

Report of the Meeting of the
Board of Trustees
July 10-11, 2007

Craig R. Smith, CSU Faculty Trustee

HEADLINES: *Lt. Governor Garamandi claims that CSU is seriously under funded and that he will work to gain increased funding from legislature. Craig Smith re-appointed to Board by Governor.*

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, and members of the Statewide Academic Senate's Executive Committee in attendance.

- * The Committee on Institutional Advancement approved the naming of entities at San Luis Obispo, Edwards Center for technology.
- * The Committee on Educational Policy approved Title 5 Revisions regarding university housing; definitions, rewordings, guest policies were all covered. The Committee received the Third Biennial Report on Alcohol Policies. Substantial reductions in abuse were demonstrated across the CSU; new training and educational programs were cited. Another report on facilitating graduations was heard regarding an update from Chico. The Committee was also presented with a report on progress in the development of the various Ed.D. Programs. Each program has a different focus. For example, Fresno focuses on educational reforms to impact the Central Valley; Long Beach develops leaders for Community Colleges. The Committee then heard a report on developing a faculty pipeline for the CSU. Three programs were featured: 1) pre-doctoral identification of potential professors; 2) diversity in graduate education; and 3) the doctoral incentive program (which was questioned by many who felt the money could be better spent on forgivable loans to tenure track faculty). An important discussion followed regarding the problems of retention, retirement, and recruitment that the system faces. The final item the committee heard was an assessment of the CSU's contributions to providing workers with science and mathematical skills and providing teachers for that effort. (It is for this initiative that the state provided more than \$2 million in extra funds.)
- * The Committee on Campus Planning, Buildings and Groups reviewed the status of the capital outlay program. It received the annual report for the California Environmental Quality Act, particularly with regard to Marina case at Monterey Bay. The CSU are trying to get the legislature to expand our share of the capital bond to cover our new expenses regarding environmental impact when campuses expand. The committee approved the categories and criteria for the state funded five year capital improvement programs and particularly the Multi-family Housing and Senior Housing Components of Campus Pointe.
- * The Committee on Governmental Relations heard report number 4. From the CSU 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. This bill has been carried over to the next session due its cost estimated at \$78 million.

AB 950 (Mary Salas, D, San Diego) seeks to waive the non-resident fee for military personnel in graduate programs. It is being considered by the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee.

SB 855 (Ridley-Thomas) to provide increased flexibility for the use of California revenue bonds for the CSU.

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 allow 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. Under this method, cost of living is NOT taken into account, nor is workload.) The CSU opposes this bill and is lobbying to defeat it in the senate, and to urge the Governor to veto it if it passes the legislature.

Lt. Governor Garamandi challenged the CSU's opposition to bills which would impose the highest environmental standards on new buildings in the CSU. Vice Chancellor Richard West agreed to send a letter to the legislature explaining the CSU position.

- * The Committee on Audit heard an updated report on campus audits. It was the cleanest we have received. We heard a report on the information security program.
- * The Committee on University and Faculty Personnel approved a revision to Title 5 regarding conflicts of interest. The committee then approved the contract for hiring the new president of CSU Dominguez Hills. The committee reviewed the transition program of the CSU using Jackie McClain as the specific case.
- * The Committee on Finance provided a budget update. Revenue assumptions were revised down. \$2.5 billion in reductions are needed. However, in this context, the legislature restored the \$7,000,000 for CSU outreach programs but kept the student fee increase. The budget for the CSU remains mainly in tact; that is, \$302,011,000 over last year's budget and \$12,600,000 OVER compact. We continue to fight for a higher re-imburement per student in terms of "marginal cost" per student. This increase is particularly needed in light of nursing and Ed.D. Programs. The final budget has yet to be approved.

The committee approved various bond related debt instruments to fund the Chico Wildcat Center, Phase III of the student housing at East Bay, and the bookstore project at Stanislaus.

After public comments during the general board meeting, the above recommendations were affirmed and the reports were accepted. Other announcements included the following:

1. Access to Excellence draft outline is available for comment on the Board of Trustees web site.
2. Jackie McClain was recognized for her service to the CSU and named Vice Chancellor Emerita.
3. The CSU graduated 96,000 students in various degree programs in 2007.

Planned Visits:

Cal. Poly Pomona, Academic Senate Retreat, September 13th.
Sacramento State, TBA
San Marcos, TBA

Board Committee Chairs:

Ray Holdsworth, Chair, Audit
Robert Linscheid, Chair, Campus Planning, Buildings and Grounds
Lou Monville, Chair, Collective Bargaining
Herbert Carter, Chair, Educational Policy*

William Hauck, Chair, Finance

Melinda Guzman, 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.

My list of completed campus visits follows:

<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			