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REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, SEPTEMBER 16-17, 2003

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The Board of Trustees met at the office of the Chancellor on September 16-17, 2003. The full Board agenda can be viewed at www.calstate.edu/BOT/agendas/. Newly appointed Trustees Stanley M. Toy, Daniel Weinstein, Milton M. Younger, and Student Trustee (non-voting) Eric Guerra and myself were present for the whole meeting. Jack O'Connell, Superintendent of Public Instruction met with the Board for the Wednesday morning sessions.

An informal luncheon before the Board met allowed the new trustees to meet many of the other trustees, as well as the key Chancellor Office leadership and the Chancellor informally. Long term members of the Board expressed their deep personal commitment to the CSU and to the premise that this was a non-political board, where members' different political party affiliations or beliefs would not detract in any way from their commitment to the overall purpose of the Board to act in the full interests of the CSU, its students, faculty and staff.

After a closed meeting, the Committee on Collective Bargaining then met in Open session. Minutes from July 15, 2003 were approved. Ms. Christine McCarthy, VP of Academic Professionals of CA spoke on full contract bargaining. Pat Gantt, Chair, Unit 9, CSEA noted the layoffs at Humboldt and CSU, LA and that the reopener was proceeding slowly. Ms. Pam Robinson, Chair, Unit 2 spoke about the atmosphere of bargaining.

Committee on Finance met, approved the minutes from July 16, 2003. I am now assigned to this Committee, which did not take the action of the Board as it was viewed as accepting Harold Goldwhite's prior assignment. The Committee received as Information items: reports on the 2003/04 Support Budget, on the 2004/05 Support Budget Planning Assumptions, and the Recommended Lottery Revenue Budget. The most critical aspect of this presentation was Vice Chancellor Richard West's one page preliminary planning sheet which demonstrates a \$54,079,000 mandatory increase in costs which, if not met by the State will in fact represent an additional cut. Potential requests for additional partnership funding, including 3% FTES increase, compensation 4.1% increase, Outreach, Long-term need deficiencies, totaled \$206,800,000; other priorities, including ACR 73, off campus centers equaled \$3,000,000. The fiscal impact of the 2003/04 budget reductions was given as requiring \$181,062,000 to restore. That left the total budget request at \$543,494,000. If you watched the Gubernatorial debate hosted at CSU, Sacramento you saw verbal support given to higher education, but no clear approach as to how to fund higher education. Action was taken to issue Trustees of the CSU, Systemwide Revenue Bonds and Related Debt Instruments to fund the Northridge Student Union Phase 1 project in an amount not to exceed \$7,025,000. Information items on CSU, Stanislaus, Stockton Off-Campus Center and CSU, CI University Development status, as well as the CSU Annual Investment Report were presented. I asked about the impact of the loss of California Work-Study program and was told that it had never been fully funded and while the full impact was not known at this time, it was not expected to have a major impact on students. I was later informed that the funds were in the Student Aid Commission Budget in 2002/03 \$5.2 million, with 0 in 03/04. For the CSU, 8 campuses had been allocated about \$1 million, serving 501 students. Trustee Achtenberg had motioned at the July meeting to establish a taskforce to recommend a viable student fee policy. The Chancellor and the Board have moved on this, student representatives have been selected, and the taskforce will have its first meeting soon.

The Committee on Governmental Relations met and approved the minutes of July 15, 2003. Karen Y. Zamarripa, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Governmental Affairs made a report that this last session of the California legislature was as if it were the end of a 2-year session. 1) Difficult budget 2) Challenging Politics 3) Defense of the System. Many of the mad flood of bills were rushed to the Gov. Davis desk not polished, the Republicans are refusing to do any confirmations (all of the new trustees with the exception of the Student and myself are affected), many felt that deals which had been made were broken. Worker's Compensation and Early Retirement, and the Capital facilities bills were discussed. The Early Retirement is subject to bargaining (2 yr. service &/or 2 yr. age) and requires the net savings to be realized in the current year. SB 971 (Burton) was signed into law. George Conant, Legislative Director of the CSU Office of Federal Relations made a report on the Federal Relations Report: CSU 2003/04 Goals and Role in Reauthorization of the Higher Education Act. This is done every 5-6 years (1998 was last time) and covers the lion's share of programs for Higher Ed. Covering student loans and work-study is about \$90 billion a year with the CSU getting \$1 billion. The House is taking a 6-tier approach: 1) Teacher prep & retention 60% of California's teachers and 10% of the nation's come from the CSU. 2) Access to Hi Ed with early outreach & intervention (Trio & Gear Up). 3) College Affordability-holding higher ed. responsible for tuition increases with a maximum established or penalizes the institution (in bill held hostage in DC). 4) Accountability and Student Financial Assistance Programs: Title IV includes looking at the impact of YRO on Pell Grants and the majority of direct federal student financial Aid, including strengthen accreditation with focus on student-learning outcomes, campus reporting requirements, and how to handle student withdrawals. 5) International Education improving them and financial aid for students in them. 6. Graduate and Postsecondary Improvement Programs-improve graduate programs and fellowships/stipends to students with reference to distance Ed and enhanced teacher training. Federal Financial Aid Mandatory Cost is being configured that any increase in funding must be covered by a reduction of expenditures or increase in funds (i.e. someone pays)

