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News

Cal Poly Could Move to Semester Calendar, But Not Before Decade's End

Cal Poly President Jeffrey D. Armstrong sent a letter to the campus community Monday, March 11, giving an update on the possibility of Cal Poly switching to a semester-based academic calendar. CSU Chancellor Timothy P. White has yet to reach a final decision on whether Cal Poly and five other CSU campuses now on quarters should convert to a semester schedule -- but appears headed toward moving the entire CSU system to a common academic calendar. President Armstrong wrote that if such a move does take place, Cal Poly would only convert after the other five campuses make the move and that Cal Poly's conversion process likely wouldn't begin until the end of the decade. Read President Armstrong's letter here.

Cal Poly Tax Preparation Program Ends March 16

Cal Poly's Orfalea College of Business is again sponsoring a program to provide tax return preparation assistance at no charge for individuals and families with incomes less than $50,000 a year. This year Cal Poly's program is part of the California Central Coast Tax Coalition, which includes Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) sites around San Luis Obispo and northern Santa Barbara counties, offered by AARP and United Way of Santa Maria and San Luis Obispo. Cal Poly's program runs from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturdays through March 16. Clients should arrive before 2 p.m. to allow sufficient time to complete returns accurately. No appointments are needed; people will be served on a first-come basis. More on the VITA program.

Rec Center to Offer Free Fitness Fridays March 22 and 29

Spring is in the air at the Cal Poly Recreation Center; the pool is sparkling, treadmills are moving, and group fitness classes are grooving in the studios. The campus community is invited to see what the buzz is about on Free Fitness Fridays at the Recreation Center. Faculty, staff, spouses, registered domestic partners, and alumni are invited to use the Recreation Center at no cost all day Friday, March 22 and March 29. Bring a co-worker or spouse and see what the Recreation Center has to offer. Complimentary use of the facility and its amenities includes the lap pool, leisure pool, racquetball courts, basketball courts, group exercise classes, and more. Bring your Cal Poly I.D. or Alumni Association card for entry. For more information, contact Membership Services at ext. 6-6335 or memberships@calpoly.edu.

Cal Poly Partners with Duplo USA to Upgrade Binding, Finishing Lab

Duplo USA Corp. has provided Cal Poly's Graphic Communication Department with a DB-280 Desktop Perfect Binder to upgrade the department's Binding and Finishing Laboratory with a state-of-the-art finishing system to teach students about the latest trend in publishing -- short run, on-demand printing. "With books and related publications moving to short-run, on-demand printing, the need for finishing systems to accommodate such production has grown," said Harvey Levenson, head of Cal Poly's Graphic Communication Department, a leader of on-demand digital printing education and training. "We realize that short-run book publishing has become standard, even with as low as a run of just one, and the DB-280 serves this market. We will use the system to educate students in our regular academic program and to train industry professionals in seminars and workshops." Read more on the Duplo partnership.
Consultant Will Assess Dining Services for Planned New Facility

In anticipation of the future renovation or replacement of Cal Poly's primary dining facility, Building 19, the Cal Poly Corporation has hired a consulting firm to solicit feedback from the university community to assist with developing a long-term plan leading to the construction of a world-class dining facility. The consultants will be on campus between late February and April, conducting focus groups and surveys and meeting with key constituent groups. A successful outcome will require collaboration with students, faculty and staff. Outcomes from this assessment will be shared after the report is complete.

Retirements

Terry J. San Filippo

Terry J. San Filippo, public affairs and events coordinator for the College of Liberal Arts, will retire April 1. She began her career at Cal Poly as a clerical assistant in the Personnel and Affirmative Action Departments. She was promoted to administrative assistant in the Theatre & Dance Department in the College of Liberal Arts and then later was named the public affairs coordinator for the CLA Advancement Department. For the last 20 years, she worked directly with the CLA dean's office doing communications and events, including representing the college on all 20 Open House committees. San Filippo was honored by the CLA as Outstanding Staff for 2008. That same year, she established a scholarship and an endowment in honor of her mother, a Cal Poly alumna, in the History Department. Friends and colleagues are invited to join the College of Liberal Arts' staff and faculty at a reception Thursday, March 21 to honor San Filippo for her 30 years of dedicated service to Cal Poly. The reception will run 2 to 3 p.m. in the CLA Dean's Office, Building 47, Room 31. For more information, contact Margie Valine at ext. 6-2359.

