Faculty outraged over CSU presidents’ salary increases

Cal Poly President Warren Baker will receive a $33,000 salary increase as part of a CSU Board of Trustee’s decision.

Emily Rancer
MUSTANG DAILY

The CSU Board of Trustees approved an average 13.7 percent salary increase for all CSU presidents, bumping Cal Poly President Warren Baker’s salary up by more than $33,000 to $286,896 annually.

Some Cal Poly faculty members were angered over the board’s decision, especially in the wake of an 8 percent salary increase for all CFA faculty members, I was outraged, said Matizar Foroohar, CFA faculty and a member of the faculty. I was out­raged, I was completely outraged, said Manzar Foroohar. CFA Cal Poly chapter president and history professor. “We have been in negoti­ations for a contract for faculty since the last increase. And we were fighting for a few dollars just to increase the faculty salary. Most of us have not gotten any raises for the last three years.”

Baker’s housing allowance was also raised from $37,000 to $60,000 and he was given an extra $1,000 in car expenses. Most CSU presidents were given $60,000 to $60,000 in housing allowances.

Larry Kelley, Cal Poly’s vice presi­dent for administration and finance, said that the CSU pres­i­dents have not had a pay increase since about 2000. He said that the presi­dential salaries were increased in an effort to elevate CSU salaries to the national averages of other universi­ties.

“This is the first step in a five-year plan to help close the salary gaps for each of the employee groups,” Kelley said. The “employee groups” include faculty and staff, which will see a 3.7 percent salary increase retroactive as of July 2005.

“Look at this education system that — it’s going down the drain because we are losing faculty and we cannot recruit new, high-quality faculty,” Foroohar said. “Then we went to this trustees meeting last Thursday and they voted to increase on average 13.7 percent for campus president salaries. In just one minute they decided to do that.”

“..The average CSU presiden­tial salary of $217,751 lag behind the average $325,562 CPEC (California Postsecondary Education Commission) compari­sion group salary by 49.5 percent,” wrote the Committee on University and Faculty Personnel on Oct. 27. “So we have that much money, why don’t you raise faculty salaries so we can recruit new faculty and offer classes that the students need to graduate?” Foroohar said. “On the one hand, you’re raising students

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Nominations being taken for exceptional teachers

Holly Burke
MUSTANG DAILY

The Academic Senate began accepting nomina­tions for the Distinguished Teaching Award Oct. 24 and will continue to accept n o m i ­n a t i o n s through Dec. 2. The award honors student-nominated professors for excellence in teaching and began at Cal Poly in 1964.

Some students, like kinesiology junior Vanessa Farrer, are eager to nominate their favorite teacher.

“I would like to nominate Dr. Seth Bash, who teaches CHEM 127,” she said. “He’s just always approachable.”

David Headrick

Robert L. Bullock, the university’s provost and executive vice president, said that the awards are given to faculty members who are recognized by their students as being outstanding teachers.

Capt. Vaughn of the San Luis Obispo Fire Department makes sure the Bishop Peak fire is com­pletely out by spraying a smoldering log. The seven-acre grass fire began at approximately 1:15 p.m. and was considered a second alarm, meaning more fire engines were called to the scene to put out the fire. Capt. Danny O’Neil of the SLO Fire Department said. The cause of the fire is undeter­mined.

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FIRE BREAKS OUT AT BISHOP PEAK

Suicide rate at UC Davis increases

Michael Steinwand
THE CALIFORNIA AGATE (UC DAVIS)

DAVIS — Students who are doing poorly in school, have trouble transition­ing to college life or who lack parental support may find themselves sinking to a negative state in which they do not see much hope for them­selves in the future.

These feelings of helplessness and hopelessness are precipitated by depression, causing frustration and self-anger due to an individual’s inability to remove him or herself from that mindset, according to Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) officials. These symp­toms contribute to contempla­tions of suicide — an issue that is growing at the University of California at Davis.

In the 2004-05 school year, four UC Davis students committed suicide, up from the previous year’s total of two suicides. In 2003-04, there were no reported cases, according to Emil Rudolfa, director of CAPS.

Students who committed suicide in recent years were predominantly male upper-classmen and graduate students. Although one was a female under­graduate, he noted.

