

Report of the Meeting of the
Board of Trustees
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HEADLINE: *Budget Mess Continues to Confound*

Full reports from the Board of Trustees meeting can be found at www.calstate.edu/BOT.

The public committee meetings were held with, among others, the CSU presidents, the Lieutenant Governor and members of the Statewide Academic Senate's Executive Committee in attendance. Important items included the following:

- * The Committee on Committees assigned new trustee Henry Mendoza to various committees.
- * The Committee on Institutional Advancement approved the naming of Hardt Field at Bakersfield. Carol and James Collins were commended for their contributions to Pomona. In 2007-08, the CSU campuses received nearly \$450 million in new gifts.
- * The Committee on Finance reviewed the support budget situation. The legislature is in session and at this writing some Republicans have agreed to consider revenue enhancements while favoring budget cuts as the main way to solve the \$15 billion deficit for 2008-09. The Governor has proposed cutting the CSU budget by \$97 million for this year, or back to his initial January proposal, which we had overcome. If there is no budget soon, faculty is protected and will be paid, but student scholarships and loans are not protected. 121,000 students now receive State University Grants, an all time high. In fact, when all grants are counted, 170,000 of our students DO NOT PAY FEES.

Next year's (2009-10) shortfall is estimated at \$41 billion. The CSU proposed support budget for 2009/10 is composed of \$3.271 billion in General Fund Appropriations, \$1.5 billion in Student Fees, and \$4.5 million in reimbursements for a total of \$4.83 billion. The budget includes \$79 million to reduce salary gaps but assumes that funds to make up for cuts in the compact would be supplied and that student enrollment would then return to the 2.5% growth rate to provide new revenues. The Governor's proposed budget would restore \$31 million of the \$97 million cut in the previous year, thereby making permanent a cut of \$66 million in the CSU budget and creating serious problems for the CSU.

- * The Committee on Campus Planning, Buildings and Grounds heard reports on capital outlays that included approval of a Psychology Building remodel for Fullerton, electrical and lighting work for Dominguez Hills, and a Land Lab Observatory for San Bernardino. The board then received reports on how the CSU might qualify for economic stimulus funds and on suspended building projects. Schematic plans were approved for a recreation building expansion at SLO.
- * The Committee on Governmental Relations heard report number 1, which includes the Board's statement of principles to guide its legislative team. These principles are available on-line in the BOT Agenda. More than 200 bills have already been submitted for consideration in Sacramento. The CSU will continue to advocate for a Doctor of Nursing Practice and we have legislators who will help us. We are also seeking renewal of the law that allows affinity alumni programs for

fundraising. The law sunsets soon. We have many types of alum in the state legislature that we will be calling on.

On the federal level last session, the CSU achieved improvements in Pell Grants, Community Service Provisions, Early Intervention Programs, and STEM fields in the Higher Education Authorization Bill. We will support new funding for Pell Grants, “developing institutions,” Strategic Language Initiative, and Hispanic Serving Institutions. Teacher preparation, veteran education, international education, support for applied research will all be priority items for our team in Washington, D.C. California’s delegation is very powerful in the House and Senate. This may help us with getting stimulus funds.

- * The Committee on Audit heard status reports on various campus reviews. The overall system audit gave the CSU the highest rating possible.
- * The Committee on Education Policy heard a report concerning Career Technical Education (CTE) courses in high schools. SB1543, which is now law, requires the CSU and requests that UC help high schools develop courses that incorporate CTE curriculum and ready these courses for “a-g” list approval or for career education electives in the high schools. There are currently 15 courses required in the “a-g” list. The CSU has surveyed hard core industries to learn what they need in terms of math, science and other skills. Then the CSU has worked with faculty to develop new courses that wed “a-g” and CTE curriculum. The CSU plans to continue to provide CTE teachers.

The committee then heard a report on the Strategic Language Initiative centered at Long Beach, which includes four other campuses. This program takes advantage of the unique strengths of these five campuses. The initiative encourages intercultural communication to facilitate success in the global market. Our very skilled students are linguistically deprived and the initiative hopes to reverse this phenomenon using an 18-month, three phase program that includes language immersion, individual language development, and study abroad immersion. The program has received national recognition.

The next report concerned the Intelligence Community -- Center of Academic Excellence centered at San Bernardino includes six other campuses. The \$3.7 million funding comes from the Director of National Intelligence. The program engages in curriculum development, seminars, travel abroad, and high school outreach. 120 students are now in the program. The program has been nationally recognized examples of successful intra-system collaboration.

We heard a report on the remediation needs of students. At this time, more than 50% of entering freshmen need remediation in English and/or math.

Finally, we got a hands on look at the Zero Emission Vehicle develop at San Jose by students and their professor.

After public comments and constituency reports during the general board meeting, the above recommendations were affirmed and the reports were accepted.

Board Committee Chairs:

Melinda Guzman, Chair, Audit

Robert Linscheid, Chair, Campus Planning, Buildings and Grounds

Lou Monville, Chair, Collective Bargaining

Herbert Carter, Chair, Educational Policy

William Hauck, Chair, Finance

Carol Chandler, Chair, Government Relations

George Gowgani, Chair, Craig Smith, Vice Chair, Institutional Advancement

Craig Smith, Vice Chair, Organization and Rules

Debra Farar, Chair, University and Faculty Personnel

My list of completed campus visits follows:

<u>Campus</u>	<u>1st Official Visit</u>	<u>2nd Visit</u>	<u>3rd Visit</u>	<u>4th Visit</u>	<u>5th Visit</u>
Humboldt	9/05	Graduation 05	10/06		
Chico	12/05	Graduation 07	Alumni Banquet 08		
Sonoma	2/26				
Sacramento	12/05	8/29/07 Academic Senate Retreat	12/22/07 Winter Grad		
Maritime A.	2/06	guest lecture	Graduation 06	Graduation 07	Graduation 08
San Francisco	10/05	12/4/07			
East Bay	11/05	Workshop	President/ Senate Exec.		
San Jose	11/05	150 th Anniversary			
Stanislaus	9/06	Phone Conference 8/08			
Monterey Bay	2/06	1/07			
Fresno	10/05	Graduation 06	9/06		
Bakersfield	5/06	Graduation 07			
San Luis Obispo	10/06				
Channel Islands	4/06	Guest lecture			
Northridge	11/05				
San Bernardino	11/05	12/8/07 winter grad.			
Fullerton	11/06	Arts Center	Alumnae Events	Picnic	Guest Lectures
Los Angeles	1/06				
Dominguez Hills	5/06	Tennis Center	Campus Conversation	Tennis Center	
Long Beach	9/05	5/06	Graduation	9/06	Campus Conver.
Pomona	4/06	Campus Conversation	9/13/07-Exec. Retreat		
San Marcos	1/06	8/07 Fundraising	5/08 Fundraising		
San Diego	1/06	Graduate Dean			