

President's Report to the Governing Board February 20, 2007

Enrollment

- **Spring 2007**

I am pleased to report that an analysis of enrollment reports for Spring 2007 indicates that at census day, Cuyamaca College was up 7.2% in students and 6% in units! The following chart compares Cuyamaca College's enrollment for Spring 2007 and Spring 2006.

	<u>Spring 2007</u>	<u>Spring 2006</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Date	02/05/2007	02/06/2006		
Students	7,967	7,429	+538	+7.2
Continuing Students	5,011	4,853	+158	+3.3
Units	53,775.0	50,726.0	+3,049.0	+6.0

Cuyamaca College's Outreach Department has played an important role in the Spring 2007 enrollment increase. Their many activities and contributions included:

- ~ Implementing PDC courses for high school students
- ~ Attending community and career fairs
- ~ Staffing the Welcome Center to help students
- ~ Visiting Grossmont Union High Schools
- ~ Conducting large-scale college tours
- ~ Presenting a 50-minute fun, interactive and informative classroom presentation highlighting Cuyamaca College to area high schools.

COLLEGE HONORS AND NOTEWORTHY NEWS

- **Convocation and Golden Coyote Awards**

This Spring's Convocation was a wonderful success showcasing some of the talents of Cuyamaca College's staff and students, as well as some members from Grossmont College. The audience was entertained by music and song from faculty from the Music Department, a dramatic reading by members of the faculty and staff, and a poetry reading by a faculty member from the Communication Arts Department.

Students from Nancy Jennings' forensics team treated the audience to a reader's theater-style presentation of this year's Golden Coyote Awards. Fifteen students, faculty and staff were

recognized for their exemplary contributions in making Cuyamaca College the premier community college that it is, and in personifying what has come to be known as “the Cuyamaca Way”.

Additionally, ten new staff members were officially welcomed to the Cuyamaca College family.

- **Greg Gomez, New Faculty Member**

At the recent Convocation, Greg Gomez was welcomed as a new faculty member to the Counseling Center. Greg was responsible for developing the “Ask a Counselor” website, which has caused online counseling to increase significantly since the project commenced in 2005. Greg’s bilingual skills will be a wonderful asset and help strengthen ties with our Spanish-speaking students. Greg is a former college athlete, and can relate well to the special needs of student athletes. He has also had crisis intervention training. The Counseling Center looks forward to utilizing Greg’s well-rounded knowledge and skills to provide greater service to our student population.

- **New State Appointment for Faculty Member Judge Ed Sturgeon**

Long-time adjunct instructor and supporter of the Paralegal Studies Program, Judge Ed Sturgeon, has been named the Vice Chair of the New Judge Judicial Education program for the State of California. He is only the second San Diego County Judge in the history of the San Diego County Superior Court to be named to this position. We are indeed pleased to have such notable instructors at Cuyamaca College.

- **Dr. Ezequiel Cardenas Invited to Spain**

Dr. Ezequiel Cardenas was invited by the Embassy of Spain to participate in an all-expense-paid trip to Spain as part of their country's Education Trade Mission. Dr. Cardenas was 1 of only 15 people from the Western U.S. allowed to participate in this international event held December 9th to December 16th, 2006. The purpose of the visit was to explore and promote international student exchange and study abroad programs. While in Spain, Dr. Cardenas visited 25 academic institutions. When asked what was the most important thing he learned from his trip, Dr. Cardenas answered that he learned "how big and important foreign exchange and study abroad programs are in both the U.S. and in Spain."

- **Accreditation**

The Self-Study draft document is now posted on the Cuyamaca College accreditation website, www.cuyamaca.edu/accreditation/draft_materials.asp. The draft can be viewed by the college community by using their district login and password. The college internal approval process now calls for review to be conducted through the appropriate constituency groups, including the Academic Senate, Classified Senate, the Administrators Association, and the Associated Students of Cuyamaca College. Mike Wangler and Cristina Chiriboga are available to make presentations to shared governance groups about the draft and planning agendas.

- **Successful Wind Energy Seminar**

Cuyamaca College University Transfer Center Specialist Alan Ridley attended a California Wind Collaborative Forum sponsored by UC Davis in December. Through Community Learning, he

coordinated with local wind energy experts to present an Introduction to Wind Energy Seminar at Cuyamaca College on Saturday February 3, 2007. Eighteen participants attended the seminar about this fast-growing industry. Wind power capacity in the US increased 27% in 2006. If you are interested in wind energy, a full tour of the new 50 megawatt Kumeyaay Wind Farm in Campo is scheduled for Saturday, March 3rd.