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fees and on the other hand you’re cutting classes so they cannot even graduate on time.”

Social Science Department

Chair Harold Kerbo was critical of the presi-dential salary increase, noting that it perpetuates a gap between those at the top and bottom of America’s social hierarchy.

“My expertise in this area is that I’m a specialist in social stratification and inequality,” Kerbo said. “This is a trend that’s been going on since 1980 ... every year since 1980, we have had more income inequality — a gap between the top and bottom. It has gone up every year.”

Baker’s 13.2 percent salary raise was not the largest among the CSU presidents. The CSU Northridge president received a 22.9 percent hike followed by Fullerton at 22.7 percent.

“I want them to show me one case of a president who left a university because of low salary,” Foroohar said, referring to Fullerton.

Kerbo was one of three to win the distinguished teaching award at Cal Poly since 1989. “To me the award is an honor intrinsically,” he said. “I’ve been teaching for 28 years. The Distinguished Teaching award is an important award because it came from the students. Then it was scrutinized by my colleagues and peers. I’m really honored by it. I was humbled and touched.”

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Dan Tedrow, a mechanical engi-neering graduate, was not nominating anyone.

“I can’t think of any teachers I’ve liked so far,” he said. “Most teachers that I’ve had wouldn’t nominate. I’m sure there’s some good teachers here though.”

Former award-winners visit and evaluate the nominated teachers. Winners are chosen by their course material, enthusiasm, professional development, concern for student success and other criteria.

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Last year, Hampsey published a book called Paraenesis and Contemptment, A Personal Essay on Western Thought.

“Horticulture and crop science professor David Headrick and electrical engineering professor Fred DePiero were also given the award last year. The professors were presented with the award during last year’s spring commencement ceremo-nies. The award is paid for by the Cal Poly Alumni Association.”

For more information about the Distinguished Teaching Award, visit www.calpoly.edu/acadinc/da.html.

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Despite what the action may imply, the majority of students contemplating suicide do not want to die, Rodolfa said. “They keep saying that they have to raise the president’s salary because they want to keep them here. Do you think President Baker would leave for another job because he didn’t get $60,000 in housing and loans?”

— MANZAR FOROOHAR
Cal Poly CPA president and history professor

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Halloween evolves from religious ritual to consumer bonanza

Iris Sela

THE ORACLE (U. SOUTH FLORIDA)

TAMPA, Fla. — Although Halloween in America today is celebrated as a secular holiday, its folklore and traditions are rooted in a number of religious customs from the Celts, the Catholic Church and northern European folklore that date back centuries. Here’s a brief description of its religious roots, how today’s tradition of trick-or-treating came to be and to look into the future of Halloween.

Halloween originated primarily from the Celtic holiday of Samhain, pronounced “Sa’umain,” before the common era in much of Europe. It was celebrated on Nov. 1 of the Celtic calendar, which was the first day of the new year. In addition to celebrating the new year and the end of the harvest season, Samhain was thought to bring out the souls of those who died in the previous year.

These drifting souls would come out in order to travel and find their dwelling place in the land of the dead. People would offer the souls fruits and vegetables to appease them, to aid in their journeys and to honor them. Bonfires were lit to make sure that these souls-in-transit would not stay and roam the earth.

The supernatural elements of the holiday didn’t sit well with the Roman Catholic Church. The church believed that any supernatural presence that was felt by the Celts was a manifestation of Satan and that these wandering souls were evil and there to do deliberate harm.

From these ideas the Catholic holiday of All Saints’ Day, which later became All Hallows’ Eve, was implemented Nov. 2, 601, by Pope Gregory the Great. The holiday called “All Hallows’ Eve” was designed to have a holiday to pray for the souls of the dead. The idea wasn’t very popular, so the traditional Celtic holiday overruled and generally gave birth to what we today know as Halloween.

The rituals of Halloween also have a diverse origin. Trick-or-treating can be traced back to an act called mumming, which consists of dressing up in costumes and masks while parading around town entertaining the neighborhood and asking for food and drink in return. It is similar to Christmas caroling, which consisted of singing songs outside people’s houses and later receiving food and drink from them as a thank you. Mumming still occurs in Newfoundland during Christmas and has a history in many holidays from all over the world.

