Cal Poly President Baker Joins Leadership of National University Association

SAN LUIS OBISPO - Cal Poly President Warren J. Baker has been appointed to the board of the 215-member National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges and will serve as the leader of the association's Commission on Information Technologies.

Founded in 1887, the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges (NASULGC) is the nation's oldest higher education association. Dedicated to supporting excellence in teaching, research and public service, the group has been in the forefront of educational leadership nationally for more than a century. Its 215 members include public universities, land-grant institutions and many of the nation's public university systems and are located in all 50 states, the U.S. territories and the District of Columbia.

"I'm honored to join the board of this historic group," said President Baker. Noting that Cal Poly is among California's leaders in exploring new ways to use technology to communicate with prospective students and the general public and to educate current students, Baker said he has a keen interest in the work of the association's Commission on Information Technologies (CIT).

"We at Cal Poly are currently exploring the wealth of options brought to our campus by the arrival of Internet2 and other information technology expansions," Baker said.

"Already, we've seen that technology has had a dramatic effect on the creation and distribution of knowledge and on the teaching and learning
process. We've seen rapid changes in how technology can be used in the classroom, in libraries, in research by faculty and students, and in the workplace. As public universities, we need to continue our efforts to apply new information technology to support teaching, learning and research, to strengthen education and to extend the boundaries of knowledge and understanding."

The Commission on Information Technologies is one of the national university association's six key policy-forming units. It was created to identify and develop policy positions and advisory assessments on information technology and related issues of concern to association members and to the nation.

The information technology commission is committed to serving as a strong voice for public higher education by actively participating in federal initiatives relating to the development of the national information infrastructure and other information-technology policy issues.

More information on NASULGC and its CIT can be found on the association's Web site www.nasulgc.org.

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