Progress on the Cal Poly Plan

This is an update on the Cal Poly Plan prepared by the Academic Affairs office. These articles will appear regularly in the Cal Poly Report.

During a day-long retreat on Saturday, Jan. 27, the Cal Poly Plan Steering Committee moved closer to deciding whether to recommend a supplemental student fee, the size of this possible increase, and where additional revenues should be invested.

A recommendation for the 1996-97 academic year will be made soon.

If the university increases fees, the 14-member panel agreed that these funds should be invested in direct benefits for students.

Meanwhile, Bill Boldt, vice president for university advancement, said his office would begin a campaign to match any fee increase with private donations.

Early in its discussions, the committee specified that changes brought about through the Cal Poly Plan should affirm Cal Poly’s traditional mission as a comprehensive, polytechnic university.

Turning to specific goals, the Steering Committee focused on improving opportunities for students to move more quickly toward graduation.

The panel expressed the need for a comprehensive plan addressing student progress, a plan that assessed campus operations under existing resources as well as enhancements that might be achieved through additional revenues.

It was observed, for example, that if the Cal Poly Plan provides stable funding in the future, additional faculty members could be hired to teach more class sections. Even though students might be paying modestly higher fees, they could graduate and join the work force more quickly, thus reducing their time at the university and actually saving money in the long run.

Currently, fewer than 5 percent of students who enter Cal Poly as freshmen graduate in four years.

Meanwhile, Academic Senate and ASI leaders on the panel are reviewing proposed curriculum changes that are under consideration before Senate committees, reforms that should help students graduate sooner while improving the quality of academic programs.

The Steering Committee also expressed interest in a review of advising programs with the intention of helping students reach their academic goals more efficiently.

Turning to possible investment areas, the committee discussed five general categories: financial aid, instructional programs, instructional support, student programs and services, and technology and equipment.

A sixth area, faculty and staff development, was considered within the context of instructional programs.

Deans and vice presidents had earlier provided estimates of how much money would be needed to make appreciable differences within sub-categories of each investment area. As an example, administrators had estimated costs to achieve improvements in the career placement operation within the student services category.

Once the Steering Committee sets priorities of where funds should be used to restore and improve quality on campus, it will then recommend the level of additional revenue — if any — that the university should seek through student fees.

The next step in the process is to send to campus units a "request for proposals" that specifies areas in which the university is willing to make investments.

A successful proposal must meet the principles and goals established earlier for the Cal Poly Plan. It must anticipate changes that directly benefit students, and it must contain specific ways to measure investment results.

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L.A. philosophy prof
to talk on India, art
A Cal State Los Angeles philosop­hy professor and award-winning au­thor will discuss the far-reaching implications of the modern art of In­dia at 3 pm today in UU 220.
Daniel Herwitz will talk and show slides on "The Tapestry of the Moderns: The Modern Art of India and Global Cultural Identity." He will explore:
- What the modern art of India tells us about perceiving modern art in a non-ethnocentric way.
- What it tells us about the global character of modern life.
- How it provides philosophers with a new way of thinking about cultural identity.

Herwitz received a National Book Award of India for his study of the Indian painter M.S. Husain.

The presentation is one in a series sponsored by the Philosophy Depart­ment. For more information, call ext. 2041.

Nominations sought
for community service
Nominations for the 11th annual Cal Poly President's Award for Out­standing Community Service and the Emerging Service Leader's Award are open through Friday, March 1.

The awards are given to:
- Recognize student groups and individual students for outstanding service to their community.
- Inspire Cal Poly student groups and individuals to address unmet social needs in San Luis Obispo County.
- Encourage students to enhance their education by involvement in programs that allow them to investi­gate, organize, and lead activities without the pressure of career in­volvement.

To be eligible, the students must have been volunteers, and the work they performed must have been done off campus. Activities can be class­related if they extended beyond class requirements. Faculty members should consider recommending gradu­ating seniors for the President's Award as well as the award program in their college.

Individual service awards are given for service performed through­out the student's stay at Cal Poly. The President's Awards for Community Service go to both an individual with an extensive service record and a group of students who have demon­strated long-term service.

The Emerging Service Leader's Award honors a student who has com­pleted service during the past year, has an additional two years at Cal Poly, and shows promise of increased service. The award also recognizes a group newly involved with activities that show promise of continuing.

Nominations will be accepted from members of the community and cam­pus, including students and student groups. Nomination forms can be picked up in UU 217 or obtained by calling Maureen Forgeng or Sam Lutrin in Student Life and Activities, ext. 2476.

Winners will be selected by a com­mittee of officials in city and county government and representatives of the ASI and Academic Senate. Awards will be presented by President Baker at a ceremony and reception set for May.

Resident advisors
sought for 1996-97
Faculty and staff members are asked to let students know that Hous­ing and Residential Life is now re­cruiting for 1996-97 resident advisors.

