

Report of the meeting of the  
Board of Trustees  
January 23-24, 2007

Craig R. Smith, CSU Faculty Trustee

HEADLINE: *Lt. Governor John Garamandi joins the Board.*

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, among others, the CSU presidents and members of the Statewide Academic Senate's Executive Committee in attendance.

- \* The Committee on Audit heard a status report on the system and on information security in the CSU. Basically, the auditors said that the CSU was in better shape (on compliance) than ever. Construction auditing and federal funds spending were also reviewed.
- \* The Committee on Collective Bargaining approved a bargaining agreement with the CSU Employees Union for a three-year term. The Academic Senate's resolution on the need for a contract for faculty was presented to the board by ASCSU Chair Marshelle Thobaben.
- \* The Committee on Educational Policy reviewed progress on strategic planning and the establishment of campus conversations. The Committee took action to revise Title 5 with regard to 1) education about, and prevention of sexual violence and 2) hazing in the student conduct code. The Committee also heard a report on how CMS contributes to progress to graduation. ACT and SAT as well as ELM/EPT/and EAP scores are front-loaded allowing for automated admission applications. Financial aid interaction for students is now possible on many campuses. Cal Grant processing is automated. Registration, grades, degree audits and pathways are all available now via computer. Transferring credit and academic advising has been greatly facilitated. There was criticism of two campuses, San Diego State and San Francisco State, for not committing to the student side of CMS.
- \* The Committee on Campus Planning, Buildings and Groups amended the Capital Outlay Program with regard to Non-State funded projects at Sacramento (Student Housing Phase I), Stanislaus (Parking Lot 6), and San Diego (Solar Photovoltaic for Imperial Valley Campus). Schematic plans were approved for Los Angeles' Science Building Replacement, Northridge's Student Housing Phase I, and Pomona's Student Housing Phase II.
- \* The Committee on Governmental Relations heard report number 1/2007, which reviewed our state legislative agenda. There are 33 new legislators in Sacramento. Among others, the Speaker and the Senator Pro Tem are termed out in 2008. Jack Scott will be in his last term and is again head of the Education Committee in the Senate; the Vice Chair is Mike Wyland from San Diego. Anthony Portantino (La Canada) is chair of the Assembly Higher Education Committee; Shirley Horton (Chula Vista) is vice chair. The Assembly Education Committee is chaired by Gene Mullin of (South San Francisco) and the vice chair is Martin Garrick (Solana Beach). The Assembly Budget Committee Chair is John Laird (Santa Cruz); the vice chair is Roger Niello (Sacramento). The Senate Budget Committee Chair is Denise Ducheny (San Diego); the vice chair is Dennis Hollingsworth (Riverside). The Board adopted a statement of legislative principles to guide our staff in terms which legislation we should consider for support, amendment or defeat. These focus on academic affairs, internal governance in the system, collective bargaining, budget process, and our role in teaching preparation. Initiatives include increased funding of \$77 million for Cal Grant B (the neediest students), support for a revenue bond program, and a non-resident military waiver extension.

We also reviewed our federal agenda, which we will pursue during "educational" visits on March 28<sup>th</sup> to key congressional offices. The Higher Education Act needs to be reauthorized; it includes Pell Grants, intervention programs, service learning programs, math and science teachers, and applied research. The

Act has been extended only to June 30, 2007. Since earmarks are now unacceptable, a whole slew of proposed programs from last year that were approved in the House for the CSU are not in play. The House did pass legislation that would cut student loan interest in half. The \$1 million Strategic Language Initiative has been approved in House and Senate and Conference. We will now try to move it to the president's desk.

Due to the 2006 election, the State of California has more clout in the Congress than any other state. However, limited revenue, the filibuster, the presidential veto and other factors make the likelihood of major spending appropriations unlikely.

- \* The Committee on Institutional Advancement commended a donor, Ken Fisher, for endowing a chair at Humboldt. At Fresno, the Real Estate Center was named for Arnold and Dianne Gazarian. We also heard a report on fundraising and outside grants systemwide. The 2005/06 total was \$1.38 billion, up from \$1.37 billion the year before and \$1.28 for the year before that.
  - The Committee on University and Faculty Personnel approved an increase in executive compensation by 4% retroactive to July 1, 2006.
- \* The Committee of the Whole received a report on partnering for Greater Access to Higher Education. Our minority applicants have consistently increased.
- The Committee on Finance heard a report on the 2007-2008 governor's budget. The legislative analyst's office believes that the revenue projections are optimistic. The CSU budget provides a base increase of 4% or \$109 million, funding for enrollment growth of 2.5% (\$65 million), and a cut of \$7 million in outreach funds. It assumes a fee revenue increase of \$252 per student to provide a \$98 million increase as part of the CSU budget, of these fees, one-third are set aside for state university scholarships. Our total budget is \$4.4 billion. The board approved various revenue bonds, a conceptual plan for a public/private residential/hotel in two 31-story buildings for Bakersfield, and a loan to build a health sciences center at CSU San Bernardino/Palm Desert. Indebtedness was reconfigured for student unions at Chico, Fullerton, Northridge, San Diego and San Francisco, for Channel Island housing, for the Northridge bookstore, and for the Pomona training center.
- \* Employee awards for quality service were presented; these awards were dominated by the Long Beach and San Marcos teams.

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

- \* Student Trustee La Flamme read a personal statement critical of the CFA for not engaging in critical thinking and for bullying students into supporting their efforts.
- \* The issue regarding CSU links to Eastern Mediterranean University in Cypress was reported back from the ad hoc committee to which it was assigned. The Board reaffirmed its commitment to academic freedom and providing secure learning areas for our students.
- \* I will travel to Monterey Bay on January 25-26 and be involved in the campus conversation at Dominguez Hills.
- \* The meeting of the Board was adjourned in honor of Paul Persons.

**Board 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>1<sup>st</sup> 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	1/07			
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	Campus Conversation		
Long Beach	9/05	5/06	Graduation	9/06	Campus Conversation
Pomona	4/06				
San Marcos	1/06				
San Diego	1/06	Graduate Dean			