The CSU Seismic Review Board (SRB) was established in 1992 to advise the Chancellor’s Office on all matters concerning seismic safety in construction. Members of the board are: Charles C. Thiel, Jr., Chairman; Gregg E. Brandow; Neville C. Donovan; James A. Hill; John A. Martin, Jr.; Svend H. Nielsen; and Theodore C. Zsutty. The SRB met seven times during the past year to consider seismic construction issues, monitor progress in the CSU seismic retrofit program, develop technical provisions for retrofit design, and to advise the Chancellor’s Office on technical issues. Each CSU campus has been assigned an SRB member to advise it on seismic construction issues and to manage the peer review of construction projects on the campus. Additional activities of the SRB during this period follow:

1. Expanded seismic review responsibility to include Stockton.

2. Initiated seismic safety review of the Humboldt theater arts building, and the northwest shear wall of the San Jose administration building due to seismic safety being questioned by recent research findings and observations of performance.

3. Reviewed the safety evaluation of all CSU buildings and developed a new ordered list of seismic retrofit projects for future completion. The priority list includes all the major life-safety retrofit projects within CSU yet to be completed, and only those projects with major life-safety implications. Damage limitation and maintenance of operations were not included in the priority assessment. Each year, new seismic retrofit projects are selected for implementation based on the ranking and available resources.

4. Provided assistance to Physical Planning and Development in responding to the Legislative Analyst’s request that CSU and UC reevaluate all projects for seismic retrofit using the Department of General Services’ seismic risk evaluation method.

5. Adopted Division III-R for all CSU construction projects consistent with the Board of Trustees’ seismic policy, and its incorporation into Title 24 by the Building Standards Commission. Division III-R provides seismic design regulations for the modification, alteration, or addition to existing state buildings. Division III-R was originally developed in response, in part, to AB 3313, which requires the CSU and UC to develop and use such design requirements. It was prepared by the SRB with assistance from UC and the Division of the State Architect (DSA), with partial financial support from the latter and testing assistance from the California Seismic Safety Commission. With the adoption of Division III-R, the practices and procedures used by the balance of state government for seismic retrofit will be consistent with those that CSU has been using for its seismic retrofit program.

6. Completed technical assistance and oversight for the California Community Colleges system on a program conducted by the DSA to review CCC’s seismic
vulnerability. This was done in part to assure compatibility of the community college effort with those of CSU and UC.