Student Success

Math Students Analyze Ancient Climate Change

Cal Poly mathematics students are part of a group cracking the mysteries of climate changes that happened 1.2 million years ago. Cal Poly is one of only a few undergraduate members of the Mathematics and Climate Research Network (MCRN). Funded by the National Science Foundation, MCRN brings together top scientists and mathematicians to explore how mathematics can contribute to climate research. Cal Poly belongs to a group within MCRN that is investigating the Milankovitch Cycles. Milankovitch's theory proposes that changes in Earth's orbit around the sun cause changes in the planet's climate, such as the ice ages. The students are focusing on the Pleistocene era, the time period spanning 2.5 million years ago to 11,700 years ago. In the middle of the Pleistocene, climate cycles that had been occurring at regular, 41,000-year intervals appear to have shifted to 100,000-year intervals. The variations in Earth's climate also became more extreme, with greater amounts of ice and more rapid periods of melting. Using a new mathematical analysis technique, the MCRN group is trying to figure out when exactly the transition occurred and why. More on the students' work.

Construction Management Student Wins Awards at Home Builders' Show

Cal Poly construction management senior Jennifer Gallegos won three awards – including an Outstanding Student award – at the recent National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) International Builders' Show in Las Vegas. Gallegos, who is from Madera, Calif., won the Capturing the Best Moment Through a Photo Award and Staying Connected through Twitter Award, in addition to the NAHB Student Chapters Outstanding Student Award. Gallegos' winning photo was of a veteran for whom the NAHB built a home. The NAHB asked the competitors to tweet about their experiences during the NAHB competition. Gallegos posted tweets that wished other teams good luck, encouraged other teams to watch Cal Poly teams present, and captured Cal Poly's team adventures in Las Vegas. More on Gallegos' awards.

Campus Announcements

Vanpool Openings Available Around the County

Tired of the pain at the pump? Join a Cal Poly vanpool. There are openings in Santa Maria, Los Osos/Morro Bay, and Paso Robles. Call ext. 6-6680 or e-mail Susan Rains at smins@calpoly.edu for more information.

ITS Offers Virtual Private Network Service for Faculty and Staff
ITS now offers a VPN (Virtual Private Network) service for Cal Poly faculty and staff, providing a secure method to access Cal Poly computing resources from off campus. Through a web browser, users download a small Java application that allows them to establish a connection to the Cal Poly VPN service. Once the VPN connection is established, users can access Cal Poly resources similarly to how they would from on campus. Step-by-step instructions are available on the ITS Network Administration website.

International Center Announces 2014-15 Fulbright Scholar Program

The Cal Poly International Center has announced that the 2014-15 Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program Core Competition is open. The program offers teaching, research and combination teaching/research awards in more than 125 countries for the 2014-15 academic year. Opportunities are available for college and university faculty and administrators as well as for professionals, artists, journalists, scientists, lawyers, independent scholars and many others. To meet the changing needs of academia and develop new options to better accommodate the interests and commitments of today's scholars, the program has introduced several innovations to the 2014-15 program, including: Fulbright Flex Awards, Fulbright Postdoctoral/Early Career Awards, Salary Stipend Supplements, and Teaching English as a Foreign Language Awards. Interested faculty and professionals are encouraged to learn more about these opportunities and hundreds of others by visiting the Fulbright Catalog of Awards on their website. The application deadline for most awards is Aug 1. U.S. citizenship is required. For other eligibility requirements and detailed award descriptions visit the Fulbright website or contact the Fulbright committee at scholars@icc.org. Cal Poly has 24 Fulbright award winners on campus, and these scholars are often available to mentor applicants. Contact Bud Zeuschner at the International Center at rzueschn@calpoly.edu for more information or assistance.

Cal Poly Meats Plans Corned Beef Sale for March 14-15

Looking for a traditional way of celebrating St. Patrick's Day? Cal Poly Meats will sell corned beef from noon to 5:30 p.m. March 14 and 15 in Building 155. For questions or to reserve a corned beef, email the Meat Department at calpolymeats@calpoly.edu.

