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Report of the meeting of the Board of Trustees, May 13-14, 2003
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The Board of Trustees met at the office of the Chancellor on May 13-14, 2003. The full Board agenda can be viewed at www.calstate.edu/BOT/agendas/. Unless otherwise indicated all Committee recommendations were approved by the Board.

The Committee on Collective Bargaining approved the initial CSU Management proposal for bargaining with the Academic professionals of California. The Committee on Campus Planning, Buildings and Grounds approved CSU Sacramento's revised Master Plan. The item on a supplement to the Final Environmental Impact Report for a Faculty and Staff Housing complex at San Luis Obispo was withdrawn at the request of the campus. Schematic plans approved included a Business and Technology building at Hayward; parking structures at Los Angeles and Northridge; a Public Safety building at Northridge; the American Red cross regional headquarters at Pomona; a student recreation center at San Bernardino; and the Science II building at Stanislaus.

The Committee on Governmental relations endorsed an Education Bond Act, planned for the March 2004 ballot, to the Board, in addition to the regular legislative report. Legislation of interest to the CSU includes an early retirement incentive bill; and several Master Plan Review implementation bills, which are on a 2-year calendar. Of course budget discussions, which were more fully addressed in the Finance Committee (below) are a major focus of the legislature and the Governor.

The Committee on University and Faculty Personnel approved 2003-2004 salaries for President Ortiz of Pomona of \$205,008; and for President Gonzalez of Sacramento of \$221,004 with a housing allowance of \$36,804. In addition, compensation was set for Interim Presidents Joseph Crowley at San Jose; Roy McTarnaghan at San Marcos; and Scott McNall at Chico. (In closed session the Board had reaffirmed its policy that Interim Presidents would not be candidates for the presidency though the Board retains the right to follow its published procedures, which could, in rare circumstances, allow for this possibility.)

The Committee on Institutional Advancement approved names for the Business and Technology Center at Hayward and the Student Union at San Bernardino.

The committee on Educational Policy approved Campus Options to achieve the CSU's enrollment and access goals; and the recommendations of the CSU Presidents' Commission on Teacher Education.

Finally the Committee on Finance heard details of the May revision of the Governor's budget which does not change the \$260 million reduction proposed in December; however there is no closure on the budget, and various legislative proposals include further reductions between \$70 million and \$200 million for the CSU. There was extended public comment mostly, and very effectively, from students on the proposal to increase fees. At the request of the Chancellor the Committee postponed action on fee changes. In my judgment the Board will approve a fee increase of at least \$396 for undergraduates and \$348 for graduate students for the 2003-2004 academic year, effective Fall 2003, and setting aside one-third of the added fee revenue for student aid. This would increase the academic year resident fee for undergraduates to \$2466. The average undergraduate fee for 2002-2003 for 15 comparable institutions is \$4584.

There was an enjoyable ceremony honoring the Wang awardees for 2003 on Tuesday afternoon. At the board meeting on Wednesday the Board Chair for 2003-2004 was confirmed as Debra Farar, and the Vice-Chair as Murray Galinson. The services to the CSU of former Trustees William Campbell and Martha Wada (Fallgatter) were commended.

There was a rally of student and CFA activists at the Chancellor's Office during Wednesday morning, but CFA representatives chose not to address the Board in public session.