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The Board of Trustees met at the office of the Chancellor on November 18-19, 2003. The full Board agenda can be viewed at www.calstate.edu/BOT/agendas/. All of the Trustees, who had been newly appointed by Gov. Gray Davis, were removed from the BOT during the closed session for the selection of the presidents of CSU San Marcos and San Jose State. This leaves the BOT with a rather dramatic shortage of trustees, to the point that we had to ask Alex Lopez, Student Trustee to risk being late to an exam so that the BOT could make quorum. I made a personal plea to the trustees who have strong contacts with Gov. Schwarzenegger, so that the appointments by his office may occur soon.

Gov. Schwarzenegger is the President of the BOT.

Hon. Cruz Bustamante; Lt. Gov. did attend the closed session for the selection of the presidents. Karen S. Haynes was selected as the new president for CSU San Marcos, effective Feb. 1, 2004. The BOT was pleased that Interim President Roy McTarnaghan agreed to stay on for the Feb. 1st extended timeframe. The BOT decided to continue the search for San Jose State University to get the best possible fit for such a significant campus and were pleased that Interim President Joe Crowley agreed to stay on for the extended search. Both Interim Presidents received conferral of the title President Emeritus.

After a closed meeting, the Committee on Collective Bargaining then met in Open session. Minutes from Sept. 16, 2003 were approved. Jackie McClain, Vice Chancellor, Human Resources noted that the CO was trying to work through to solutions that would be mutually agreeable, but that each campus was also unique in some ways and that they were trying to work with each campus as well. CSEA spokesperson noted that there were claims of impropriety of layoffs at CSU Los Angeles (CSULA). They were requesting an audit of CSULA. Pat Gantt, Chair, Unit 9, CSEA noted that the reopener was proceeding slowly.

Committee on Finance met and approved the minutes from Sept. 16, 2003. CSU 2004/05 Support and Lottery Budgets were passed. While the BOT passed the budget as presented on Sept. 16, which, to recap, includes $54,079,000 mandatory increase in costs, requests for additional partnership funding, including 3% FTES increase, compensation 4.1% increase, Outreach, Long-term need deficiencies, totaled $206,800,000; other priorities, including ACR 73, off campus centers equaled $3,000,000. The fiscal impact of the 2003/04 budget reductions requires $181,062,000 to restore. The total budget request was $546,564,000, including $24,699,000 in State University Fee revenue. Everyone recognizes that while the State is facing a severe fiscal crisis, the CSU has been the economic engine of recovery. Reductions will have direct and severe impacts. Lottery revenue could drop as well.

There was a report on 2003/04 Student Fees, which includes the systemwide State University Fee (SUF) and campus fees. The SUF for undergraduates is $2,046, the average campus based fees is $526, while these reflected the increases in mid-year 2002/03 and 30% beginning fall 2003/04, the CSU still ranked the lowest among 15 comparison public institutions, where student fee average $5,272. A committee is studying policy recommendations for student fees.
The BOT concurred with the final EIR for CSU Stanislaus, Stockton Off-Campus Center Master Development Plan and approved the Delegation of Authority.

The Committee on Campus Planning, Buildings and Grounds approved the minutes of Sept. 17, 2003. We then amended the 2003/04 Capital Outlay Program, Nonstate Funded to include $989,000 for CSU Polytechnic Pomona’s South Campus Drive Extension. There was discussion by the issues raised in the Supplement to the Final EIR for faculty and staff housing H-8 at Cal Poly, SLO. The contested issues involved public services, specifically capacity to handle the wastewater of build-out of the Cal Poly Master Plan, the mitigation of traffic impacts, and air quality. The discussion was convincing that the issues able to be directly impacted by the action of Cal Poly San Luis Obispo are being adequately addressed. The Supplement to the Final EIR was then approved as in compliance with CEQA.

The BOT then certified the Final EIR and approved the Campus Master Plan Revision at CSU, Fullerton, which will go from 20,000 FTEs to 25,000 FTEs, including a 343% increase in the on-campus student housing residents. The ASCSU and the Student Trustee spoke publicly about how fully engaged the entire campus and the community has been in this Master Plan Revision. President Gordon spoke with enthusiasm about the comprehensive planning process and was praised for the thoroughness and the shared governance.

Three projects had schematic plans presented and approved: CSU, Chico has the first Leeds Certified schematic plans for a Student Services Center for $35,731,000. CSU Monterey Bay’s library’s schematic plans, (which will incorporate environmental and energy saving designs) were approved for $58,170,000. Finally the Visitor Center/Gateway schematic at CSU Monterey Bay, again with notable energy efficiency design, was approved for $4,584,000. While the first two projects come from state funds, the last is funded through a federal grant and the University Foundation.

The Committee on Governmental Relations approved the minutes of September 16, 2003. Karen Y. Zamarripa, Assist. Vice Chancellor, Governmental Affairs made the 2003/04 Legislative Report No. 6. She noted Gov. Davis’ veto on the energy bill and that further changes in CEQA did not take place as positive for the CSU. Several significant bills highlighted were: SB 971 (Burton), now double-joined with AB 491 (Diaz), which means that both have to pass and both are "two-year bills." Trustee Galinson requested feedback from the ASCSU on this.