Applications Due March 18 for Corporation Board Faculty Member

The Academic Senate is seeking nominations from tenured faculty to serve on the Cal Poly Corporation board of directors for the 2013-16 term. Interested faculty should complete an Expression of Intent and Willingness to Serve form available online. A description of member responsibilities is also available online. The completed form must be received by the Academic Senate office by March 18. Call the Academic Senate at ext. 6-1259 for more information.

Service-Learning Faculty Fellows Program Applications Due by March 22

The Center for Community Engagement and the Center for Teaching, Learning & Technology invite faculty to apply to be a Service-Learning Faculty Fellow in Spring 2013. Three $2,000 fellowships (with option to receive an additional $1,000) will be awarded. The program aims to expand service-learning courses offered in the STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) fields while relating student learning to the Diversity Learning Objectives (DLOs). Application deadline is March 22. For proposal criteria and application guidelines, email Joy Harkins with the Center for Community Engagement at jharkins@calpoly.edu.

Employment Equity Facilitator Workshop Set for March 28

An Employment Equity Facilitator Workshop is scheduled from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Thursday, March 28, in Fisher Science (Building 33), Room 290. Employment Equity Director Martha Cody will lead the workshop. She will be joined by Jen Myers from Academic Personnel and Karen Watton from Human Resources, who will answer questions and provide information on the faculty and staff recruitment process. Sumi Seacat will be available to answer questions regarding institutionally sponsored H-1B Visas for foreign faculty and staff. Contact Seacat at sseacat@calpoly.edu or ext. 6-7387 if you would like to attend.

Training Sessions Planned in April for Corporation's New Timekeeping System

Effective with the pay period beginning April 27, the Cal Poly Corporation will move to a web-based timekeeping system, CPC Pay/Kronos, eliminating paper timecard
submission. This program will allow more accurate and timely reporting of all employees’ time, including students, intermittent, faculty working additional compensation, and staff. Training will be held for all managers or administrative staff responsible for the approval (signing) and submission of paper timesheets for their student, intermittent or additional compensation staff. All managers should attend one of these one-hour sessions:

-- Tuesdays (April 9 and 23) - 9 a.m. and 2 p.m.
-- Wednesdays (April 10 and 24) - 1:30 and 3 p.m.
-- Thursdays (April 4, 11, 18 and 25) - 9 a.m., 11 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.
-- Fridays (April 5 and 19) - 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Space is limited in each session, so please RSVP to CPC Human Resources at ext. 6-1121. Have the Organization Codes for which you are responsible available when you RSVP.

Apple-Authorized Service Providers Available at the University Store

Having issues with your computer? The University Store has a trained staff of Apple-certified Mac technicians who can diagnose and get your computer up and running in no time. They work exclusively on in- and out-of-warranty Apple computers and associated hardware and upgrades. Stop by the University Store’s Tech Center during regular service hours, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, or schedule an appointment today. Call the Tech Center Hotline at ext. 6-5311.

Village Market Offers Free Grocery and Deli Delivery Service

No time to go out to lunch? Need to pick up a gallon of milk on your way home from work? Let Village Market bring it to you. This free delivery service makes it easy to have your favorite deli and grocery items delivered to your campus office. More information is available online.

Tired of Your Same Sack Lunch? Grab Lunch at 19 Metro for As Low As $5.25

All-you-care-to-eat lunch at 19 Metro station for just $5.25, only with Fast Pass. Get yours today on the Campus Dining website.

Bella Montana Faculty and Staff Housing Community

Visit the Bella Montana Homes website for available homes for sale.

Events

Cal Poly Instrumental Student Recital Mar. 14

Students showcase their talent in one of Cal Poly’s quarterly instrumental student recitals. An eclectic event, this recital will involve solo as well as small chamber ensemble performances. Join us March 14 at 11 a.m. in the Davidson Music Center Room 218. Admission is free. More on the recital

Cal Poly Vocal Student Recital Mar. 15

Join us for the Cal Poly Vocal Student Recital on Mar. 15 at 7:30 p.m. in the Davidson Music Center Room 218. Admission is free. More on the recital

Cal Poly Arab Music Ensemble to Perform March 16

The Cal Poly Arab Music Ensemble and renowned guest artists will perform classic and contemporary music and dance from the Eastern Mediterranean and larger Middle East at 8 p.m. Saturday, March 16, in the Spanos Theatre on campus. The ensemble will present old and new vocal and instrumental selections by some of the most celebrated composers and performers from the Ottoman era to the present day. In addition to time-honored traditional repertoire, the concert will feature songs made famous by Umm Kulthum and Zakariya Ahmad of Egypt and Fairuz and the Rahbani Brothers of Lebanon.

