

January 28-29, 2014 CSU Board of Trustees Meeting Faculty Trustee's Report

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The week after the January 2014 ASCSU Plenary session, the CSU Board of Trustees met on January 28-29, 2014. Here are the highlights of that meeting:

1. The Board of Trustees met in closed session on the morning of January 28 to interview the finalists for the position of President of CSU Long Beach. On January 29, it was announced that Jane Close Conoley had accepted the position. She is the first female president to lead CSULB in the campus' 65-year history. Conoley previously was the Dean of the Gevirtz Graduate School of Education at the University of California, Santa Barbara.
2. The Committee on Educational Policy Subcommittee on Honorary Degrees met in closed session to review and approve campus and Board nominations for honorary degrees to be awarded towards the close of the current academic year. The next step is for the nominees to be asked if they are willing to accept; the names of those who accept will then be made public by the nominating body.
3. The Committee on Collective Bargaining ratified the tentative agreements with Bargaining Units 6, 8 and the Union of American Physicians and Dentists; and adopted the initial proposals for successor contract negotiations with Bargaining Units 2, 5, 7, 8, 9 and 11.
4. The Committee on Governmental Relations approved the 2014 state and federal legislative action agendas.
5. The Committee on Audit approved the Audit Committee Charter, the Office of the University Auditor Charter, and the assignment of functions to be reviewed by the Office of the University Auditor for calendar year 2014.
6. The Committee on Organization and Rules held a first reading of the Rules Governing the Board of Trustees.

7. The Committee on Institutional Advancement approved the naming of the following campus facilities:
 - a. San Diego State University – naming the Aztec Student Union as the Conrad Prebys Aztec Student Union in recognition of a \$20 million contribution by Conrad Prebys in support of student scholarship endeavors.
 - b. San Diego State University – the temporary naming for a ten-year period of the Open Air Theatre as the Cal Coast Credit Open Air Theatre in recognition of a \$3,250,000 donation over a ten-year term to enhance the facility.
 - c. Sonoma State University – naming the Commons Building as The Wine Spectator Learning Center in recognition of a \$3 million gift by The Wine Spectator to the School of Business and Economics' Wine Business Institute.
8. The Committee on Educational Policy heard reports on the CSU Graduation Initiative, Reducing Bottlenecks and Improving Student Success, and the CSU Admission Promise Programs. The 2013 Sony Electronics Faculty Award for Innovative Instruction with Technology recipients were recognized:
 - a. Phyllis Ann Heintz, CSU Bakersfield, Assistant Professor, Department of Nursing
 - b. Zachary Justus, CSU Chico, Assistant Professor, Department of Communication Arts and Sciences
 - c. Stephen Alan Tsui, CSU San Marcos, Assistant Professor, Department of Physics
 - d. Jessica Parker, Sonoma State, Assistant Professor, Department of Curriculum Studies and Secondary Education
9. During the full Board meeting on Wednesday, Chair Linscheid recognized former Faculty Trustee Bernadette Cheyne for her contributions to the Board during her term of office and Linscheid announced that Bernadette has been appointed to a 3-year term on the CSU Arts Institute Board.
10. During the full Board meeting, the Board conferred the title of Trustee Emeritus to Bernadette Cheyne and to Peter G. Mehas (posthumously); and the title of Chancellor Emeritus to Barry Munitz.
11. CSU Chancellor White gave his first annual State of the CSU address (<http://www.calstate.edu/executive/speeches/2014/20142901-stateofcsu.shtml>)
12. During the public comment opportunity with the Board the following topics were raised:
 - a. A professor from Chicano Studies at Fresno asked that additional student admissions be permitted

- b. A CSULB student asked that “Real Food” be served on campus and mentioned support from other campuses
- c. The CSULB student president speaking about the recently concluded search for a campus President, stated they are happy with the search process and the person selected but wished more students could have been involved on the campus search advisor committee
- d. A number of students and faculty spoke both in favor and in opposition to the right of the CSU to pass boycott measures