The most powerful discussion, in my opinion, was that of the Committee on Prop 54: "Classification by Race, Ethnicity, Color, or National Origin". Christine Helwick, General Counsel had submitted an analysis and a recommendation to oppose this initiative on Oct. 7, 2003. Discussion by the committee members, joined in freely by the rest of the Board revolved around the issue of whether taking a stand against this initiative was, in fact politicizing the Board in contrast to the earlier informal affirmation by individual board members to avoid doing so. A very insightful set of remarks followed, with Trustee Huffman making a key distinction between "little p politics and big P politics". She noted that she had agreed to not bring politics into the Board, however, she stated that she would always be political "little p" when it came to the best interests of the CSU. The students spoke about their resolution-opposing Prop 54, as did the ASCSU. Finally, Trustee Younger noted that in a time of scarce resources, not to have information on which to base allocations, was to act out of ignorance. The Committee, and then the full Board, unanimously opposed Prop. 54.

The Committee on Institutional Advancement approved the minutes and was presented with an information item on University Advancement Plans. A full report will be made on Jan. 2004 for 2002/03.

Committee on Audit approved the minutes of July 15, 2003 and received a status report on current and follow-up internal audit assignments as information. The only question asked was about Monterey Bay campus and since President Peter Smith was unable to attend, the question was deferred.

Committee on Committees approved the minutes for May 5, 2003 and appointed Trustee Stanley M. Toy to Campus Planning, Buildings and Grounds; Educational Policy, Organization and Rules; and University and Faculty Personnel. Trustee Daniel Weinstein was appointed to Audit; Finance; Institutional Advancement; and University and Faculty Personnel. Trustee Milton M. Younger was appointed to Campus Planning, Buildings and Grounds; Finance; Governmental Relations; and Institutional Advancement.

The meeting of Campus Planning, Buildings and Grounds, which now includes myself approved the minutes of July 15, 2003 with the following request made by me: that the committee which is working on the resolution to come before the Board in Jan. 04 outlining the CSU's Energy and Green Building Design Approach, which will closely parallel the Leeds Certification Program have faculty representation. This suggestion has been followed by the staff and acted upon by the ASCSU. There was also a query raised by me about the inclusion of faculty as we looked at renovation projects which are expected to increase instructional capacity by a minimum of 10% in order to meet enrollment demand and increase the likelihood of state funding. Furthermore the first CSU building to follow the Leeds Certification Program at CSU, Chico has received widespread recognition. Action on #8 and #9 on the agenda were deferred. The following resolutions were adopted: To amend the 2003/04 Capital Outlay Program, Nonstate Funded to include \$1,327,000 for the CSU, Fresno International Center for Water Technology and \$26,998,000 for CSU, Fullerton Student Recreation Center. Amend the 2003/04 Capital Outlay Program, State Funded to add \$4,808,000 for Humboldt State's Energy Conservation Project. Categories and Criteria for the State Funded Five-Year Capital Improvement Program, 2005/06-2009/10 was approved and the chancellor was given authority to adjust the number of campus projects submitted if the requests exceeded reasonable expectations of available funding. The State and Nonstate Funded Five-Year Capital Improvement Program 2004/05-2008/09 was approved and the Board Certified the final EIR for the Student Housing North Project at SLO and the Initial Campus Master Plan for the San Diego State University, Imperial Valley Off-Campus Center, Brawley and the Campus Master Plan Revision for the Imperial Valley Off-Campus Center, Calexico. Five projects were approved via Schematic Plans: CSU, Dominguez Hills-Loker Student Union Addition/Remodel; CSU, Hayward-Pioneer Heights Phase II Student Housing; CSU, Long Beach-Parking Office Building; CSU LA-Physical Science Replacement Building, Wing A; Sonoma State University-Student Housing, Phase II.

