Highlights of the March 4, 2014 Board of Trustees Meeting

The Hartnell Community College District Board of Trustees met on Tuesday, March 4, 2014 at the regularly scheduled time of 5:00 p.m. During the public hearing, the following occurred:

Presentations:
- **Vearl Gish** gave a presentation on the Annual Report from the Independent Citizen’s Oversight Committee for the academic year 2012-2013. He informed the Board of Trustees that the report is available online.
- **Dr. Zahi Kanaan-Atallah** and Val Rodriguez presented on the success of Hartnell’s Diesel Technology Program at the Alisal Campus. Diesel Tech student, Ernesto Lopez spoke of his career pathway in this field and believes it is a program that is preparing him for success. Industry leaders, like Granite Rock, were also there to show support and appreciation for the program. The demand for well-educated technicians is huge in the Salinas Valley.
- **Maggie Melone-Echiburu** showed off the NASA SEMAA program based in our Alisal Campus. More than 80 schools in Monterey County participate in this STEM-based program that inspires young students. Some of the programming includes the Aerospace Education Lab, Family Café, working with Migrant Education, and more.
- **Kelly Locke and Andy Newton** presented on the Title V CUSP and Title V STP grant programs that are benefiting our student population in a great way. These grants have enabled the College to provide top notch STEM curriculum to students, as well as opportunities in scholarships and annual internships.

Action items:
- The Governing Board approved the Accreditation Follow-up Report 1.

Consent agenda items:
- The Board of Trustees approved the Superintendent/President’s recommendation to extend contracts for first and second year academic employees and grant tenure to a fourth year academic employee.
- The Board of Trustees approved to enter into agreement with Palo Alto Medical Foundation for use of clinical facilities for Nursing and Allied Health students for three years beginning March 10, 2014 with no budget impact.
- The Trustees approved the agency/user site license agreement with Eureka.
Special Award:

Special award and recognition were given to Mary Dominguez, Dora Sanchez, and Lucy Serrano for their leadership in a successful Employees for Student Success campaign raising over $62,000 to benefit our students.

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