- **SDICCCA Interns Program**

A SDICCCA Mentor/Intern Program Workshop was held on February 2nd to give approximately 35 interns an opportunity to share their experiences with each other. The workshop highlighted "How Full-Time Positions are Created and Hints on Applying for Those Positions". Five full-time faculty members participated in a review of their own experiences in pursuing a full-time teaching position. During the workshop the interns were given a tour of the campus by Dr. Madelaine Wolfe.

- **Emergency Preparedness Training**

On January 11th, members of the Administrative Council were provided an orientation in the College's emergency plan. The orientation was presented by the Emergency Preparedness Committee. The presenters were Arleen Satele (chair), Vivian Bogue (co-chair), Joel Javines, Bob Eygenhuysen, and Linda Haar. The presentation consisted of an overview of the Standard Emergency Management System (SEMS).

- **Cuyamaca Prep Commencement Ceremony**

It was graduation day on February 10th for 16 high school students who took part in the Cuyamaca Prep program here at Cuyamaca College. Approximately 200 friends and family members witnessed this milestone event for these students. The Cuyamaca Prep program started as a pilot program initiated in 2003, as an innovative, voluntary opportunity for district-referred students who are behind in credits due to attendance problems. The program provides an effective combination of college and standards-based high school courses with appropriate services to promote the most efficient progress toward graduation, advancement in career and college requirements, consistent attendance and personal growth. Over half of the students who complete the program continue their college degree programs here at Cuyamaca College.

- **Black History Month**

On February 7th, students, faculty and staff gathered together to celebrate Black History Month. *Chris D. Terrell & the Anointed Praise Community Choir* had a crowd of over 350 participants clapping their hands to the joyous sounds of gospel music. In addition, representatives from numerous college clubs and Student Services departments were on hand to answer questions and provide assistance to students.

- **REBRAC Expands Its Mission**

In 2006, the Regional Environmental Business Resource Assistance Center's (REBRAC) mission was expanded to include Homeland Security in addition to its traditional role of Environmental Technology, by partnering with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). During the February 27th-March 1st Economic Workforce Development Summit in San Francisco, Vivian Bogue and fellow REBRAC Directors from throughout the state, will be

introducing the new Homeland Security training components and other services available statewide for the California Community College system as well as for local businesses.

COLLEGE UPCOMING EVENTS

- **New Classes Added to the Professional Development Series**

Cuyamaca College, in conjunction with Kaiser Permanente's Education and Consulting Services, will present the next series of classes in the Professional Development Series. These classes provide an opportunity for managers and supervisors to receive information on key managerial topics. Those classes include:

“Retention Strategies”, scheduled for Friday, February 23rd

“Motivation and Recognition”, scheduled for Friday, March 23rd

“Coaching for Improved Performance”, scheduled for Friday, April 27th.

- **Science & Technology Mall Grand Opening**

The initial opening of the new **Science and Technology Mall** was right on schedule. CIS and Graphic Design classes are now being offered and the ‘open entry/open exit’ computer lab, with over 180 computers, is now open to students on the lower level of the new building. The Grand Opening will be celebrated by a “Science and Technology Week” at Cuyamaca College which will run from April 18-20th, with the ribbon cutting for the official Grant Opening scheduled for **10:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 19th**. Events during the week will include a junior high day, a high school day, and a public ‘open house’ on the evening of the 19th, with hands-on activities and guest speakers.

- **Annual Dinner Dance & Auction**

Cuyamaca College's annual Dinner Dance and Auction, titled “Starlights of the Southwest,” is scheduled for **April 28th at the San Diego Marriott Mission Valley**. ‘Save the Date’ post cards and over 700 letters have been mailed to area businesses and friends of the college soliciting their support for the upcoming fundraising event. I am happy to note that donations and sponsorships are already coming in.

- **Arbor Day Celebration – March 6th, 2:30 p.m. in Ornamental Horticulture**

- **College Hour**

The College Hour in March will highlight Women's History Month. Activities celebrating this event will be held on **March 6th** at the One-Stop Breezeway.