President Ken Stone’s Remarks
CSU Board of Trustees
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Thank you, Chair Linscheid.

In *CSU alumni news*, as spring semester classes begin at many of our campuses our Alumni Associations are in full swing with preparations to engage the 90,000 new graduates the CSU will produce this year. These new CSU alumni will join the over 2.6 million alumni who closed 2010 and started 2011 with quite an impact on our state: in *education*, Sacramento State alumnus Kadhir Rajagopal was named a California Teacher of the Year; in *public service*, San José State alumnus Dennis Peterson was appointed to the State Superior Court in Fresno, along with more than a dozen other CSU graduates who were appointed to state government leadership and oversight positions; and in *entertainment*, San Francisco State alumna Annette Bening took home a Golden Globe. Yesterday, the Committee on Institutional Advancement heard a presentation to consider naming the Community and Labor Studies Institute at CSU Channel Islands as The Henry L. “Hank” Lacayo Institute for Workforce and Community Studies—an item that is before you today. In addition to Mr. Lacayo’s generous contributions, we would also like to acknowledge the dedicated service of his wife, Leah Lacayo, who serves as a member of the CSU Alumni Council’s Board of Directors. CSU graduates and friends never stop “Working for California.”

To this end, at the March Board of Trustees meeting we will have the new CSU 50th Anniversary edition of the *Working for California* publication to share with you. In addition to the expanded booklet featuring 50 alumni in the CSU’s high-impact fields, there will be a new companion website, as well as posters featuring 7 representative alumni placed in the capitol display outside the governor’s office. This project is one the most visible of the Alumni Council’s advocacy efforts in support of the CSU.

In addition to this project, the Council held a “virtual” meeting via conference call last week during which it was briefed by Karen Zamarripa on the important next advocacy steps regarding
the governor’s proposed budget. Alumni Council members are contributing to CSU advocacy efforts by coordinating legislative visits and other activities with their campus legislative liaisons and presidents. It is our goal to continually remind the legislature and voters that the CSU is the engine that powers California’s economy.

In February, I will join Chancellor Reed and a number of CSU representatives as a speaker for Super Sunday. I am honored to be a part of this vital outreach program and to have the opportunity to share the importance of a college education.

Outside of California, we are moving forward on our 2nd annual CSU New York/Tri-State Alumni Reception which will be held at the University Club on March 3rd. The campuses are marketing the event to their alumni in the area and we are receiving a very favorable response. We look forward to engaging these alumni in support of the CSU.

Also in March is the Alumni Council’s Annual Conference which will provide valuable professional development for our campus staff working in alumni relations as well as our alumni volunteers. The theme of this conference will focus on integrating career services into alumni relations programming.

On behalf of Cal Poly San Luis Obispo alumni, I would like to welcome Jeff Armstrong to the CSU and let him know how excited we are to have him join Cal Poly as president. I would also like to thank President Emeritus Bob Glidden for his special commitment to Cal Poly during these past several months – we have truly enjoyed working with you.

And, on behalf of all alumni, and the Alumni Council I would like to once again express our continued gratitude for the support we receive from the Board of Trustees, Chancellor Reed, campus presidents and the CSU leadership team in carrying forth our campus alumni relations efforts.

Thank you, Chair Linscheid. This concludes my report.