Committee says ‘yes’ to $120 fee increase for Cal Poly students

By Travis Money

The Cal Poly Plan Steering Committee agreed Wednesday night on a proposal that includes a $120-per-year increase in student fees.

Discussion of the fee raise was the primary reason for the special session, which focused on a proposal brought by Cristin Brady, Mike Rocca and Tony Torres, the student representatives on the committee.

The proposal the students brought forth depends on two areas of investment — technology and a combination of curriculum revision and access to classes. Each area was allocated approximately $900,000, to be divided among specific areas at a later date.

Areas the student representatives had marked for possible funding included: lab equipment, new technology and increased hours for computer labs, on-line library access, on-line access to evaluations material and the hiring of student assistants.

"The Cal Poly Plan is ambitious," Torres said. "But we need more areas more clearly defined."

"For now, we think this is the best thing for everyone."

Although many members of the committee felt too many items were left out of the student proposal, the students decided more information is needed on many areas before they could spend more money.

"We didn’t feel that we could just throw funds into more areas without more information," Torres said.

The $120 increase that was adopted falls short of the minimum $180 fee hike that Cal Poly faculty and staff seemed to be ready to adopt last Saturday.

However, there is no provision in the $120 increase for financial aid, which made up at least a third of the $360 proposal. Instead, ASI President Brady called upon promises made by Bill Boldt, vice president for University Advancement, to raise funds for scholarships from the private sector.

Cal Poly President Warren Baker agreed that funding for financial aid could come from other avenues.

"Like any other fee, the Cal Poly Plan fee will be added on to the total cost of attending Cal Poly according to Baker. Financial aid awards are created to help students overcome the total cost of going to school, not just tuition, he pointed out.

"We can expect additional financial aid this year," Baker said. "The governor put $10 million into the Cal Grant fund."

The fund was becoming depleted in recent years, Baker said. This led to a drop in financial aid awards.

Other points made by the student proposal were centered on technology and curriculum revision. The Cal Poly Plan that would directly address any fee hikes.

"My hope is that we can finish step one and agree on something that directly benefits the students," Torres said.

Any fee increase for the plan must still be passed by the CSU Board of Trustees. Baker plans to take the Cal Poly Plan to the May meeting of the board, according to Linda Dalton, interim associate vice president for Academic Resources.

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"The skaters today are so good they can ride their boards off the stair hand rails," he said. "But this causes additional costs for repairs, paints and nickels."

Schumacher said Cal Poly received some unwanted publicity when it was mentioned on MTV and in a skating magazine as a good place to skate.

"The majority of the problems are caused by high school and junior high skaters," Schumacher said. He indicated that Poly students comprise about 25 percent of the citations.
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By Val Avalos
Daily News Staff

Do you have a little extra time on your hands? Must students are so bombarded with homework, term papers, exams and jobs that they don't have a lot of extra time. However, there are some students at Cal Poly who take time out of their busy schedules to volunteer and make a difference in the community. 

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UC president cites Affirmative Action delay, rift on failure to communicate

By Michelle Locke
Innocent Plea

BERKELEY, Calif. — University of California President Richard Atkinson took a conciliatory tone in his first public remarks since a showdown with regents, blaming the fracas on a failure of communication — his.

Atkinson said he should have conferred with the UC Board of Regents before making the surprise announcement of a one-year delay in implementing the regents’ new policy banning current affirmative action programs.

“I have no question that board members who had not been consulted should indeed feel very annoyed ... it was a peculiar set of events,” he said.

Regents angry over the delay, and Atkinson’s subsequent refusal to rescind it, came within two days of holding a special presidential performance review, an extraordinary public remarks since a show­case for graduate and professional programs.

“Any student is free to expand the eligibility pool and that’s what this is all about,” said Regent Clair Burg­ner, who was also at the news conference.

Questions Thursday, however, were mostly about Atkinson, and how he thinks the confrontation with regents will affect his future as UC pres­i­dent, a job he has held only four months.

Trouble between Atkinson and the board began when he announced non-blind admissions would not be implemented until fall 1999, a year later than expected.

Republican Gov. Pete Wil­son, who is president of the board and has pushed for repealing UC’s old affirmative action policies, then summoned Atkinson to a tense 45-minute meeting.

Atkinson later agreed to make the changes by fall 1997 for undergraduate and professional students, but refused to budge on undergraduate admissions.

If everything goes according to plan Cal Poly could celebrate its 100-year anniversary in 2001 with a $125 million present.

The Cal Poly Centennial Campaign, the largest fund-raiser in the California State University system, hopes to raise $125 mil­lion for Cal Poly departments through alumni and corporate contributions by 2001, said Bill Boldt, vice president for University Advancement.

