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Dr. Elaine McLevie, president of the Grossmont Faculty Senate, was elected to the executive council of the Academic Senate of California Community College at their annual meeting in San Francisco this month.

She was one of four faculty people of California Community Colleges asked to represent the community college point of view at a meeting sponsored by the trustees of the University of California and the California State Universities. The conference, being held this

weekend at Asilomar, will consider the topic "Undergraduate Education: Beyond the Disciplines."

Appointments of the community college representatives were made by the office of the Chancellor of the Board of Governors of the Community Colleges.

"Grossmont College has a name in the state as well as being known and recognized nationwide in the community college area," Dr. McLevie said in discussing the above groups with which she will be involved.

On this campus we have a faculty of exceptionally high calibre whose constant concern is what effect will proposed policies have on the college? Never once have I heard what effect will they have on me? That is what makes the special quality of Grossmont in being recognized by other colleges," she said.

Dr. McLevie has served as president of the Grossmont Faculty Senate for two years. Other officers are Curt Stevens (Library), vice president; Jeanne Castell, behavioral science; and Judy Barkley, English. Election of officers for next year will be held the first week in May.

The senate, which is made up of one senate member for every eight full-time faculty (or fraction thereof) in a department, concerns itself with policies on academic and professional matters. It deals with the faculty and the classroom and is also involved in faculty-student complaints.

There is a standing college

committee comprised of faculty, student and administration members and it is from this committee that persons are picked to hear due process cases.

The Faculty Senate does not participate in negotiating contracts. It represents the faculty in cases of curriculum and on-going college policies. Committees to work with the administration can be originated in the senate or administration.

The senate deals with faculty and the classroom. The bargaining agent deals with faculty and contract agreements. The senate can make recommendations to the bargaining agent, but it is up to the agent to carry them out.

There are four situations on the community college campuses, Dr. McLevie explained, that involve the relationship between a faculty senate and a faculty bargaining agent.

Some campuses have no bargaining agent. On some campuses the bargaining agent and the senate have the same people involved in both groups.

At the other extreme, the bargaining agent and the senate have no members in common. This situation, Dr. McLevie said, leads to the loss of some communication between the two groups.

The fourth situation is that which exists at Grossmont. The senate and the bargaining agent, Grossmont College Teachers Association (GCTA) work together. "Here the jobs done are distinctive to the organization; each has respect for the other's position. However, there are cases that overlap and this requires close cooperation by both organizations," said Dr. McLevie.

At the present time the Faculty Senate has a committee studying their constitution to determine what revisions need to be made. Dr. McLevie said some districts with more than one campus have a district Faculty Senate as well as a campus senate. "The Grossmont situation has to be resolved with the opening of Cuyamaca College," she said.