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Report of the meeting of the Board of Trustees, July 15-16, 2003
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The Board of Trustees met at the office of the Chancellor on July 15, 16, 2003. The full Board agenda can be viewed at www.calstate.edu/BOT/agendas/. Newly appointed Trustee Alice Huffman was present for the whole meeting; Lt. Gov. Bustamante met with the Board for the Tuesday afternoon sessions. After a closed Board session on personnel and confidential legal matters, the Committee on Institutional Advancement recognized the student recipients of the 2003/2004 William R. Hearst/CSU Trustees' awards for outstanding achievement and approved the naming of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Sonoma. With the departure of Vice Chancellor for Advancement Caldera to the Presidency of the University of New Mexico, his duties will be temporarily assumed, during the budget crisis, by Vice Chancellor West and Chancellor Reed.

The meeting of Campus Planning, Buildings and Grounds received the annual report on the California Environmental Quality Act; status reports on capital outlays; campus master plan revision at Long Beach to increase parking facilities and add a recreation center; and approval of schematic plans for University Village Phase III at Pomona and Parking Structure III at Sacramento.

The Committee on University and Faculty Personnel approved the annual revision of positions that fall under the CSU conflict of interest code.

The Committee on Educational Policy heard the first biennial report (which will now become annual) on alcohol policies and prevention programs; all indicators show that alcohol use and abuse in the CSU has declined in the past two years, and the CSU program has become a national model. A first reading was held on Title 5 language establishing integrated teacher preparation programs; and there was an effective video presentation about the CSU desert studies center in the eastern Mohave Desert at ZZYX.

The Committee on Finance received a review of the prospects for the 2003-2004 General Fund support for the CSU. Even the best-case scenario envisages at least a 12% cut from the previous year's level, with a projected 5% increase in student numbers. The average funding per FTES has fallen from \$10,940 in 01/02 to \$10,360 in 03/04 if a 30% fee increase is approved. Expenditures on administration have been curtailed and will continue to be cut. The Chancellor's Office has been cut by over 6% per year for the past two years, and some 1700 administrative positions have been frozen or vacated system wide. Presidents Rosser and Arminana spoke on behalf of the Presidents' group who unanimously supported the fee increase. After discussion by Committee members (I and several others spoke in support of the fee increase; Trustees Icaza and Lopez spoke against) and presentation of the Senate position by Chair Cherny there was an hour of open session with the majority of the speakers - students and CFA representatives- speaking intensely and passionately against the fee increase. The Committee then voted to approve the increase in fees of \$474/year for undergraduates and of \$522/year for graduate students effective for fall term 2003.

In her Report to the Board Chair Farar welcomed Trustee Huffman, and Trustee Lopez as a full voting member. She also welcomed the new CSU presidents (Ortiz at CPSU Pomona and Gonzalez at Sacramento) and Interim Presidents (McNall at Chico, McTarnaghan at San Marcos and Crowley at San Jose) and noted that with the impending retirement of President Arciniega at Bakersfield in summer 2004 there will be 4 presidential searches underway this year. She thanked retiring and

departing presidents Gerth, Suzuki and Caret for their contributions to the CSU. She recognized the new officers and Executive Committees of CSSA, the Alumni Association and the Academic Senate. She reaffirmed the CSU's commitment to access, affordability and quality, and the Board's support of Chancellor Reed.

In his report the Chancellor discussed the budget and CSU's challenge in being part of only 14% of the State's General Fund budget that is discretionary. The longer the legislature goes without a budget, the more at risk is the CSU. The projected cut of (at least) \$330 million in CSU's funding is equal to the budgets of the San Diego and Pomona campuses combined. Nevertheless the CSU will maximize access and minimize layoffs. Over the past two years the Chancellor's Office has cut expenditures by 15% and the corresponding figure for campus administrations is about 11%. On the good news side CSU Monterey Bay has received full accreditation by WASC and has become a national model for outcomes-based education.

During the Board meeting the item on fees was passed on a roll-call vote by 12-2, Trustees Icaza and Lopez voting against.