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REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, May 17-19, 2004

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The Board of Trustees (BOT) met in closed session on May 17 at the Chancellor's Office in Long Beach to interview the candidates for the president of CSU Bakersfield. It was later announced that Dr. Horace Mitchell is the new president. From the campus I have heard nothing but very positive comments about this whole process.

Tuesday May 18, 10:30 AM-- **Committee on Educational Policy** met in Closed Session on Nominees for Honorary Degrees. The Committee moved this amended list to Action because a campus' nominees had mistakenly been left off the initial January 2004 approved list.

10:40 AM--**Open Session**: The approval of minutes of March 17 was by consent. There were two information items. The first item was the Modification of California State University Admission Policy for Upper-Division Transfer Students or known in the Academic Senate California State University (CSU) parlance as 45/15 transfer package. The intent, along with the Academic Senate CSU's leadership, is to design two items: 1) a degree-major core transfer pattern that would hold for the entire CSU (i.e. all sociology majors transferring to the CSU would have a specified 45 unit package, including General Education which would be accepted as meeting the lower division core requirements at their institution). 2) A degree-major campus specific transfer pattern: this would include up to 15 units which may be campus specific (region) that cover all the requirements up to 60 units that a transfer student would need to achieve the highest priority in transfer to the CSU (i.e. now the student transferring to CSU Chico would know exactly what else was required to achieve parity with native students entering that same major at CSU Chico). The second item was a report given by Executive Vice Chancellor David Spence and Dr. James Lyons, President of CSU Dominguez Hills on the Extended University Operations in the CSU. This was an outstanding report, which recognized the many successes in Extended Education 2002-03 with updates for some program's growth and recognition in 2004.

9 AM--**Committee of the Whole**: The minutes of March 16, 2004 were approved by consent. One information item was heard: Amendments to Title 5. When the Board Of Trustees (BOT) updated its Rules of Procedures and Standing Orders, it necessitated the removal of outdated language from Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations. This was a long item, which will undergo still further editing before being brought as an action item in July.

1 PM--**Closed Session on Collective Bargaining** was followed by Open session. The minutes of March 16, 2004 were approved. Praise was given for the very hard work in reaching the approval of the Golden Handshake for California Faculty Association (CFA) members. The California State Employees Association (CSEA) is very concerned about reaching such an agreement for their members as well. They have decided to move to impasse in bargaining, and noted their frustration via Pat Gantt, Director of the CSU division of CSEA.

Charles Goetzl, President of Academic Professionals of California noted their contract had expired 11 months ago and that they are still trying to reach an agreement. Many union representatives praised the Save the CSU Coalition, however, the proposed Budget Compact with the Governor was

not seen as a positive move. They urged the BOT to wait out the budget process, with the expectation that greater budgetary gains would happen through the Save the CSU Coalition.

1:30 PM--**Campus Planning, Buildings and Grounds** is under the guidance of a new Chair, Anthony Vitti. The March 16, 2004 minutes were approved by consent. Two action items were presented: 1) BOT amended the 2003-04 Stated Funded Capital Outlay Program to include \$6,649,000 for preliminary plans, working drawings, and construction for the San Francisco State University Cogeneration Plant Expansion, funded through equipment lease financing; and, 2) BOT amended the 2003/04 Nonstate Funded Capital Outlay Program to include \$857,000 for preliminary plans, working drawing, and construction for the CSU Dominguez Hills, Track & Field Stadium Seating, one of the few tracks in the world certified for Olympic events. This will now comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards.

Under discussion were three items. One information item on the Status Report on the 2004/05 State Funded Capital Outlay Program, and two action items: Revised Policy on Energy Conservation, Sustainable Building Practices & Physical Plant Management and the Approval of Schematic Plans. Assistant Vice Chancellor, Elvyra San Juan introduced the policy on Sustainability for Capital Planning, Design & Construction. This report has been nearly 9 months in its evolution and generated considerable interest on the part of students, especially through the leadership of California State Student Association (CSSA) and Renew the CSU, Academic Senate CSU, and various campus constituencies, as well as outside experts from across the state. While under the leadership of Assistant Vice Chancellor San Juan, there has been considerable modification from the revised 2001 policy, which included achievements in energy efficiency and utility management as well as input from a taskforce committee of staff, students, and faculty. The CSSA student leadership, under Eric Roper made a presentation highlighting the positive aspects of the suggested revised policy as well as critical issues that they urged be revised in the proposed document and/or put under further consideration of the BOT. The leadership of the Academic Senate CSU introduced their resolution passed at the May meetings supporting Sustainability. Trustee Galinson made a motion, seconded by Trustee Kaiser, to amend the suggested policy to include goals for the purchase of renewable power and for generating local renewable power to be established following the assessment of renewable power cost and supply and the cost/benefit assessment of generating renewable energy within the CSU. This was to include an update to the BOT at the January 2005 meeting and the final results presented at the July 2005 BOT meeting. Furthermore, a second part of the amendment was to encourage the Chancellor to consider establishing a CSU Sustainability Task Force composed of staff, students, faculty and outside experts to guide this assessment. Both amendments were passed by the BOT. This was a tremendous step into the future for the CSU and praise was deserved for all participants in such a major undertaking.

Finally, an action item for Approval of Schematic Plans for the Student Health Services Building at San Diego State University was approved for \$26,000,000. Trustee Pierce excused himself from the consideration and vote.