Acclaimed guest artists on the program include Egyptian master violinist Adel Iskander Guirguis, distinguished Assyrian qanun player Ishmael, and Near Eastern percussion
special list David Martinelli. Also performing will be ensemble lead percussionist Keith Crow Hawk and San Luis Obispo dance instructor Saundra Sarrouf leading her troupe in folk dances. The 30-member Cal Poly Arab Music Ensemble is under the direction of Music Department faculty member Kenneth S. Habib. Included on the program will be a suite of his original compositions presented by the guest artists in a chamber ensemble and with a dance choreographed by Sarrouf. Tickets are sold at the Performing Arts Ticket office. For more information, visit the Music Department Web calendar.

Student Opera Theatre Presents ‘The Magic Flute’ April 11-13

The “co-opera” collaborative venture between Cal Poly’s Student Opera Theatre and Opera San Luis Obispo continues this year with a complete production of Mozart’s “The Magic Flute.” Outstanding student singers will perform in several key roles, side by side with internationally acclaimed opera singers. Student instrumental musicians will perform with OperaSLO’s professional orchestra. Join us April 11-13 at 7:30 p.m. in the Spanos Theatre. Tickets: $18 general, $16 seniors and $9 students at the Performing Arts Ticket Office, 805-756-4849. More on ‘The Magic Flute’

ASI Plans Mustang Mile 5K Fun Run/Walk for April 24

ASI will present the second annual Mustang Mile 5K Fun Run/Walk from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 24. The run will begin in front of the Recreation Center and will be followed by a concert and festival inside the main gym. ASI is pleased to work with the campus community and Aware Awake Alive to celebrate the privilege of being a Mustang and recognize the importance of caring for one another. Mustang Mile participants are encouraged to wear costumes, enjoy musical entertainment, interact, and have fun. Prizes will be awarded for participation and costumes. Registration will be available beginning April 2 through the ASI website or at the Recreation Center front desk. Stay tuned for more information. Contact ASI Events at ext. 6-6342 for more information.

Athletics

Wrestling

Freshman Devon Lotito captured the championship at 133 pounds as the Cal Poly wrestling team competed in the Pac-12 Championship on Saturday at Wells Fargo Arena on the Arizona State campus. Seeded third, Lotito drew a first-round bye and then won by default over Ian Nickell of CSU Bakersfield in the semifinals. Lotito, a resident of Bethlehem, Penn., earned a 5-2 decision over top-seeded Brian Owen of Boise State for the title, improving his record to 29-7. More on Lotito.

Softball

Cal Poly softball closed the Mustang Classic tournament with wins against Northern Illinois (6-5) and Sacramento State (2-1) at Bob Janssen Field. The Mustangs finished the tournament 4-2. The women are 9-16-1 on the season. Read more about the Sunday games.

Baseball

Sophomore right-hander Matt Wivinis pitched a complete-game seven-hitter, throwing just 95 pitches, as Kansas State salvaged one win in its three-game series against No. 21 Cal Poly with a 10-4 decision Saturday night in Tointon Family Stadium. Cal Poly, which clinched the series with a sweep of Friday’s doubleheader, 13-10 and 6-2, fell to 13-2 with Saturday’s loss, snapping a six-game winning streak. Read more on the games.

Women’s Basketball

The Cal Poly women’s basketball team lost 71-58 to the visiting Long Beach State 49ers on senior day in the team’s final regular season game. The Mustangs earned the second seed at next week’s Big West Conference Basketball Tournament and a bye into the semifinal round of the tournament. More on the final season game.

