

Report of the meeting of the
Board of Trustees
November 14-15, 2006

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HEADLINE: *Budget Approved Asking for more than Compact*

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

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

*The Committee on Collective Bargaining approved agreements with staff unions.

*The Committee on Finance approved the support budget for the CSU after an amendment by me to raise the priority of the ACR 73 request to move us to 75% tenure-tenure track was defeated. The budget must operate within the 8% of discretionary funding left in the state budget. Statewide Senate resolutions were presented to the Board by the ASCSU Executive Committee members Marshelle Thobaben, Paul Persons, Barry Pasternack, and Hank Reichman. The new support budget proposal is \$4,499,218,000, with \$3,053,809,00 from the General Fund, \$1,262,147,000 in student revenue, and \$183,262,000 in reimbursements. The budget assumes a growth of 8351 FTES. Our students are now funded at \$12,143 a five year high. State University Grant Funding has risen to an all time high of \$245.2 million. Sixty percent of the budget is spent on compensation and benefits of employees.

The committee also approved the Lottery Budget of about \$39,400,000 for distribution to campuses. The committee approved an Ed.D. fee equal to that of graduate students at the UC of approximately \$7,000. Finally, the committee approved the use of bond funds for parking structures at San Bernardino. The committee received a student fee report which showed that the highest total campus fees were charged at San Luis Obispo at \$4,349, next was Sonoma at \$3,648; the lowest fees were at Long Beach at \$2,864. Overall our fees were far below our cohort institutions. Our undergraduate average was \$3,199 as opposed the next highest, which was \$3,684 at U. of Nevada, Reno. The committee approved a public/private partnership between Bakersfield and Bynum and Associates to build four to six story office building on the campus. The committee heard a report on revenue management on the campuses under the new program which allows them to retain collected revenues. This program is the result of the passage of AB1802. It has increased investment earnings and budget efficiencies.

*The Committee on Campus Planning, Buildings and Groups approved a parking structure for Northridge, an energy program in Long Beach, a potential gift in Placer County for an off-campus center for Sacramento, and changes in the master plan for Stanislaus to facilitate student recreation center.

*The Committee on Audit heard a status report on audits within the system and on information security in the CSU.

*The Committee on Institutional Advancement approved the naming of facilities at San Luis Obispo (Luckman Hall), Stanislaus (Naraghi Hall), and Fullerton (Folino Drive).

* The Committee on University and Faculty Personnel approved, after amendment, a new transition program with much more transparency and accountability for CSU executives. Executive Transition II also narrows the number of people eligible for participation. All transition agreements shall be reported to and discussed by the board. This change resulted from a resolution passed by the ASCSU. The Board encouraged the chancellor to re-negotiate grandfathered executives out their current contract rights and into the Executive Transition II program.

*The Committee on Governmental Relations heard report number 12, which revolved around the recent elections. Incoming Lieutenant Governor John Garamandi will replace Cruz Bustamante on the Board starting in 2007. Other items of interest included our success on the Cal Grant revisions raising age eligibility to 27 and with the CSU omnibus bill. Many bills died by the end of the session, including one that called for our A-G high school requirements to be the default for high schools (AB 1896). Proposition 1D was approved by 56% of the voters and carried 28 counties.

*The Committee on Organizational and Rules approved the independent functioning of the Audit Committee.

* The Committee on Educational Policy reviewed progress on the initiative in strategic planning. Accountability from Cornerstones was summarized over its nine indicators in the Fourth Biennial Report from Vice Chancellor Reichard. For example, participation in the Early Assessment Program continues to expand: in 2006, 210,000 students took the English test, 134,000 students took the Math test. Progress toward graduation is being made, as is reduction of remediation. However, the decline in summer school offerings is discouraging, as is the decline in charitable giving. This report is available on line.

Reports were heard from Long Beach on graduation success and Northridge on producing teachers for a new era. We also heard a report on extended education in the CSU.

With regard to Access to Excellence, progress toward involvement of all campus constituencies was assured. The domains for investigation have been formulated and will now be sent to the campuses. Reports from campuses are due back to the steering committee by March of 2007.

*Trustee Kyriakos Tsakopoulos rose questions about CSU links to Eastern Mediterranean University in Cypress. San Diego sends students there and Long Beach receives students from the same university. The Board reaffirmed its commitment to academic freedom and providing secure learning areas for our students.

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

*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.

My list of completed campus visits follows:

Provided here is a chart of my completed campus visits:

<u>Campus</u>	<u>1st Official Visit</u>	<u>Visit</u>	<u>Visit</u>	<u>Visit</u>	<u>Visit</u>
Humboldt	9/05	Graduation 05	10/06		
Chico	12/05				
Sonoma	2/26				
Sacramento	12/05				
Maritime A.	2/06	guest lecture	Graduation 06		
San Francisco	10/05				
East Bay	11/05	Workshop	1/07		
San Jose	11/05				
Stanislaus	9/06				
Monterey Bay	2/06				
Fresno	10/05	Graduation 06	9/06		
Bakersfield	5/06				
San Luis Obispo	10/06				
Channel Islands	4/06				
Northridge	11/05				
San Bernardino	11/05				
Fullerton	11/06	Arts Center	Alumnae	Picnic	
Los Angeles	1/06				
Dominguez Hills	5/06	Tennis Center			
Long Beach	9/05	5/06	Graduation	9/06	
Pomona	4/06				
San Marcos	1/06				
San Diego	1/06	Graduate Dean			