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Budget Prioritizes Student Access and Success, Staff Compensation

The CSU's budget plan—focused on student access and success, faculty and staff compensation, and mandatory costs—was presented to the Board of Trustees this week as a proposal for how to align spending with the governor's proposed budget.

Governor Brown's budget includes an additional \$125.1 million for the CSU, \$10 million of which is earmarked for technology to address "bottleneck" courses. The CSU's plan prioritizes funding for its most pressing needs, including:

- \$21.7 million to address unprecedented enrollment demand, which will allow approximately 6,000 additional students to attend the CSU
- \$7.2 million for student access and success initiatives to reduce time to degree, close the achievement gap and improve graduation rates
- \$38 million for a modest compensation pool to recognize the work of faculty and staff
- \$48.2 million for mandatory costs, including increased CSU costs for employee health benefits, operation and maintenance of new space, and energy costs

This governor's budget reverses the trend of dramatic declines that cut nearly \$1 billion in annual state support from the CSU over the past five years.

CSU Hill Day

At the CSU's Hill Day Briefing in Washington, D.C. on March 6th, I was both proud and honored to introduce Majority Whip and CSUB Alumnus **Congressman Kevin McCarthy** (BS marketing '89, MBA '94) to address the full CSU delegation. Needless to say, his presentation was outstanding and well-received. We continue to advocate for the CSU System Priorities for 2013, a summary of which is available on the CSU's website at:

<http://www.calstate.edu/federalrelations/priorities/documents/SystemPrioritiesSummary.pdf>.

We continue to strengthen our relationship with our east coast alumni. We held a reception and dinner for CSUB alumni in the D.C. area and a CSU alumni reception in New York. Congressman McCarthy graciously has offered to host next year's alumni reception in his Washington, D.C. office.

Budget Advocacy Day

Bookending our federal advocacy on the Hill is our state advocacy in Sacramento. I was pleased to have join me **David Melendez**, Vice President for University Advancement; **Colleen Dillaway**, Director of Public Affairs & Communications; **Greg Bynum**, President of Gregory D. Bynum & Associates; **Hernan Hernandez**, President of Associated Student, Inc., and **Jewelle Scales**, President of the Alumni Association.

Kegley Center for Student Success

I am pleased to announce a generous gift from faculty member **Dr. Jacquelyn Kegley** specifically designated to further academic excellence at CSUB. Dr. Kegley has committed to provide a total of \$200,000 to establish two funds that will be used to create, maintain, and enhance the Dr. Jacquelyn Kegley Center for Student Success. Chair of the Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies, the Academic Senate, and immediate-past Faculty Athletics Representative, she is a highly respected and distinguished teacher-scholar and recipient of the CSU systemwide Wang Family Excellence Award. A founding member of our faculty, she has taught at CSUB for the last 44 years. Her gift is the largest ever by a CSUB faculty member. I invite the entire campus community to join Provost Soraya Coley and me for the dedication and open house of the center on Thursday, April 18th at 10:00 a.m., located in Modular West next to the Children's Center. RSVP via email or phone by April 8th to rsvp@csub.edu or 654-2136.

Engineering Complex Dedication

Please join Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs **Soraya Coley**, **Julio Blanco**, Dean of the School of Natural Sciences, Mathematics & Engineering, and me Wednesday, April 3rd at 11:00 a.m. for the dedication of our new Engineering Complex due west of the Student Health Center. The buildings add 5,000 square feet of laboratory and classroom space. Despite declining state resources, through successful grant writing, innovative partnerships, and existing resources, we have added new engineering programs that will strengthen our programs in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM).

Major Gifts Support Baseball Seating Project

The **Fritch Family Foundation** has made a generous \$120,000 gift to CSUB to support the enhancement of the baseball facilities at Hardt Field through support for the installation of new seats. Over the years, the Fritch Family Foundation has supported academic, scholarship, and athletic programs throughout the University supporting benefitting faculty, students, and the community.

The second major gift for the project was a \$100,000 gift from **Bill and Holly Lazzerini** who also are long-time supporters of the University. A \$75,000 gift from **W.A. Thompson, Inc.** helped to complete the upgrading of our baseball stadium seating. W.A. Thompson, Inc., is also a continuing supporter of the University.

We express our great appreciation to each of these donors for helping to create a comfortable and enjoyable atmosphere as the "Gold Plated" Runners compete in their first season of the WAC.