Approximately 60 of these leadership opportunities are open to Cal Poly students interested in learning about themselves while helping others.

Typical skills that resident advisors acquire include student advising, multicultural awareness, limit setting, programming, public speaking and small-group communication.

Students interested should call Housing & Residential Life at ext. 1226.

Cushing, Wooton to read poetry, fiction Feb. 9
English professors Jim Cushing and Carl Wooton will present an evening of poetry and fiction at 7 pm Friday, Feb. 9, in the UU's San Luis Lounge as part of the Poly Voices series.

Cushing will read from a wide se­lection of new and selected works. His writing has been described as "tightly woven, yet imaginatively restless," and has appeared in such journals as The Massachusetts Re­view, Negative Capability, and Antioch Review.

His first book, "You and the Night and the Music," was said to have "in­telligence and depth and maturity of feeling."

His work was recently included in the anthology "Grand Passion: The Poets of Los Angeles and Beyond."

Wooton will read a short story and selections from his poetry. His stories and poems have been published in a variety of journals and magazines in­cluding the Hudson Review, Literary Review, Georgia Review, and Ellery Queen Mystery Magazine.

Wooton is co-author of "Porch Talk with Ernest Gaines: Conversa­tions in the Writer's Craft."

The reading is sponsored by the English Department, College of Lib­eral Arts, and Cal Poly Arts. The Poly Voices series, which sponsors read­ings by members of the Cal Poly community, is part of Cal Poly Arts' WriterSpeak program.

For more information, call English professor Kevin Clark at ext. 2506.

CPR schedule
The Cal Poly Report will be pub­lished every Friday through winter quarter. Copy is due by 1 pm a week before the publication date.

Please double-space all articles and send them to Jo Ann Lloyd, Commu­nications, Heron Hall. Last-minute items can be faxed to ext. 6533 or e­mailed to jlloyd.

For more information, call Com­munications at ext. 1511.
Women's Week special Valentine's Day luncheon from 11:30 am to 1 pm Wednesday, Feb. 14, in Chumash Auditorium. Her talk, "Men and Women: Are We Communicating Yet?" will explore the different communication styles of men and women and how the differences affect our personal and professional lives.

Tickets for the vegetarian lasagna luncheon are $9 and must be reserved. Special seating arrangements can be made in advance for those who would like to attend the talk without buying lunch.

Some workshops and talks to be presented include:
- Thursday, Feb. 15: "Searching for Celestial Bodies" and "The Art of Planning, Advancing and Balancing Career and Family."

Black History Month to be celebrated
Cal Poly will celebrate Black History Month in February with speakers, drummers, singers and other activities.

Events will include a panel of black faculty and staff members who will discuss aspects of their lives, education and careers on Monday, Feb. 19, in Chumash Auditorium. Former Black Panther member Erica Huggins will be the keynote speaker at the Black History Month "Evening of Celebration" at 7 pm Monday, Feb. 26, in Chumash Auditorium. The Black Student Union Choir will also perform that evening.

Closing ceremonies are set for 11 am Thursday, Feb. 29, in the UU Plaza. For a schedule of activities or more information, call Colette Toomer, president of Cal Poly’s Black Student Union, at 546-8123.

Architecture and gender topic of Feb. 12 talk
Architecture professor Karen Lange will discuss how current research seems to perpetuate the stereotypical, age-old idea that men make better architects and women make better teachers.

"Gender and Critical Mass: Gray Matter with a Difference - The Influence of Architecture Over Time on the Female Psyche" will begin at 12:10 pm Monday, Feb. 12, in the Staff Dining Room.

Lange's talk will be based on studies that indicate:
- The brains of men and women process information differently.
- Segregation of thought processes to one side of the brain generally allows males to think preferentially and spatially.
- Continued processing of information on both sides of the brain generally allows women to excel at communication and holistic thought.
Lange will examine whether gender differences in thought processes could partly be a reaction to the built environment and whether women would have evolved differently in a different environment.
Lange concludes that the way to change the role of women is to change the place in which they function.

The presentation is the second winter quarter Women's Studies Lunch-Time Seminar. For more information, call ext. 1525.

The Credit Report deadline's approaching
The deadline to submit items for the winter quarter edition of The Credit Report is Monday, Feb. 12. Items should be typed, double spaced and mailed to Jo Ann Lloyd, Communications, Heron Hall; faxed to ext. 6533; or e-mailed to jllloyd@calpoly.edu. For more information, call ext. 1511.
Deadline approaching for fee waiver

Information and forms are available in Human Resources, Adm. 110, for eligible full- or permanent part-time employees who want to participate in the Fee Waiver Program. The spring quarter class schedule is now on sale at CSU Pomona.