Boldt said the campaign was initiated so departments can keep their technology and cur­riculum as up-to-date as pos­sible. The colleges have ap­pointed full-time advancement directors to work with faculty to identify the needs of the colleges and match them with alumni and corporate contributions, Boldt said.

The campaign is still in its planning stages said Boldt. Ad­vancement directors will not begin publicly seeking funds until September 1997 with all fund-raising scheduled to con­clude Dec. 31, 2001.

“This campaign will enable Cal Poly departments to continue their high level of excellence,” Boldt said. “State support is not getting the job done. We need to reach out to the private sector to stay ahead.”

All faculty and staff members for each college are involved in identifying their departments’ needs. However, only the advancement directors and their committees will be involved in the actual fund-raising.

Michael Barr, Agriculture Ad­vancement director, said the key to fund-raising is to get outside people interested and excited about the department.

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Government: the barrier to the final frontier

by Mark Anthony Gray

I was reading the Opinion section of Tuesday's edition of the Mustang Daily, when I saw an article about the effect of the budget battle on science and technology by Neal Lane. As I was reading it, only one thing kept coming to my mind. It lowered around in my brain, and it is something I think about very often. This is one of the topics that I feel passionately about.

The topic I am concerned with is the future. OUR future — the future of Humankind. As the people at Congress try to give us short-term tax breaks, they are mortgaging away our future. And what is it that suffers the most from all this slashing? It is not Medicare, nor Defense; it is science and technology: our future.

If we don't start allocating more funds to science and technology — especially to the exploration of space — we will end up dying away with our planet.

Don't they realize just how important the future is? The more they slash, the more the Human race loses out. What will happen in the future? Will we be stuck on an overcrowded planet and continue to waste away its resources? If we don't start allocating more funds to science and technology — especially to the exploration of space — we will end up dying away with our planet.

This is something I really don't want. I want the Human race to outlive the third planet from the Sun. I want us to be explorers of the far reaches of space, and as a result, explorers of the space within; not some selfish bipeds who will continue to have their petty squabbles for the rest of our time. We need to look past our own greed, our own selfishness, to space.

Space is the unifying force, as John F. Kennedy would agree. Space is the New Frontier. Americans have had one unifying force over their history: the conquering of the Frontier. Well, the Western Frontier has been conquered; now it is time to look up, not down. Humans need to unite to conquer the one true frontier. And the only way to do that is through science and technology. I will admit that I have always had an optimistic view of the future. I believe that humans are ultimately "good," but at the rate we're going, we're not "going" anywhere. These bureaucrats need to decide what is best for the country, not just what will get them elected for the next term.

Congress and the President should agree on one thing: Not to cut the funding of science and technology, but to implement it.

Of course, there are those that say that Congress needs to focus on things like Medicare and Welfare — trying to improve the quality of life. But, those people need to see that by looking to space, we also look to our selves. We could learn more about ourselves, things which we never knew before. We could conquer those petty trivialities in our quest to conquer space.

However, none of this will happen unless the government gets to work today. Yes, the budget does need to be balanced; I'm just saying that they shouldn't cut science and technology. Our future depends on it.

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BASKETBALL

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The Mustangs were 1 for 11 (7 percent) at the line for the first half and then turned around to sink 11 of their 12 free throws in the second half. Idaho State had almost twice as many trips to the line, a situation which has constantly aggravated Schneider all season.

The Mustangs have now fallen under .500 again with a 9-10 record.

“We're looking forward to being at home,” Schneider said.

Cal Poly will also get to show off a semi-new face to the home crowd Saturday afternoon with freshman Ross Ketcham, who began his college career against the Hornets two weeks ago after redshirting for the first part of the season.

The 6-foot-7-inch forward out of Mission Prep High School had a good showing against Loyola Marymount last week with 11 points, and scored 13 against Idaho State on Tuesday.

Tipoff is at 1 p.m. in Mott Gym.

KIEDROWSKI

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people words of wisdom."

The second time around, Kiedrowski has changed her outlook.

"I just do things for me. I don't stop to let the world mess me up," she said. "I just do what I gotta do for me."

The five-foot-eleven prospective registered dietitian also has adopted an unconventional training regiment.

Nicknamed “barnacle” by her teammates for sitting out some of the practice laps, Kiedrowski sometimes doesn’t stretch before events and cuts her warmup laps short.

"There's people that go hard every single practice, and then there's people who just kind of hang out," she said.

When it's time to get onto the blocks, however, it's back to business.

"When the beeper goes off, she's out there to win no matter who she's up against," Firman said.

Self-confident, yes. Competitive, definitely.

