

Report of the Meeting of the
Board of Trustees
May 13-14, 2008

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HEADLINES: *Access to Excellence accepted; San Jose State U. President named; Student Fees raised \$276.*

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 Bargaining approved bargaining offers to state employees' trades union and UAW for teaching assistants.
- * The Committee of Whole considered Access to Excellence which now includes important language regarding workload re-allocation. Unique plans are various campuses are now possible. For example, CSU Long Beach had adopted nearly identical language to allow for innovative workload re-allocation plans. The CSU will seek resources needed for the goals of the plan and many of its objectives. The Statewide Academic Senate of the CSU will be involved in the implementation phase of the plan.
- * The Committee on Governmental Relations heard report number 9. The May revised budget from the governor will come out in the next few days. It will face the crisis in funding statewide by examining revenue streams and budget cuts. Changes in the legislative leadership were assessed. Approval of Doctorate in Nursing is moving forward in the legislature. With support of CFA, AB 1821 (Portantino) was gutted regarding executive compensation. Flores Title 9 reform has been dropped at CSU urging. The CSU is trying to make sure that any fee waivers and other facilitation of troops and veterans are compensated to the CSU.

Budget advocacy continues to restore the \$386 million so that student fees would not have to be raised.

- * The Committee on Audit heard follow-up reports on various internal campus audits. The Federal Funds audit report was received.
- * The Committee on Campus Planning, Buildings and Groups heard a report on the state funded capital outlay programs and the Five-Year Capital Improvement Program Draft. The environmental impact statement on the expansion of the CSU Long Beach campus was approved. Various schematic plans were approved notably at Bakersfield (Art Center), Channel Islands (Classroom and Faculty Office Renovation), Northridge (Faculty Housing), San Bernardino (Health Center), and Sonoma (University Center).
- * The Committee on Education Policy reviewed international programs, the math and science teacher initiative, and the doctoral incentive program.
- * The Committee on Institutional Advancement approved naming of entities at Fullerton and SLO for Osher Lifelong Learning Institutes, and recognition of support at San Jose from Phyllis Simpkins.
- * At that point, the Wang Awards were presented to Stella Ting-Toomey (Fullerton), Stuart Sumida (San Bernardino), Jane Lopus (East Bay), Zvi Drezner (Fullerton), and administrator Gregory Sawyer (Channel Islands).

- * The Committee on Finance reviewed the support budget request and a resolution to stabilize student fees. The Board then reluctantly voted to increase student fees by \$276, which is much lower than our cohort institutions, which averaged a rise in fees of \$600. The fee increase, which does not apply to students on California student aid, will provide \$110 million in additional revenue, a third of which will go to student aid. Currently, 170,000 students receive \$861 million in Cal and/or State University grants and their fee increase is off set by an increase in their grants. 142,000 students carry an average loan of \$6,744. 8,222 students receive \$19 million for work study. The CSU also received an addition \$30 million in Pell Grant aid due to changes in the federal formula. Cost of attendance for each student breaks down this way: living at home = \$11,504; living on campus = \$16,783 (it is \$24,000 at the UC); living off campus = \$17,587. Nationally, 69% of students leave college in debt; only 34% leave the CSU in debt due in part to our low cost.

Our budgeted costs per student, while low in all national comparisons, are still under-funded; the state only pays for half of the \$16,000 per student needed to educate them. We've actually used economies of scale to reduce our actual cost per student to about \$12,800 per year; but the state only gives us \$8,356 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.

Lt. Governor Garamandi presented a resolution to stabilize fees in the system. The resolution was voted down.

The committee also restructured the authority for approving various kinds of fees on our campuses. The agenda shows the decision level required for each category of fees. It also approved an increase in CSU's commercial paper holdings from \$250 million to \$500 million, and a partnership between San Jose State and the City of San Jose.

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

Campus Visits by Faculty Trustee Smith:

Pending visits: Long Beach Commencement

Board Committee Chairs:

Ray Holdsworth, Chair, Audit

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Debra Farar, Chair, University and Faculty Personnel*

*Faculty Trustee Smith serves as member.

My list of completed campus visits follows:

<u>Campus</u>	<u>1st Official Visit</u>	<u>2nd Visit</u>	<u>3rd Visit</u>	<u>4th Visit</u>	<u>5th Visit</u>
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	5/08 Fundraising		
San Diego	1/06	Graduate Dean			