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## Report of the meeting of the Board of Trustees January 31-February 1, 2006

Craig Smith, Faculty Trustee

**HEADLINE:** Provost Gary Reichard of Cal. State Long Beach was named Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs.

The Board of Trustees met at the office of the Chancellor on January 31 and February 1, 2006. Full reports can be found at [www.calstate.edu/BOT](http://www.calstate.edu/BOT).

The public committee meetings were held with the CSU presidents, members of the Statewide Academic Senate's Executive Committee, members of the California State Student Association's executive committee, members of the Chancellor's staff, and the public in attendance.

\*The Committee on Institutional Advancement approved a naming opportunity for the Business School at CSU Channel Islands from the Smith family. We heard the annual report on external support, which is up and near our cohort institutions. Donors gave over \$285 million in new gifts over the last year bringing our total external support to \$1.324 billion, a new high. Corporate giving declined \$17 million, but charitable giving was up \$18 million to balance this decline. We received system wide over \$1 billion in grants (federal, state, local and non-governmental.)

\*The Committee on Finance examined the 2006/07 budget revisions based on the increased revenues received and projected. The total budget for CSU is just over \$4 billion. Budget threats and a deficit of \$6 billion are still in place. Our new additional allocation from the state is now set at \$215 million with major new improvements that have been approved by the Finance Department but not yet by the legislature. For example, student fees revenue could be held in the CSU trust fund instead of going back to the state for investment management. Marginal cost would be increased by about \$1,200 per student, including a 1 to 12 ratio for new graduate students instead of the overall 1 to 20. (This would help with the implementation of the new D.Ed.s. Student fees would be frozen and the increase would be bought out by the budget if approved by the legislature. It is possible that the senate or the assembly would restore some outreach funds. The committee then approved the Phase 2 student housing for Channel Islands (not to exceed \$42,025,000), the Sacramento State Enterprise Bookstore (\$23,230,200), and revenue bond sales for the system.

\*The Committee on Campus Planning, Buildings and Groups took up proposed bond funding likely to be approved by the legislature. Assembly hearings will begin on capital outlay in early February. The current gubernatorial recommendation is \$345 million per year for the CSU. The chair of the Board raised the issue that UC gets about the same as we do and yet has only half of our enrollment. See also AB 58 (Nunez). The committee then heard a report on the \$2.7 billion worth of projects underway (there are 99 of them.) The committee then examined the plans for the Channel Islands Phase 2 project and the Northridge science building replacement. Finally, the committee took up the Dominguez Hills Home Depot track and field lighting, heard from the community, and voted to approve a supplemental EIR.

\*The Committee on Educational Policy heard a report on our Guardian Scholars Program (under-served, foster youths) at Fullerton, our SOAR-GEAR UP program (low income, middle schools) in Oakland area coordinated by East Bay, and a best practices report on facilitating graduation from Stanislaus. With at least 60% of students being the first in their families to attend college, and with 52% needing remediation in English and 44% needing remediation in math, the Stanislaus campus faced a daunting challenge. Yet the campus was able to retain over 81% of students during the transition from freshman to sophomore year. Mandatory advising, curricular reform, one-stop student services, faculty mentoring, summer bridge and reading programs, and the creation of cohorts have contributed to a higher than predicted graduation rate.

\*The Committee on Audit heard a report on internal audit assignments, audits of building projects, and accounting principles.

\*The Committee on Governmental Relations heard a report on the CSU's legislative program for 2006 (second year of two-year cycle). The agenda includes a four-year revenue bond, the ability to recoup overpayments from employees, reforms in disciplinary procedures, creation of an omnibus bill (for charges, vehicle purchases, disability access, retail sellers, and more), and reform of the Cal Grant system (e.g., raising average age). This agenda must gain attention in an environment in which we face competing initiatives (e.g., Reiner, pre-school), funding for K-12, funding for high school exit exam, collective bargaining for state employees, funding for teacher recruitment and preparation including emphasis on math and science, federal legislation, and more. Our agenda will compete with infrastructure bonds, among others. This is an election year in which 45 legislators are termed out. (Also see "Legislative Report # 7" from the Chancellor's Office. Call Karen Zamarripa in the Chancellor's office for details.)

At the federal level, we lobby the Congress on March 29 in person. This is a Congress that plans only to meet on 62 days because of the coming election. Our agenda includes reauthorization of the Higher Education Act, increase funding for Pell Grants, increasing incentives for community service activities, restoring the Perkins Loan program, expanding GEAR UP, increasing international education and science, technology, engineering and mathematics programs, and increasing funding for CSU research projects. For the next fiscal year, the CSU will seek support for agricultural research, biotechnological training facilities, the Center for Integrative Coastal Research, a strategic language initiative, and many more. (Call James Gelb in the Chancellor's office for details.)

\*The Committee on Organization and Rules presented a new logo for the University. It changes the Roman numerals in the seal to Arabic numbers and will be reconsidered at the next meeting.

The above recommendations were affirmed and the reports were accepted at the general board meeting after public comments were heard on various issues including whistleblower monitoring, personal claims, and the California Faculty Association on priorities for bargaining. *If I have not yet scheduled a visit to your campus, please feel free to request that your president schedule such a visit soon.* The current schedule with past visits is listed below.

Scheduled Visits to CSU Campuses by Faculty Trustee Craig Smith for the Fall.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Campus</u>	<u>Best Quotation</u>
9/27/05	Humboldt	“You are in my car now, so you will listen to my agenda.”
10/4/05	San Francisco	“The students only perch up there when the sun comes out.”
10/10/05	Fresno	“Our vineyard is bigger than most campuses.”
10/18/05	S.L.O	“No one lives in that house; we only use it for receptions.”
11/1/05	San Bernardino	“Yes, the San Andreas Fault is our fault.”
11/11/05	Northridge	“Yes, it is in the San Fernando Valley.”
11/29/05	East Bay	“It is easier to tear it all down than to retrofit it.”
11/30/05	San Jose	“If you walk into our library from the campus and go straight through you exit in the city.”
12/6/05	Chico	“Oh, you can just wash that off in our creek.”
12/8/05	Sacramento	“You turn right to Reno and left to San Francisco, and we think that is appropriate.”
1/18/06	Los Angeles	“Our student-built car won the competition and then Mattel made it into a Hot Wheels.”
1/20/06	San Marcos	“What do you mean there is another CSU in this county?”
1/24/06	San Diego	“What do you mean there is another CSU in this county?”

Sonoma, Monterey Bay, Marine Academy and Bakersfield are on the horizon.