"The (women's team) admires her because of her competitiveness. The (men's team) does, too, because she has beat some of them," Firman said.

"Krista is an energetic, non-stop athlete," said English senior Tara Shima, Kiedrowski’s teammate and roommate.

Even after four years of swimming, Kiedrowski still wants to use her final year of eligibility to resume what she came to Cal Poly to do — play volleyball.

"There's no way I can see myself just being a student," Kiedrowski said. "A lot of people are stoked when they're done with athletics, but I don't think I'd know what to do with myself."

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WASHINGTON — Congress voted Thursday to free the ex­panding television, telephone and home computer industries to jump into each other's field and reshape the culture and com­merce of the 21st century.

The bill — saluted by Sen. Larry Pressler, R-S.D., as a "benefits of lower prices, better service and a diversity of voices" — was expected to clear when Dole approved it.

"I received assurances from the president that it would not issue a provision in court," said Rep. Henry Hyde, R-Ill., and several other women's groups, the anti-pornography provisions would outline discussion about abortion over the Internet, the global computer net­work.

The V-chip sets won't be available for at least two years, says FCC Chairman Reed Hundt. The bill would gradually deregulate cable rates and allow media companies to more easily expand their hold­ings.

The bill would make it easier for cable telephone companies to provide cable television — a $2 billion business — and other video ser­vices to customers. Many phone companies are developing cable beyond 35 percent. The existing limit is 25 percent.

For the month of February

I will be offering 20% OFF all hair services. Come and get it — and warnings his department is now hearing.

"Most of them don't do any harm. But this will spoil it for everyone," he said.

"And Cal Poly students are not interested in ramps and skating programs," Ramsey said. "They developed a skating program on campus."
RASCO: Rasco said they're concentrating on a "lifelong agenda" of education and training

"I'm the biggest generalist in the White House," she said. "However, the main areas we're looking at right now are education and training, what we call our lifelong agenda."

The focus on education, she said, starts at elementary school and continues through to the college level. But college students hold special regard.

"They are the emerging leadership," she said. "We are constantly looking to see what we can do for higher education."

"We've tried to hit it on several fronts, such as larger tax credits, work-study programs and upgrades on the current loan programs."

But for most students, graduating school is only the beginning of an even tougher journey — finding a job. Rasco said she understands this, and offered hope and advice:

"I would tell (graduating college students) that I fully understand that (the job market's) very tough. It's very different than 25 years ago when I finished college," she said.

"But I would also tell them that they need to have a really open mind, and to be flexible about using the training they received."
Mustangs glad to be home

By Mark Armstrong
Daily Jeff White

Though it's not yet the NBA-esque "Mott Dome" illustrated by the architectural renderings at Tuesday's stadium-plan unveiling, Matt Gym will welcome the Cal Poly men's basketball team back to familiar ground this Saturday to face Sacramento State.

"It would be great to see that happen someday," coach Jeff Schneider said of the bold plans for Tuesday's stadium-plan unveiling, Mott Gym will welcome the "Mott Dome" illustrated by the architectural renderings at Tuesday's stadium-plan unveiling.

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Sac State is currently in the dumps with a six-game losing streak; its last win coming from an overtime victory at Idaho State.

The Mustangs weren't as fortunate in Perotello, Idaho on Tuesday, losing 88-77.

Cal Poly flip-flopped the whole game with major inconsistencies at the free-throw line.

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By Peggy Curtin
Daily Jeff White

Krista Kiedrowski, one of the Big West's top backstrokers, currently holds three Mustang swim records / Daily photos by Dawn Kalmor

The swimmer who couldn't quit

Krista Kiedrowski was a red-shirt her freshman year for the volleyball team and had not planned on swimming in college. But, the pool beckoned and she just couldn't resist.

By Mark Armstrong
Daily Jeff White

"She's like my big sister," said animal science sophomore Amy Capella. "She's always giving me a hard time."

Our nutrition science major practically shrugged off swimming in college.

"I hadn't planned on swimming in college," she said. "I felt like I had had enough with swimming, and I didn't want to deal with it anymore."

The Lodi native actually came to Cal Poly to play outside hitter and middle blocker for the Mustangs volleyball team.

Midway through her first year as a red-shirt on the volleyball team, Rich Firman, asked the volleyball coach to mention her swimming to her.

"We had heard about her (accomplishments)," Firman said. "And I know that she wasn't making the progress that she thought she would have made playing volleyball."

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Sac State is currently in the dumps with a six-game losing streak; its last win coming from an overtime victory at Idaho State.

The Mustangs weren't as fortunate in Perotello, Idaho on Tuesday, losing 88-77.

Cal Poly flip-flopped the whole game with major inconsistencies at the free-throw line.