

Report of the Meeting of the
Board of Trustees
May 15-16, 2007

Craig R. Smith, CSU Faculty Trustee

HEADLINE: Board ratifies contract with CFA; Mildred Garcia named President at Dominguez Hills.

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

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

- * The Committee on Institutional Advancement approved the naming of entities at San Diego (Sharp Nursing), San Jose (Lurie College of Education), and Channel Islands (Smith Center).
- * The Committee on Educational Policy reviewed heard reports on student housing regulations, the Faculty-Student Research and Mentorship Special Focus (Humboldt and Los Angeles were spotlighted), and peer visits on graduation rates (Pomona was spotlighted). The Early Assessment Program's professional development of faculty trained 2,400 teachers of English and the results were very encouraging. Students coming out of schools with properly trained teachers (RIAP and ERWC) were much more likely to be college ready. The program is growing rapidly. Fifty-five high schools have adopted full implementation and LA Unified will sign on soon to the expository reading and writing program. They were also more likely to pass the CST 11th Grade ELA test. The Committee also recommended a change in Title 5 deleting the clause that prevented entry of minor aliens.
- * The Committee on Campus Planning, Buildings and Groups reviewed the State Funded Capital Outlay Programs, and approved a motion giving the Chancellor authority to approval final negotiations and MOUs for the Campus Pointe project at Fresno. New schematics for the project were also approved. It also approved schematic plans for East Bay's phase III housing project, Fullerton's policy building, Los Angeles' Corporation Yard and High Schools, Pomona's College of Business Administration and Innovation Village Phase IV, Sacramento's Wellness Center and Student Housing Phase I, San Marcos Social and Behavioral Sciences Building, and Sonoma's Student Housing. Each of these meets high sustainability standards.
- * The Committee on Organization and Rules
- * The Committee on Audit heard an updated report on campus audits.
- * The Committee on Governmental Relations heard report number 3 regarding the thousands of bills dropped in the hopper so far this year. From our perspective, the change in Cal Grant B (AB 302) is very important and we are working with Hector de la Torre (D, South Gate) to reform the program. Cal Grant B recipients would receive the same benefits as Cal Grant A recipients.

AB 950 (Mary Salas, D, San Diego) seeks to waive the non-resident fee for military personnel in graduate programs.

SB 1331 from Jack Scott (D, Pasadena) would create the Postsecondary Accountability Commission. Scott's SB 52 would streamline certain teacher credentialing programs.

There are many other bills affecting the CSU that are being monitored. For example, Assemblyman Portantino introduced AB 1413 which would let ex-officio members of the Board send designees to the Board, would require detailed financial information about executive compensation, would allow the legislature to add members to the Board, and would require that faculty compensation include all compensation not just salary in terms of informing the legislature about its needs. (CPEC has adopted this approach; sometimes referred to as the Mercer Methodology. It shows that when all benefits are considered, we come out slightly ahead of cohort institutions. Cost of living is NOT taken into account, nor is workload.) The CSU opposes this bill.

- * The Committee on Finance approved public/private projects at Bakersfield, and Los Angeles, Stanislaus. Housing at Channel Islands, property acquisition at Sacramento, and Science Buildings at Palm Desert (CSUB) were also approved.
- * The Committee on University and Faculty Personnel heard reports on executive compensation.
- * The Committee of the Whole heard a report on litigation that revealed that 67% of cases resulting in a settlement, and ALL other cases were decided in favor of the CSU.

The Wang Awards were presented to 4 faculty members and one administrator. Their biographies are available on-line on the Chancellor's office website.

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

- * Moctesuma Esparza resigned from the Board to avoid any appearance of conflict of interest in the Fresno Campus Pointe development. Vice Chancellor Jackie McLaine announced her retirement to Chico.
- * Since the last meeting of the Board, I have traveled to the Maritime Academy for its commencement, to East Bay to meet its new president and provost, to San Jose for its 150th anniversary. In the next few months, I will attend graduations at Long Beach, Chico, and Bakersfield.

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>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	Graduation 07			
Sonoma	2/26				
Sacramento	12/05				
Maritime A.	2/06	Guest lecture	Graduation 06	Graduation 07	
San Francisco	10/05				
East Bay	11/05	Workshop	President/ Senate Exec.		
San Jose	11/05	150 th Anniversary			
Stanislaus	9/06				
Monterey Bay	2/06	1/07			
Fresno	10/05	Graduation 06	9/06		
Bakersfield	5/06	Graduation 07			
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 Conver.
Pomona	4/06	Campus Conversation			
San Marcos	1/06				
San Diego	1/06	Graduate Dean			