There is work on AB 825 (Firebaugh) to examine Student Financial Aid (especially Cal Grants age and GPA restrictions) that is under study, and the broader issues of student fees and resources are under study. SB 25-Increasing security over personal information, SB 41 conflict of interest, and SB 81 teacher training were significant to the CSU. Worker’s Compensation, Early Retirement, and the Capital facilities bills were discussed. It was observed that the Higher Education Committee, headed by Carol Liu was discussing ways to move the CSU from State Funded General Funds with "Incentives for Higher Education to be more efficient, especially using technology. There is a serious collaborative focus on a long-term student fee policy....”

March 22, 2004 was identified as Leg Day for Alumni but it was felt that the CSU would be starting its legislative agenda much earlier. The report was adopted. There was, in response to a question, a discussion of Teacher Education Programs in line with K-12 reforms in January of 1999 and then again in May 2003 with the Alpert Master Plan. $600,000,000 is currently spent on teacher training, the single biggest implementation in Higher Education. Cal Teach and Cal State Teach are efforts directed towards this end.

Committee on Audit approved the minutes of September 16, 2003 and received a status report on current and follow-up internal audit assignments as information. There was also a status report on the Bureau of State Audits Report on CMS as information, with examples given from the Cap Gemini Ernst & Young Study retained to do a cost benefit analysis. The 4 areas studied were Cost Reduction, Productivity Gains, Risk Mitigation and Resource Optimization. Their study concluded that the CSU's approach was cost effective in collaborative implementation and in operational costs
compared to the CSU's old system. They also noted benefits have occurred and more should emerge as implementation matures. In 2002 CMS was at 19 campuses for HR, 15 for Financial, and 7 had Student. The expectation is that, in 2004, 21 campuses will have HR, 21 Financial and 9 will have Student. So the estimate was that 60-70% has been completed. Dave Ernst explained the learning curve as initially go live; "get it in"/2002-07; "get it working"/ 2004-09; getting alignment/ 2006-10; change the game by creating new possibilities.

The Committee on Institutional Advancement approved the Sept. 16, 2003 minutes. The BOT approved the naming of the Science Academic Center at CSU, Monterey Bay the Patricia & Robert Chapman Science Academic Center.

The Committee on Educational Policy approved the minutes of Sept. 17, 2003. The Committee heard David Spence, Executive Vice Chancellor and Chief Academic Officer and Dr. Rollin Richmond, the President of CSU, Humboldt, on Community Service Learning in the CSU. These programs in 2002/03 included over 1,700 courses with more than 60,000 students engaged in service learning. A proposed revision of Title 5 Regulations: Student Discipline and Intellectual Property, was presented which would recognize the consequences for the unauthorized use of academic presentations for commercial purposes. The Chair of the Statewide Academic Senate, Bob Cherny commented on resolution AS-2612-03/FGA, which recommended CSU Budget Priority for 2003/04, passed by the ASCSU.

The Committee on University and Faculty Personnel approved minutes of July 15, 2003 (did not meet in September) and set executive compensation for Dr. Paul J. Zingg as President of CSU, Chico annually at $205,008, with a $30,000 housing allowance, starting Feb. 1, 2004.

Committee on Committees did not meet but an adjusted set of committee membership, recognizing the reduction in current trustees has been made. It is available on the BOT Website.

The Committee of the Whole approved the minutes of Sept. 17, 2003

In her Report to the Board, Chair Farar noted the loss to the BOT of Trustee Michael Stennis. She recognized the strong commitment by the BOT to Executive searches and the success with Paul Zingg for CSU, Chico, with announcements to follow for San Marcos, San Jose and the convening of Bakersfield’s search committee. The Hispanic Association recognized several CSU institutions as outstanding institutions.

In his report the Chancellor discussed the budget and meeting with Gov. Schwarzenegger and his interest in creating a better business climate for California. CSU's challenge is to make it clear that the amount of funding directly relates to the number of students that we can accept and provide a quality education. He has met with the new UC Chancellor. College and University Professional Association for Human Resources recognized Jackie McClain with the highest award: D.E. Dickason Award. Bob Susuki received the Order of the Rising Sun.

President of the CSU Alumni Council, Bob Linscheid reported that they met in San Jose and worked on a strategic direction for the CSU Advocacy. They meet in March at Fresno. Legs Days in Sacramento on March 22 and they will do advocacy training. In Jan. there will be regional training for the March Bond.

Chair of the CSSA Jose Solache reported on the Oct. 18 meeting at CSU, Chico where the ASCSU Chair, the Faculty Trustee and the Interim President of Chico all spoke. In November they meet at Fullerton. They are working on the budget, shared governance, trying to assess all campuses and the alumni about the student fee policy. They are also working on a resolution on parking. December's meeting is at Humboldt and they will have a leadership retreat with the support of the Chancellor. Their poster was displayed.

Trustee Pesqueira gave CPEC's report of Oct. 2, where the future direction of CPEC was discussed. Implications for California Higher Education given the 2003/04 State budget and recognition that currently California does not have a stable funding source for higher education caused a split over
the value of disaggregated cost-of-instruction approaches for identifying or selecting funding priorities.

The resolutions passed by the BOT have been noted in context. Due to the lateness of the meeting, I could not stay for the full public comment and so will not add notes here.