus, and to increase the contract amount.

Instructional Resources

Curriculum – The Board approved the Cypress College summary of curriculum deactivations, additions, and revisions, effective fall 2014 and fall 2015. The School of Continuing Education’s summary of curriculum additions and revisions was also approved, effective winter 2015 and fall 2015.

New Revenue – Authorization was given to accept new revenue for the School of Continuing Education from the CTE Enhancement Grant.

Grant Budget Adjustment – The Board authorized a request to adjust the budget in year one from \$80,000 to \$90,000 for the Orange County Career Pathways Partnership (OCCCPP) Grant with the Orange County Department of Education.

Human Resources

Retirements – The Board approved the retirements of **Michael Holden**, Fullerton College Philosophy Instructor, effective May 24; **Charles Ketter**, Fullerton College Dramatic Arts Instructor, effective June 30; and **Lydia Jewell**, Cypress College Administrative Assistant II, effective August 1.

General

Self-Evaluation – The Board approved its revised Board of Trustees Self-Evaluation instrument.

Board Policies – The Board received as a first reading the proposed, revised Board Policies in Chapters 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6.

Student Trustee Absence – The Board adopted Resolution No. 14/15-06, Student Trustee Absence, verifying Student Trustee Stephen Tith’s absence from the March 10 meeting.

Differential Funding – The Board adopted a resolution in support of changes to community college funding to include differential funding for high cost career technical education programs.

Next Regular Meeting

The next regular meeting of the NOCCCD Board of Trustees will be held at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 14, in the first-floor Board Room, Anaheim Campus, 1830 W. Romneya Drive, Anaheim.

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