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Report of the Meetings of the Board of Trustees, March 10,11, and 12, 2003

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On Monday March 10, 2003 the Board of Trustees met in closed session at the Hilton Hotel, Long Beach to consider candidates for the Presidencies of CSPU Pomona and CSU Sacramento. The Board made its decisions and a public announcement is expected on Thursday March 13.

The Board meetings on March 11 and 12 took place in the Titan University Union at CSU Fullerton. As usual the full Board Agendas are available at <http://www.calstate.edu/BOT/agendas/>. The local arrangements for the meetings were excellent and all members of the Board joined in congratulating and thanking President Gordon and his staff for their hard work in preparation.

A long closed session of the Board included preliminary analysis of the report of the Legislative Auditors on the CMS project, and I am appending a comment on that at the end of this report. The Board also considered a review of a President. The Committee on Collective Bargaining heard in open session an impressive and, in my opinion, moving presentation from about a dozen members of APC outlining their wish to discuss budget matters collegially, and their concerns about potential layoffs of their members. In addition CSU management, CFA, and CSEA presented the opening proposals for compensation. A potential Golden Handshake Retirement Incentive Program will be on the table during bargaining.

The Committee on Finance heard further reports on the probable action of the legislature on the mid-year cuts in the 2002-03 budget which may be taken this week; no additional cuts to the CSU are expected beyond what has already been considered. The 2003-2004 budget is barely moving in the legislature. The Committee also recommended approval of revenue bonds for expansion of the Student Union at Pomona, and student housing at Channel Islands. It heard information about a public-private partnership at San Luis Obispo, which would add housing for over 2400 students.

The Committee on Campus Planning, Buildings, and Grounds heard an update on the 2003-2004 capital budget, and a review of preliminary planning for capital projects during the next five years. A bond issue on the ballot in March 2004 is critical for future building projects in the CSU. The committee also heard about a possible gift of real property in Placer County for an off-campus center for CSU Sacramento, and endorsed schematic plans for Channel Islands

student housing. The Committee on Organization and Rules had a first reading of the schedule of meetings of the Board in 2004. The March 2004 Board meeting is to be on the Fresno campus.

After the Committee of the Whole heard the regular semi-annual report on litigation the Committee on Governmental relations considered Legislative Report No.2 for 2003. The trustees' program includes bills on Ensuring Access to Cal Grant Community College Transfers; Disclosure of Outside Business Activities for academic personnel, including faculty, of the CSU; and Special Funding for the International Polytechnic High School at CSPU Pomona. The Committee on Audit heard its regular reports; the Systemwide Audit Report; and the Single Audit Report of Federal funds. The Audit Committee will hold a special meeting, probably on April 8, to consider the audit report on CMS and CSU management's response.

On Wednesday morning the Committee on Institutional Advancement heard an update on advancement activities and approved naming proposals for the Center for Small Business and Entrepreneurship at Northridge and the Velodrome at Dominguez Hills. The Committee on Educational Policy had a full agenda. Items include campus options to achieve enrollment and access goals, which may include increases of campus capacity above 25,000FTES. This item will be back for action in May. The report of the CSU Task Force on Facilitating Graduation, which was co-chaired by Jackie Kegley and Louanne Kennedy, was approved, and some of its recommendations may become future items for Board policy. The Second Annual Report on CSU Teacher Preparation Programs gave an encouraging picture of CSU's teaching credential graduates. As judged both by themselves and their principals they are well-or adequately-prepared for their careers in teaching. Over 95% of them enter teaching after receiving their credentials. The annual report on Community Service Learning in the CSU shows that nearly 13% of CSU students enroll in such courses and the target of 15% by 2004 seems achievable. An impressive video highlighted "Notable Accomplishments in CSU Teaching, Research and Scholarship: Study at Sea on the Training Ship Golden Bear". The Annual Report on Academic Planning and Program Review was also presented.

In her report Chair Farar commented on the 5-year anniversary of Chancellor Reed and thanked him for his contributions to the CSU. For two Board members, Trustees Campbell and Wada (Fallgatter) this would be their final meeting. In contemplating next year's budget the key must be adaptability. We all expect things to improve in a year or two; meanwhile we must work together to get through the difficult times. Among notable CSU landmarks she commented on a gift of \$100,000 made by Trustee Mehta to CSU Hayward and, on a much lighter note, the production of a bobble-head doll of President Maxson of Long Beach!

In his report the Chancellor thanked the Board for the opportunity to work with the CSU during the past 5 years; he now has his official 5-year key ring. The Presidential search at CSU

Chico will start soon. The budget takes most of the Chancellor's time and energy. The best we can hope for is the Governor's budget, which will inflict a 10%, or \$260 million, cut on the CSU. The planning timetable of the university is inevitably out-of-synch with the legislature's budget process. The CSU must receive funding for additional enrollments and the Governor's proposed fee increase or there will be devastating cuts of numbers of class sections in the second half of 2003-2004. It is essential for the CSU to plan. Management has tentative plans, which will be subject to wide consultation. (Unfortunately his scheduled meeting with the Labor Council on March 12 was cancelled by the Council). He predicted that there would be little action on the budget in Sacramento until after the May revision.

A Brief Note on the CMS Audit

The report has nearly 180 pages. I have not read it in its entirety. You can see it at <http://www.bsa.ca.gov/bsa/>. There will be a CSU press release on it, probably today. The June 1999 CSU management estimate of the 8-year costs of CMS was about \$440 million, revised upwards to \$445 million in June 2002. The difference between these numbers and the \$662 million claimed by the legislative auditors is about \$200 million in operational costs which CSU managements disputes should not be included as capital costs for the project since operations of existing systems were in part replaced by operations of CMS. I urge you, as good academics, to review the data and make up your own minds. And don't believe everything you read or hear in the media or press releases.