Men’s Basketball
Senior guard Chris O'Brien and junior forward Chris Eversley both finished with a team-leading 14 points Saturday evening as the Cal Poly men's basketball program closed the 2012-13 regular season and its greatest year inside the Mott Athletics Center with a 62-60 triumph against Cal State Fullerton. Read about the final home stand.

Women's Tennis
Junior Jen Cornea finished as Cal Poly's only dual victor Sunday afternoon as the Mustang women's tennis team was edged by No. 72 Loyola Marymount at Mustang Courts, 5-2. More on the match.

Upcoming Events

Big West Tournament
March 12-16
Get updates, scores, live stats, audio video and more.

Baseball
vs. Notre Dame
Thursday, March 14, 6 p.m. - Weekday Weekends - all Chamber of Commerce members in SLO County receive 2 for 1 ticket pricing.
Friday, March 15, 6 p.m. - Mustache Friday - free mustache stickers, prizes and more.
Saturday, March 16, noon - Family four pack Saturday - get four tickets and four concessions vouchers and enjoy the game.
It's a green-out all weekend, so put on some Cal Poly green and come out and enjoy the festivities.

Men's Tennis
vs. Middle Tennessee
Sunday, March 17, 1:30 p.m.
Mustang Courts

Women's Tennis
@Fresno State
Saturday, March 16, noon
@ Fresno vs. Kansas State
Sunday, March 17, 11 a.m.

Softball
@ CSUB
Sunday, March 17, noon and 2 p.m.

Track and Field
Cal Poly Invitational
Saturday, March 16, 10 a.m.
Cal Poly Track

For up-to-date sports information, photos and videos, visit www.gopoly.com.

Job Vacancies

State Employment Opportunities
The official listing of staff and management vacancies is posted at www.calpolyjobs.org.
To apply, go online and complete the application form. For assistance, call Human Resources at ext. 6-2236.


Faculty Employment Opportunities
Candidates are asked to visit the online employment website at www.calpolyjobs.org to complete an application and apply for any of the positions shown below. Submit all requested application materials as attachments to your online application, unless otherwise specified in the ad.

#102777, Full-Time Lecturer, English, English Dept., College of Liberal Arts, ext. 6-2142. Review begins: April 15, 2013.

#102758, Full-Time Lecturer and Assistant Director of Forensics, Communication Studies, Communication Studies Dept., College of Liberal Arts, ext. 6-2554. Review begins: April 8, 2013.

Corporation Employment Opportunities

Cal Poly Corporation is a separate corporation operating in concert with the university to provide a diverse range of services and resources to students, faculty and staff. To view job postings and/or apply for any regular-benefited position at Cal Poly Corporation, visit its website. For assistance, contact Human Resources at ext. 6-1121.

All positions have excellent benefits, including medical, dental, vision, life insurance, retirement, paid sick leave/vacation and holidays. Apply online at www.calpolycorporationjobs.org. CPC Human Resources, San Luis Obispo, CA 93407, AA/EO.

Cook, Campus Market, 10-month position, Campus Dining, $11.90-$14.57 per hour. Requires high school degree or equivalent with two years’ commercial cooking experience in a food service or production position. The Campus Market has groceries and a Starbucks, along with a grill station providing items such as fresh burritos, hot sandwiches, Asian rice bowls and pizza, a large salad bar, and more. The cook will prepare, cook, set up and back up the food line and supervise assistant cooks and student assistants. Must be able to work a variable schedule and lift/carry 50 pounds. Valid California driver’s license is required.

Assistant Supervisor, Ciao!, 10-month position, Campus Dining, $10.54-$12.91 per hour, Requires high school degree or equivalent with one year food, retail or hospitality experience, two years preferred. Fast food/quick service experience highly preferred. Ciao! is a restaurant on Cal Poly campus that provides fresh-baked specialty pizzas and sub sandwiches and a large salad bar. The assistant supervisor will work variable hours, including evening shifts. Must be able to lift/carry 50 pounds.

ASI Employment Opportunities

Candidates are asked to visit http://www.asi.calpoly.edu to complete an application and apply for positions listed below. For more information, contact the ASI Business Office in UU 212 or call ext. 6-5800.

ASI/UU Executive Director, full time with excellent benefits. Annual salary is determined by the ASI board of directors. Open until filled.