Important dates for spring quarter 1996 are:
- Feb. 7 - CAPTURE registration begins for staff.
- March 6 - Last day to pay fees to avoid $25 late fee.
- April 8 - Last day to submit fee waiver forms to Human Resources.

Fee waiver participants register for classes in accordance with the "Priority and Graduate Students" category of the CAPTURE registration system. Employees enrolled in classes winter quarter should have received their SSSF and fee waiver forms. Those not currently enrolled should contact Joan Lund, Human Resources, ext. 6563.

Dateline

Admission charged — $5

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2
- Dance: Cal Poly's Orchesis Dance Company will perform through Saturday, Feb. 3. Theatre, 8 pm. ($)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3
- Dance: Cal Poly’s Orchesis Dance Company will perform at 1 and 8 pm. Theatre. ($)
- Men's Basketball: CSU Sacramento, Mott Gym, 7 pm. ($) Softball: Scrimmage vs. CSU Stanislaus, Softball Field, 1 pm.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4
- Dance: Cal Poly’s Ballroom Dance Club meeting and lesson. Odd Fellows Hall, SLO, 5:30 pm. ($) TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6
- Speakers: Donald Maas (University Center for Teacher Education) will lead "Teaching Ideas that Work." Samuel Agbo (Electrical Engineering), Lisa Grossman (Political Science), Wesley Mueller (Crop Science), Habib Sheik (English), and Sam Vigil (Civil and Environmental Engineering) will also speak as part of the PIDO series. Staff Dining Room, noon.

Men's Basketball: Cal State Northridge, Mott Gym, 7 pm. ($) WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7
- Men's Tennis: CSU Sacramento, Tennis Courts, 2 pm.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8
- Women's Basketball: CSU Sacramento, Mott Gym, 7 pm. ($) FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9
- Speaker: Daniel Hewitt (Cal State Los Angeles) will talk on "The Tapestry of the Moderns: The Modern Art of India and Global Cultural Identity." UU 220, 3 pm.
- Wrestling: San Francisco State, Mott Gym, 7 pm. ($) Poly Voices: Jim Cushing and Carl Wooton (English) will read from their poetry and fiction. San Luis Lounge, UU, 7 pm.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10
- Women's Week 1996: A variety of talks, presentations, workshops and panel discussions. Through Friday, Feb. 23. For details and schedule, call ext. 2600.
- Men's Tennis: University of Nevada, Reno, Tennis Courts, 1 pm.
- Women's Tennis: Santa Clara University, Tennis Courts, 1 pm.
- Softball: UC Santa Barbara, Softball Field, 1 and 3 pm.
- Music: Annual Baroque Concert. Mission San Luis Obispo de Tolosa, 8 pm. ($) SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11
- Dance: Cal Poly’s Ballroom Dance Club meeting and lesson. Odd Fellows Hall, SLO, 5:30 pm. ($) MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12
- Speaker: Karen Lange (Architecture) will discuss "Gender and Critical Mass: Gray Matter with a Difference -- The Influence of Architecture Over Time on the Female Psych." Staff Dining Room, 12:10 pm.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16
- Speaker: Robert Schier (L.A. Times) will talk as part of the Lyceum speaker series. Business 213, 7 pm.

Position vacancies

More information and applications for the following staff positions are available from the appropriate human resources office. Faxed applications and resumes will not be accepted in lieu of official application.

STATE (Adm. 110, ext. 2236 or job line at ext. 1533). Official application forms must be received by 4 pm of the closing date or be postmarked by the closing date.

CLOSING DATE: Feb. 16
- #7063: Clerical Assistant III, Vice President for Student Affairs office (Unit 7), $1949-$2107/month.

FOUNDATION (Foundation Adm. Building, job line at ext. 7187). All foundation applications must be received (not just postmarked) by 5 pm of the closing date. (No faxen)

CLOSING DATE: Feb. 16
- Ticketing Services Manager, Performing Arts Center, $2530-$3280/month.

FACULTY (Adm. 312, ext. 2844)

Candidates interested in positions on the faculty are invited to contact the appropriate dean or department head or chair. Ranks and salaries for faculty positions are commensurate with qualifications and experience (and time base where applicable) unless otherwise stated.

CLOSING DATE: April 30 or until filled.
- #63018: Tenure Track Assoc./Asst., Professor, Computer Science Department, (ext. 2824). Anticipated beginning fall 1996, contingent upon funding. Teaching core undergraduate as well as upper-division and master's level courses, performing research in a main stream area of computer science, and participating in the continued development of curriculum and facilities for the computer engineering program. Candidates must have a strong commitment to teaching excellence, dedication to professional development, and broad-based knowledge of computer science. Candidates in the areas of software engineering or microprocessors are preferred. Ph.D. in computer science or computer engineering is required. For information and application, contact Recruitment Committee (Recruitment Code 63018), Computer Science Department, or by e-mail at recruit@csc.calpoly.edu.