Las Vegas Tragedy Touches CSUB Family
We extend our thoughts and prayers to all whose lives were impacted by the shooting in Las Vegas. We are saddened by the passing of CSUB alumna Melissa Ramirez ('14), and Bakersfield College student Bailey Schweitzer, sister of our student, Brody Schweitzer. We pray that Jordanne Barr ('15), our alum and former student-athlete, fully recovers from her injuries.

CSUB Presidential Search Officially Begins
The CSU Trustees Committee for the Selection of the President and the Advisory Committee to the Trustees Committee for the Selection of the President (the Selection Committee) met on campus Monday for the official launch of the presidential selection process. The group was given a walking tour of the campus and held an open forum in the Doré Theater to hear from the campus and community the qualities desired in the next president. Selection Committee members are:

Timothy White, Ph.D., Chancellor
Rebecca Eisen, J.D., Board of Trustees Chair
John Nilon, Search Committee Chair
Jane Carney, J.D., Trustee

Jorge Reyes Salinas, Trustee
Lateefah Simon, Trustee
Tomás Morales, Ph.D., CSU San Bernardino, CSU President Representative
Jenny Zorn, Ph.D., Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Administration Representative
Deborah Boschini, Ed.D., Academic Senate Chair
Melissa Danforth, Ph.D., Faculty Representative
Isabel Sumaya, Ph.D., Faculty Representative
Steve Walsh, Staff Representative
Mariela Gomez, Associated Students, Inc. President, Student Representative
Alex Balfour, Alumni Representative
Sheryl Barbich, CSUB Foundation Board Chair, Community Representative
Morgan Clayton, CSUB Foundation Board, Community Representative
Jay Tamsi, Kern County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce President, Community Representative

The CSU has retained the search firm Witt/Kieffer to assist in the selection process. The search schedule is as follows: On February 5, 2018, the committee will meet on campus to review and reduce resumes. They will conduct interviews on March 1 and March 2, 2018. The Board of Trustees will interview recommended candidates on March 19, 2018. A new link to the presidential search website has been created that provides access to the page from any CSUB webpage. (See image below.) Information will be added as the search progresses.
CSUB to Offer Online MBA
The CSU has authorized CSUB to offer an on-line Master of Business Administration (MBA) degree program beginning fall 2018. The online MBA program will complement the face-to-face MBA. Stay tuned for more information.

CSUB Lauded for Associates Degree for Transfer Pathway Excellence
The Campaign for College Opportunity recognized CSUB as a leading example of creating a pathway for community college students to transfer to the university and earn a baccalaureate degree. We are among four CSU campuses and nine California community colleges hailed for significantly increasing the number of students who earn an Associate Degree for Transfer (ADT). These students are guaranteed admission to the CSU. They earn a bachelor's degree almost twice as fast as non-ADT transfer students. CSUB will be recognized at the Campaign for College Opportunity’s second annual Champions of Higher Education celebration on December 5, 2017 at the City Club in Los Angeles.

Humanities Office and Classroom Building Ribbon-Cutting
The official opening of the Humanities Office and Classroom Building was celebrated on October 15th with a ribbon-cutting and Taste of the Arts, an evening of music, theater, and arts. The building brings together under one roof most of our Arts and Humanities faculty. In addition to office space, the building houses three large classrooms where Arts & Humanities students will take courses in their majors, and students in various disciplines will take General Education courses. The building replaces Faulty Towers, an original campus building which has been on my “bucket list” for several years. The Faculty Towers building will be disassembled in November.

CSUB Energy & Engineering Innovation Center Proposed
During an outdoor collaborative conversation with community partners on October 3, the School of Natural Sciences, Mathematics & Engineering unveiled conceptual plans for a proposed 53,000 square-foot, state-of-the-art Energy & Engineering Innovation Center. The proposed building would be located between the Science III building and the Student Health Center and would offer interdisciplinary, cutting-edge research to help develop a larger STEM-educated workforce. Read more about the proposal for this new academic building here.

Prof. Mustafah Dhada Recognized by American Historical Association
The American Historical Association has named CSUB History Professor Dr. Mustafah Dhada as its Martin A. Klein Prize recipient for 2017 for his work, The Portuguese Massacre of Wiriyamu in Colonial Mozambique, 1964-2013. The prize recognizes the most distinguished work of scholarship on African history published in English during the previous calendar year, with particular attention paid to methodological innovation, conceptual originality and literary excellence.
Save the Dates!

One Book, One Bakersfield, One Kern
November 1, 2017
Authors' Visit
Kathryn Edin and H. Luke Shaefer
$2.00 a Day: Living on Almost Nothing in America

President’s Community Holiday Reception
December 6, 2017

President’s Campus Holiday Reception
December 7, 2017

CSUB GospelFest 2018
February 9, 2018

Alumni Hall of Fame
February 16, 2018

Homecoming Week
February 19-24, 2018

2018 Bakersfield Jazz Festival at CSUB
April 27-28, 2018

Celebrate CSUB! 2018
April 28, 2018

President’s Retirement – Campus Celebration
May 4, 2018
Icardo Center

Athletics Spring BBQ
May 10, 2018

2018 Commencement
May 18-19, 2018

President’s Scholarship Dinner Celebrating 50 Years in Higher Education
June 9, 2018
Marriot Hotel at the Convention Center

What’s Going On?
Find academic, alumni, arts & culture, campus life, community, or athletics events on Events Calendar. Access the calendar from our home page by clicking the “Calendar of Events” link at the bottom of the page. Plan an event using the 25Live online scheduling program.

University Council
University Council is an open forum for members of the campus community to voice concerns or make suggestions for continued improvement. All faculty, staff, and students are welcome to attend. The next meeting is Friday, November 17, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. in the Albertson Room.

I look forward to seeing you around campus or at an upcoming University or community event.

Take Care,

Horace Mitchell
President