“Making General Education Relevant” is the opportunity to reimagine general education and student transfer in California.

In 2008 CSU faculty officially adopted the Essential Learning Outcomes of the AAC&U campaign *Liberal Education and America’s Promise*. For the first time GE was expressed not just as distribution requirements and hours of seat time, but as the knowledge, skills, and dispositions we expect of all our graduates.

Since then faculty throughout the 23 CSU campuses have been reconceiving their local GE curriculum as integrated programs -- more connected, more innovative, more engaging.

How do we do this for students planning to transfer? How can we build more of the best educational experiences we offer into the curriculum all our students share -- assuring that every student benefits from high-impact practices like civic engagement, learning communities, collaboration with faculty on research, and peer mentoring?

How can we foreground the relevance and interconnectedness of liberal learning, while continuing to accommodate student mobility?
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**Wednesday, January 26, 2011**

**11:00** Registration Opens  
Fisherman’s Wharf

**12:00** Luncheon Plenary: High-Impact Practices  
Presidio Ballroom, Fisherman’s Wharf

High-Impact Practices are the educational experiences that make learning last. They are characterized by extensive interaction between students and faculty, time on task, and the application of in-class liberal learning to real-world contexts.

This introduction to the work of the conference will be in three parts:

1. **Background:** *Give Students a Compass in California*  
   *Ken O'Donnell, CSU Office of the Chancellor*  
   *John Tarjan, Chair, CSU Chancellor’s General Education Advisory Committee*

2. **Recent NSSE data sets suggest the positive effect of High-Impact Practices on student persistence and success, particularly for the traditionally underserved.**  
   *Ashley Finley, Program Director, Assessment for Learning, AAC&U*  
   *Bettina Huber, Director, Institutional Research, Cal State Northridge*

3. **The current GE Breadth transfer curriculum poses challenges to faculty seeking to incorporate High-Impact practices into their coursework.**  
   *Jean Mach, Professor of English, College of San Mateo*  
   *students and alumni, College of San Mateo*

**2:30** Working Sessions  
Fisherman’s Wharf  
Teams and breakout rooms as assigned.

**5:00** Social Hour  
North Pointe Lounge, Fisherman’s Wharf

Compass Project and Roadmap Project participants meet with colleagues at work on separate but related projects to improve student engagement in college learning in California.

**7:00** Opening Night Forum: Annual Meeting of the AAC&U  
Hyatt Regency
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Thursday, January 27, 2011

7:00 Dinner Plenary
Presidio Ballroom, Fisherman’s Wharf

A panel session presented entirely by students who participated in a 2009-10 pilot project between Evergreen Valley College and San José State University. SJSU Senior Robert Corpus moderates.

Saturday, January 29, 2011

8:00 Breakfast Plenary: Next Steps
North Pointe Lounge, Fisherman’s Wharf

9:00 Working Sessions
Teams and breakout room as assigned.

11:30 Adjourn

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Gettin’ from the Hyatt Fisherman’s Wharf to the Hyatt Regency:

The two conference hotels are separated by a fifteen-minute Streetcar ride. Fare is $2.00 and cars leave every 6-10 minutes from 6:00 a.m. to 11:15 p.m.

A. From the Hyatt Fisherman’s Wharf walk to the Streetcar stop at Jones and Beach. Take the historic route along the water.

B. Step off in front of the Hyatt Regency.

Hyatt Regency Lounge Area: California participants in the Annual Meeting are invited to use room Pacific L on the Pacific Concourse (lower level) of the Hyatt Regency as an informal lounge and gathering space between sessions, to avoid the trip back to the Fisherman’s Wharf. It will be available throughout the Annual Meeting except from 4:15 to 5:30 Thursday and 1:15 to 2:30 Friday.