

Report of the meeting of the  
Board of Trustees  
July 18-19, 2006

Craig R. Smith, CSU Faculty Trustee

HEADLINE: *Both sides agree to round the clock bargaining.*

Full reports from the Board of Trustees meeting can be found at [www.calstate.edu/BOT](http://www.calstate.edu/BOT).

The public committee meetings were held with the CSU presidents, and members of the Statewide Academic Senate's Executive Committee in attendance among others.

\*The Committee on Collective Bargaining reported an agreement with campus security forces.

\*The Committee on Institutional Advancement approved facility naming at San Bernardino (Leonard Transportation Center and Watson Literacy Center), and SLO (Lau Center).

\*The Committee on Finance reported on the 2006-07 Support Budget in the overall \$131 billion in the governor's budget. We were given a 7.8% increase in our budget, with an additional \$23.8 million coming from an increase in the number of students attending the CSU, which brings the total general fund revenue to the CSU to \$2.8 billion. The state agreed to increase the marginal cost per student by \$1,000 but could not agree on a formula to determine the amount in the future. These additional revenues will result in increases in the Board's Budget requests across the board. They will provide a compensation pool increase of 3.6%, allow enrollment of 11,000 more students, and significantly increase financial aid available to students. The committee also recommended the approval of the Fullerton Student Recreation Center Project.

\*The Committee on Campus Planning, Buildings and Groups amended the Capital Outlay Program for projects at Fresno, Northridge, and Sonoma (06-07 status report), reviewed the California Environmental Quality Act Report requirements, presented the priorities for capital outlays for 2007-08 to 2012-13, and approved a schematic plan for Chico. Cost escalation problems were at the heart of the capital outlay revisions.

\* The Committee on University and Faculty Personnel approved the compensation package for the new president at East Bay at \$237,072.

The Committee on Educational Policy announced an initiative in strategic planning that would review information collected under the Cornerstone project. All stakeholders would be given voice in the consultative process. The plan would focus on access and excellence. The committee then moved to the controversial issue of setting enrollment targets. In the fall of 2005, campuses were given a plus/minus 2% target (the legislature penalizes us for being under but does not reward us for being in surplus growth). Being either or over by 2% or less would not result in penalty or reward; however, being under would result in proportional cuts and being over 2% could result in bonuses from those campuses that were reduced. Some trustees argued that this was an arbitrary time to oppose the rule; others argued that

the penalty fell disproportionately on the campuses with higher minority, part-time, and/or working student enrollments. I questioned the reliance on FTES instead of body counts in the formula since bodies tax many campus services even if they are part-time students.

\*The Committee on Audit reviewed progress on internal audits and corrective actions. KMPG was approved to conduct the external system-wide audit.

\*The Committee on Governmental Relations heard report number 10 which focused on the need for revenue bonds (AB2597) and facilities bonds (Proposition 1-D), Cal Grant revisions to help CSU students (AB2813), AB 546 which (revised at our request) concerns research on state computers, SB 1724 on efficiency and cost reduction through victim compensation reform, and other bills on the table that affect the CSU. The Board endorsed Proposition 1-D. I would again call your attention to AB 196 which would give more power to CPEC in terms of accountability, AB 1072 which would create structured student fee increases, AB 1896 which would have made the A-G CSU high school requirements the default requirements for high schools in the state was defeated (we will seek reintroduction next year), AB 2951 which would make the CSU subject to capital facilities fees from utilities, and SB 1181 which would require full disclosure of executive compensation in public institutions of higher learning.

**The above recommendations were affirmed and the reports were accepted at the general board meeting after public comments. New Trustees Kenneth Fong, Lou Monville, Glen Toney, and Jennifer Riemer were assigned to committees and welcomed.**

\*The following are the Committee Chairs:

Ray Holdsworth, Chair, Audit

Kyriakos Tsakopoulos, Chair, Campus Planning, Buildings and Grounds\*

Murry Galinson, Chair, Collective Bargaining

Herbert Carter, Chair, Educational Policy\*

William Hauck, Chair, Finance\*

Melinda Guzman Moore, Chair, Government Relations\*

Carol Chandler, Chair, Craig Smith, Vice Chair, Institutional Advancement\*

George Gowgani, Chair, Craig Smith, Vice Chair, Organization and Rules\*

Debra Farar, Chair, University and Faculty Personnel\*

\*Faculty Trustee Smith to serve as member. He will also serve as alternate representative to CPEC.

Roberta Achtenberg is the Chair of the Board and Jeffrey Bleich is Vice Chair.

*Have a great summer; the next board meeting will be September 19, 20.*

I have requested visits in the fall to begin with Stanislaus, Fullerton, Monterey Bay, and Fresno. If you need me to visit your campus, please let me know.