

Report of the Meeting of the
Board of Trustees
March 11-12, 2008

Craig R. Smith, CSU Faculty Trustee

HEADLINE: *Access to Excellence* has first reading before Board.

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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 Bargaining approved an offer to state employees' trades union.
- * The Committee of Whole heard report on declining legal cases. Various cases are listed in the agenda. Trustee Holdsworth requested a monetary breakdown in the categories reported.
The committee then moved to a first reading on Access to Excellence. Trustee Achtenberg said the strategic plan must anticipate the "needs of the state." Vice Chancellor Reichard presented the plan, spending some time on its evolution through its time table demonstrating how much input was provided. Trustee Smith made three points in reaction: 1) resources need to be found for the goals of the plan and many of its objectives; 2) the Statewide Academic Senate of the CSU needs to be involved in the implementation phase of the plan; 3) more attention must be given to realistic and competitive workload allocations for faculty if we are to achieve excellence.
- * The Committee on Audit heard follow-up reports on various internal campus audits. The Federal Funds audit report was received.
- * The Committee on Education Policy heard the annual report on academic planning and program reviews. The committee revised the policy for entrance into graduate programs. It set the minimum GPA at 2.5 in the last 60 units undertaken. The committee then heard a report on student-faculty mentorship's in health sciences at San Diego and San Bernardino.
- * The Committee on Campus Planning, Buildings and Groups heard a report on the state funded capital outlay programs and schematics, notably at Fresno (University High School), Humboldt (housing replacement), Long Beach (student recreation and wellness center), San Diego (Storm/Nasatir Halls) and Sacramento (electronic message board).
- * The Committee on Institutional Advancement approved naming of entities at Fresno (Gibson Farm Market), Long Beach (Cole Conservatory of Music), Los Angeles (Annenberg Integrated Sciences Complex), San Jose (Davidson Chair), East Bay and Palm Desert (Osher Lifelong Learning Institutes). A review of development goals for each campus was then presented.
- * The Committee on University and Faculty Personnel formalized our practice on appointment of Vice Chancellors and the General Counsel which ensures participation and transparency.
- * The Committee on Governmental Relations heard report number 8. Changes in the legislative leadership were assessed. The strategy for the upcoming legislative day, set for April 28th, was discussed. We are trying to restore \$386 million, which includes a buy out of student fees. There is a campus level persuasive campaign in place. Budget forms have been or will be held on all

campuses. We are seeking third-party validators for our advocacy at the state level. There is also a higher education coalition that has been formed by the Chancellor.

The legislative report was reviewed. We are supporting legislation to create a Doctor of Nursing Practice Degree. Senator Scott is slated to help us move this legislation forward. We will support the Delatorre bill to increase coverage under Cal. Grant B. We will continue to support SB 27 from Senator Scott that relates to accountability objectives across the educational spectrum. He has worked closely with the CSU to craft language.

- * The Committee on Finance reviewed the sad shape of government revenues. The CSU family will work to have \$386 million restored to the CSU budget. The governor's budget is composed of \$2.9 billion from the state and \$1.5 billion in student fees including a fee increase of 10%. That budget is a cut of \$313 million. (Between 2002 and 2005, CSU was cut \$522 million.) This cut retains a target of 343,000 FTES in 2008-09, the same as 2007-08. 10,000 students would be precluded from entry. The cut will fall hardest among minority students. Our budgeted costs per student, while low in all national comparisons, are still under-funded at \$16,000; the state only pays for half of that amount. We've actually used economies of scale to reduce our actual cost per student to about \$12,000 per year; but the state only gives us \$8,000 per student, so the rest has to come from student fees. With regard to the budget, the Governor has said that all suggestions are "on the table" including raising taxes and closing loopholes.

The committee moved on to consider system-wide revenue bonds for various facilities including Northridge (faculty housing re-financing) and San Diego (student housing refinancing).

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

CSSA named President Rush "President of the Year" and Lt. Governor Garamandi as "Legislature of the Year."

Campus Visits by Faculty Trustee Smith:

Pending visits: Fullerton (guest lecture), East Bay, Chico (alumni meeting), Maritime Academy (graduation).

Board Committee Chairs:

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*Faculty Trustee Smith serves as member.

My list of completed campus visits follows:

Campus	1st Official Visit	2nd Visit	3rd Visit	4th Visit	5th Visit
Humboldt	9/05	Graduation 05	10/06		
Chico	12/05	Graduation 07	Alumni 08		
Sonoma	2/26				
Sacramento	12/05	8/29/07 Academic Senate Retreat	12/22/07 Winter Grad		
Maritime A.	2/06	guest lecture	Graduation 06	Graduation 07	Graduation 08
San Francisco	10/05	12/4/07			
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	12/8/07 winter grad.			
Fullerton	11/06	Arts Center	Alumnae	Picnic	Guest Lecture
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	9/13/07-Exec. Retreat		
San Marcos	1/06	8/07 Fundraising			
San Diego	1/06	Graduate Dean			