President's Associates and Student Research Scholars

By any measure, the President's Associates is CSUB's oldest and most prestigious giving society. This month we gathered at the Petroleum Club for the 43rd President's Associates dinner to recognize our donors and scholarship recipients. The program was moderated by **Morgan Clayton**, President of the CSUB Foundation Board. The generous contributions of our President's Associates members support our student research scholars who vie for limited research competition slots. Upon selection, they complete a comprehensive research project under the direction of a faculty mentor and present their research at a yearly on-campus competition. Winners advance to compete at the state level. For the 2012-13 academic year, fourteen scholarships were awarded. Please join me in thanking the members of President's Associates for their commitment to the University and congratulating our student research scholars and their faculty mentors.

This year's scholars are: **Joe Baal**, **Robert Bassett**, **Nicole Blackhawk**, **Stephanie Caffee**, **Christine Choi**, **Jonathan Goodell**, **Maria de Carmen-Guzman**, **Evan MacKinnon**, **Jeffrey Parker**, **Marta Percolla**, **Ana Sofia Potella Perez**, **Madison Smith**, **Megan Smith**, and **Danette Brents**. The faculty mentors who guide our students through a year of rigorous research and competition are: **Dr. Brian Hemphill**, Professor of Anthropology; **Dr. Anna Jacobsen**, Assistant Professor of Biology; **Dr. Karlo Lopez**, Assistant Professor of Chemistry; **Dr. Brandon Pratt**, Associate Professor of Biology; and **Dr. Danielle Solano**, Assistant Professor of Chemistry.

GRASP's Student Research Competition

Showcasing excellence in undergraduate and graduate student scholarly research is the goal of the Grants, Research, and Sponsored Programs' (GRASP) annual Student Research Competition. Open to CSUB undergraduates, graduate students, and recent alumni in all disciplines, students compete in either or both the oral and poster competitions. The research is judged by faculty jurors. In addition to the \$250, \$100, \$50 awards for first, second, and third place, respectively, the first and second place winners advance to the state competition later in the spring. Our thanks go to organizers **Vincent Oragwam**, Director of Grants Management Operations; **Sharon Haynes**, Work Control Center Coordinator in Facilities Management; and **Andrea Weikel**, Administrative Analyst in the School of Arts & Humanities. Congratulations to our research competition winners:

Physical and Mathematical Sciences

First Place, Undergraduates – **Robert Bassett**

First Place, Graduates – **Stephanie Caffee**

Behavioral and Social Sciences

First Place, Undergraduates – **Cori Wright**

Second Place, Undergraduates – **Maria del Carmen Guzman**

First Place, Graduates – **Christine Yoon Choi**

Biological and Agricultural Sciences

First Place, Undergraduates – **Madison Smith**

Second Place, Undergraduates – **Joe Baal**

First Place, Graduates -- **Evan MacKinnon**

William Hearst Scholarship

The CSU William Hearst Scholarship is awarded annually to a student from each CSU campus. The student is selected for outstanding achievement despite adversity, financial need, merit, superior academic performance, exemplary community service, and personal achievement. I am pleased to recognize and congratulate **Shaniece Williams** on being selected as the CSUB 2012-13 William Hearst Scholarship award winner.

Celebrate CSUB!

Saturday, April 27, 2013 marks year seven for Celebrate CSUB!, our annual campus open house. Registration is open online at www.csub.edu/celebrate (scroll to the bottom of the page) through Friday, April 5th. For more information, contact **Susan Hopkins**, Director of University Advancement Events, at 654-2713, shopkins4@csub.edu, **Toni Jacobs**, Student Teaching Placement Coordinator for Elementary Education, or **Evelyn Young**, Executive Assistant to the President, at 654-2241, eyoung3@csub.edu.

César Chávez Holiday

Campus will be closed Monday, April 1, 2013, in observance of **César Chávez Day**. Consider making this a day of service by giving of your time and talent to the many needs and volunteer opportunities in our community.

Campus Communications

The next University Council meeting will be Friday, April 19, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. in the Albertson Room. All members of the campus community are welcome to attend and share opportunities to extend the excellence at CSUB.

My next Fireside Chat for students will take place on Friday, April 26, 2013 at noon in the Student Union. I invite all interested students to come and converse with me about their topics of interest.

I look forward to seeing you around campus, at one of the many upcoming campus activities, or at a community event. Take care.


Horace Mitchell
President