2:30 PM--**Governmental Relations:** The minutes of March 16, 2004 were adopted by consent. Legislative Report #9 was presented by Assistant Vice Chancellor for Advocacy and Institutional Relations, Karen Y. Zamarripa, adopted first in Committee, and then by the BOT. While there were a number of bills still pending that impact the CSU and several of them focused on student fees and funding, at the time of this report there was no concrete plan on either side of the Legislature as to how funding for the desired increased augmentation to the CSU budget, over that in the January Budget, would be accomplished. The fact remained that the Governor could cut the Legislative budget. However, when funding was available in the past, all previous governors had funded any standing compacts with the CSU. Save the CSU Coalition was making an impact, but there was no direct plan presented at this point in time.

3:00 PM—**Audit:** The Committee approved the minutes of March 17, 2004 by consent. A Status Report on Current and Follow-up Internal Audit Assignments was introduced as an information item.

3:15 PM--**Organization & Rules:** Trustee Bill Hauck was appointed as a substitute member for purpose of a quorum. The Minutes of March 16, 2004 were approved by consent. The Revision of Trustees' Standing Orders was introduced as an information item and as a complete rewrite of the existing version. There is no change in the substantive authority delegated to any CSU official.

The Proposed Schedule of BOT Meetings in 2005 was passed as an action item.

3:30 PM--**Committee on Institutional Advancement:** The minutes from March 16, 2004 were approved by consent. The BOT passed, as an action item, that a new Academic Building for the College of Business and Economics at CSU Fullerton be named Steven G. Mihaylo Hall, and that the Aerospace Engineering Wing of Cal Poly Building 41, at Cal Poly University San Luis Obispo be named the Baldwin and Mary Reinhold Aerospace Engineering Laboratories.

8:00 AM, Wednesday, May 19, 2004--**Committee on University and Faculty Personnel:** The Minutes of the January 27, 2004 meeting were approved. Action was taken on the Executive Compensation for Dr. Paul Yu, the new president of San Jose State University. Effective July 15, 2004 Dr. Yu's salary will be \$237,000 when temporarily residing in the university-leased residence. When Dr. Yu is in a personal residence, he shall have an annual housing allowance of \$36,804.

8:15 AM --**Finance:** The minutes of March 16, 2004 were approved by consent. A report on the 2004/05 Support Budget was given as an information item. This Report generated a great deal of discussion because of the announced Compact with the Governor. The essence was that both CSU and UC administration felt that this was the only way that they could admit students for the Fall 04 cycle, not lay off over 1,500 faculty and staff in the CSU, and have some basis for planning in future years. A great deal of concern was expressed about the behind the scenes aspect of the compact. It was made very clear in answers to a number of questions that the CSU did NOT feel compromised in any way in accepting new monies. This was a base budget and not a ceiling.

There was a Report on State Funding and Student Fee Policy Development as an Information Item. This has been worked on by a committee of staff, students and faculty and is focused on an Undergraduate Student Fee Policy. There are still issues under negotiation and still legislation in progress, which could impact this policy.

A 2004/05 State University Fee and Nonresident Tuition Increases were passed as an Action Item. This represented a great deal of work to get movement in the original fee increases proposed in January by the Governor. It was felt that this would generate the same funding but protect graduate student and Credential Program participants. The CSSA and the Student Trustee voted against it. Several trustees expressed their strong feelings about the necessity of this move in order to enroll CSU students and graduate them on time to degree.

The BOT passes as Action Item, Approval to Issue Trustees of the CSU, Systemwide Revenue Bonds and Related Debt Instruments for Various Projects at CSU San Bernardino and San Diego State University.

May 19 10:15 AM--**The BOT was called to order.** The change in the schedule was due to the need to maintain a quorum for BOT. Debra Farar presided as chair for her last time. Great appreciation for her leadership over the past year was expressed. For the BOT, Jose Solache also gave his last Report as Chair of CSSA, noting that four names for Student Trustee have been sent to the Governor. Following the reception recognizing the winners of the Wang Awards, CSSA hosted a reception for the BOT. At their reception CSSA honored the Administrator of the Year: Patrick Lenz, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Budget Development; President of the Year: Robert Maxson and retired the award in his name; and myself as Trustee of the Year. All honorees were greatly surprised and appreciative. Bob Linscheid gave his report on the CSU Alumni Council.

Chancellor Reed praised Alex Lopez, who finished his term as Student Trustee. Chancellor Reed thanked the faculty for the Save the CSU Coalition, and said he thought that it had made a difference. Chancellor Reed repeated his belief that the compact was only a floor not a ceiling for the CSU's budget.

California Postsecondary Education Commission (CPEC) Report was not given since they did not meet.

New Business: the Committee on Committees announced that Murray Galinson was elected Chair and Roberta Achtenberg elected Vice Chair of the BOT. Trustee Galinson noted the high standards set by Chair Farar and that his motto would be cooperation and collaboration in order to continue to ensure the CSU as the leader in educational standards. Committee assignments for 2004/05 were also announced.

Public Comment: As would be expected with such serious issues before the BOT, there were many that commented on the Compact, Save the CSU, and the Student Fee increases. Some spoke on more personal issues or those central to one campus. CSEA is very concerned about moving to Impasse and the Golden Handshake. Letters were sent from various legislators expressing their opinions on the compact and the process.

Note: Following the BOT, Academic Senate CSU Chair Cherny, Chair Elect McNeil and I went to the Dominguez Hills campus to participate in their campus budget discussion. This was the fourteenth campus that I have visited this year. Between May 1 and May 29 I also attended eight campus graduations. On June 9 I leave to join the training cruise of the Maritime Academy's Golden Bear and will not be able to have contact until I return on July 1.