The Committee on Educational Policy approved the minutes of July 16, 2003. I am now a member of this Committee. The Committee heard a report from Executive Vice Chancellor David Spence on Integrated Teacher Preparation Programs and from the Chair of the Statewide Academic Senate; Bob Cherny on the resolutions AS-2611-03/AA/TEKR & AS-2622-03/AA/TEKR passed by the ASCSU. Discussion on the significance of this resolution and the legislation which has been pending in this area led to a unanimous vote by the Board to amend Title 5 to include a definition, total unit requirements (120-135 semester), guidelines for establishing campus requirements, and articulation with California Community Colleges. Fast-Track Program Development approval was given to CSU Long Beach for a MS in Emergency Services Administration, Pomona for a BS with a major in Animal Health Science, SLO for a BS with a major in Wine and Viticulture, and Sonoma for a BA with a major in Art History. An information item was given on the progress to date on the development of Joint Doctoral Programs in Education with the UC. While three programs were set to start in 2003: Berkeley with Hayward, SJSU, and SFSU (fall), Irvine with Fullerton, LA, Long Beach, & Pomona (summer), and finally Santa Barbara with SLO (fall), the numbers of students to be served Vs the demand is very low. The key issue for the UC faculty seems to be not enough faculty, while the CSU does have the faculty resources assuming funding. A frank discussion was held, with a wait and see how this develops over time attitude.

The Committee of the Whole approved the minutes of July 16, 2003 and received as information, Litigation Report No. 18 from Christine Helwick, a biannual report, which represented a selection of cases from among 135 currently active litigation files and noted that the CSU has dropped in cases.

In her Report to the Board, Chair Farar welcomed Trustees Eric Guerra, Stanley M. Toy, Daniel Weinstein, and Milton M. Younger as well as myself to the Board.

Each new Board member made a short statement. She recognized the officers and Executive Committees of CSSA, the Alumni Association and the Academic Senate. She note that Board was engaged in studying the development of a long-term student fee policy, regarded as a critical piece of the CSU's commitment to access, affordability and quality. She noted the very high esteem in which the Board has held past Faculty Trustee Harold Goldwhite. Chancellor Reed echoed her welcome to the newly appointed Trustees and the esteem in which Harold Goldwhite was held. He

introduced representatives of the Boeing Corporation, who have supported the mission of higher education in the CSU by funding the production of our acclaimed poster: How To Get To College which starts with information for 6th graders up through 12th grade. Their funding support will allow us to print the poster in both English and Spanish and to hopefully fulfill all of our requests.

In his report the Chancellor discussed the budget and CSU's challenge in a state facing the enormous economic issues of California in which most areas of "easy" cuts have been utilized and most reserves have been committed. The current political climate makes budget planning difficult. So he called upon the Board to meet face to face on Oct. 31 to have the budget presented and then passed. On Oct. 30, to meet the commitment to CSU, Chico the Board will interview the final candidates for the Presidency.

Reports were received from the President of the CSU Alumni Council, Bob Linscheid, who was complimented by the CSSA members for his welcome to them. The Chair of the CSSA Jose Solache gave his report, complimented President Maxson for their reception at CSU, Long Beach and noted that their next meeting is Oct. 18 at CSU, Chico with both the ASCSU Chair and the Faculty Trustee scheduled. Trustee Pesqueira gave report of CPEC, who also opposed Prop. 54. The minutes from July 16, 2003 were approved and then the Board conferred the title of Faculty Trustee Emeritus on Harold Goldwhite to the great delight of the entire Board.

In the Public Comment section, Charles Goetzl, President of the Academic Professionals of CA cited the 25th Anniversary of HERRA and urged greater power sharing in both authority and responsibility. Pat Gantt spoke again to introduce the new CSEA leadership, several of whom spoke to specific Unit issues and bargaining in general. Pat also noted CSEA's opposition to Prop. 54. Then there were several students and community members (Saul Figueroa and Axayacatzin Xicotencatl.M) who asked for an investigation of the situation regarding Chicano Studies at CSU Dominguez Hills and the reported cut in funding support. The Board adjourned with a reminder that we meet in closed session on Nov. 18th.