

Report of the meeting of the  
Board of Trustees  
September 16-17, 2008

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HEADLINE: *Budget Vetoed by Governor*

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, the Lieutenant Governor, the Superintendent of Instruction, and members of the Statewide Academic Senate's Executive Committee in attendance.

**Personal Note:** I notified the Statewide Academic Senate and the Board of Trustees that I would not be seeking nomination for another term as the Faculty Trustee. I will serve out my current term to July, 2009, ending my four years on the Board.

- \* The Committee on Finance reviewed the support budget request. The alliance was successful in holding the support budget cut to a minimum for the CSU. However, the Governor vetoed the budget, which consists of 30 bills, arguing that it was irresponsible because it passed the deficit forward, did not provide safeguards for the "rainy day fund," and borrowed against lottery funds. \$45 million of the lottery funds that come to the CSU is protected in the legislation and the \$45 million will grow in terms of inflation and FTES increases. No tax increases were included in the budget bills; however, accelerated tax collection and increased withholding was included. The faculty pay raise scheduled for July 1<sup>st</sup> will be paid retroactively once a budget is finally approved. Even if the budget is approved over the veto, the Governor still has the right to veto certain line items in the budget.

The Committee then moved on to next year's budget (2009/10). The proposal for next year's budget restores lost funds and fully funding the compact. It includes funding for deferred maintenance, ACR 73, and the usual items over the compact funding that we need in terms of nursing, math readiness, and special education teachers. These requests amount to \$157 million.

The Committee approved \$383 million in bonds for a student housing facilities for Fullerton and Humboldt, a technology park building for San Luis Obispo, and a recreation center for Sacramento. Seismic plans were approved for various constructions on various campuses.

- \* The Committee on Campus Planning, Buildings and Grounds heard reports on capital outlays for a parking structure at Fullerton, the Simpson-Strong Tie Building and a technology park building for San Luis Obispo.

In terms of environmental impact, the Committee heard about the approved ceilings in FTES at Bakersfield (18,000), San Diego (35,000), San Francisco (25,000), and Long Beach (31,000). The Seismic Safety Program was also reviewed. The Committee then approved acquisition of 369 acres for Channel Island, and 7 acres of parcels for San Diego. It accepted donated interested in real estate for San Bernardino.

- \* The Committee on Institutional Advancement approved the naming the Claves Performing Arts Center at Fullerton, the Osher Center at San Bernardino, and the Lamden School of Accountancy at San Diego. The Committee then celebrated the Hearst/Trustees' scholars, one from each campus who has overcome great personal difficulties to complete their degrees.
- \* The Committee on University and Faculty Personnel heard the final reading for a proposed amendment to Title 5 regarding athletics employees with MPP status and paid administrative leave for MPP employees. The Committee also approved changes in the compensation rules for Vice Chancellors and those in the Transition program.
- \* The Committee on Audit heard follow-up reports on various internal campus audits. A report on construction expenditures on six campuses was also heard.
- \* The Committee on Education Policy approved five Fast Track programs, and heard reports on the Teacher Preparation Program Evaluation under the auspices of a Carnegie Grant, the status of the Ed.D. programs, and the California State University Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Initiatives. Instead of assessing our placed teachers based on the satisfaction reports by their employers, the Carnegie Grant allows the examination of actual learning outcomes and correlating them with our placed teachers.
- \* The Committee on Governmental Relations heard report number 11. Legislation approving a change in Cal Grants and a Doctorate of Nursing is dead due to expense of the programs and budget fiascos. Other bills are in trouble given the Governor's statement that he won't sign any bills until he gets a better budget. These bills are described in the Agenda of Board of Trustees available on line. Of particular concern is Senator Scott's legislation (SB 325) which attempts to provide a framework for future bills related to education. There are propositions, such as 1A, 5, 12, on the November ballot that would increase the state's debt and its debt service payments, thereby impacting the state budget negatively. Less general fund money would be available to the CSU and the UC. After the election in November there will be at least 39 new members of the legislature (11 in the Senate; 28 in the Assembly are termed out). Educating them on our issues will be critical to our future and future budget battles.

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

**Board Committee Chairs:**

Melinda Guzman, Chair, Audit

Robert Linscheid, Chair, Campus Planning, Buildings and Grounds  
Lou Monville, Chair, Collective Bargaining  
Herbert Carter, Chair, Educational Policy  
William Hauck, Chair, Finance  
Carol Chandler, Chair, Government Relations  
George Gowgani, Chair, Craig Smith, Vice Chair, Institutional Advancement  
Craig Smith, Vice Chair, Organization and Rules  
Debra Farar, Chair, University and Faculty Personnel

Provided here is a chart of my completed campus visits:

<u>Campus</u>	<u>1<sup>st</sup> Official Visit</u>	<u>2<sup>nd</sup> Visit</u>	<u>3<sup>rd</sup> Visit</u>	<u>4<sup>th</sup> Visit</u>	<u>5<sup>th</sup> Visit</u>
Humboldt	9/05	Graduation 05	10/06		
Chico	12/05	Graduation 07	Alumni Banquet 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 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary			
Stanislaus	9/06	Phone Conference 8/08			
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			
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