Today, trick-or-treating can be seen as a watered-down version of mumming or the latest version of it, called “gaunting,” in Europe, which consists of disguising oneself and roaming the streets. Youngsters “perform” a scenario, which consists of dressing up and saying “trick-or-treat.” Their reward for demand — is, of course, candy. This phenomenon became widespread in the United States in the 1950s, but there are accounts of it occurring as far back as the 1930s. Prior to trick-or-treating, some children would go door-to-door with homemade costumes, prance around the neighborhood carrying candle-jackets and knock on every door at a house to try and get the family to hand out candy. This eventually turned into demanding candy, “treating,” or “tricked.” This ritual has become so widely accepted that the tricking and treating has become a harmless and encouraged exchange between adults and kids.

In other ways, “tricking” has evolved and become its own phenomenon. Many older children change out of their costumes to make them in easy-to-handle clothes instead of today’s cumbersome process that uses millions of dollars a year to make and stockpiled candy for the American people.”

That’s one reason, Duffy said, that there is an unspoken contrast to failed nominees Harriet Miers, Bush’s pick to replace Sandra Day O’Connor on the Supreme Court. Ready-to-rumble Senate Democrats have vowed to hold up any pick to replace the woman who Bush might nominate to replace O’Connor.

The Bush administration wants the Senate to confirm a nominee by the end of the year so it can prepare for the next flu pandemic, but the White House said the president won’t sign legislation to authorize the spending. The administration has quietly been marking time, lest it be forced to authorize funding when the Senate adjourns.

Bush administration officials have said that the nation would need at least $6.3 billion to be ready for the next flu pandemic, but Bush has so far resisted overruling a Senate funding measure that sets aside $1.1 billion for pandemic-related spending.

Washington — The Department of Health and Human Services’ preparations for the flu season are coming under increased scrutiny from Congress).

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New bill could mean the end of television recording

Steve Shinney
THE UTAH STATESMAN (UTAH STATE U.)

LOGAN, Utah — A bill currently being discussed in Senate and House committees could prevent people from recording their favorite shows ever again.

The bill, sponsored by both the Motion Picture Association of America and the Recording Industry of America Association, is aimed at giving the Federal Communications Committee the power to add a broadcast flag to all television signals.

If enacted, the bill would also give power to the FCC to regulate the kinds of technology that TV and VCR companies can use in making their products.

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As women engineers, we are proud of elementary math and story telling we learned those years ago. Gee wiz, I am 'like' uh, so tired of stereotypes about my major, geeks. Come on, I am just an engineer.

You really think that career-driven men contribute any more to 'divorce rates and broken homes' than career-driven women? Any adult who puts his or her career before family contributes to this problem.

Any weak-minded spineless "terrorist" but not a "Lesbian"?

You aren't even looking for the right thing because I want to meet a woman financially secure just in case something happens. A more adult desire, engineers, we are apparently setting ourselves up for a broken home. We are definitely capable of elementary math and storytelling we learned those years ago. I just want to sit at home all day and take care of the kids. For instance, I could teach them the joys of statics, dynamics and differential equations, which have no practical application (not like those very serious story telling and basket weaving classes that liberal studies majors are required to take), but would make my children lack of gender roles!

I mean honestly, what we learn as engineers cannot possibly be applied to the real world. Who would pay a person to develop a bridge or build an airplane?

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season, Gartner decided to return to the United States and joined Cal Poly’s soccer program in 1979. Gartner worked as a part-time coach for his first year and then became a full-time head coach in 1983. During his 25-year tenure as Cal Poly’s head soccer coach, Gartner and his teams has enjoyed 11 consecutive winning seasons from 1985 through 1995, posted a 3-5-2 mark for fourth place last fall and his 1995 team earned a spot in the NCAA Division II playoffs.

In his lengthy career, Gartner has amassed a career record of 216-204-51.

Gartner and his wife, Suzanne, have known each other for 20 years. They have no biological children, but adopted his niece, Carolina, now 25, after losing his sister to breast cancer 10 years ago.

Gartner enjoys the outdoors and, like most people, he likes the “simple things” in life. “I like to eat well, drink well and live.” When Gartner isn’t coaching or spending time with his family, he indulges in his favorite pastime—playing games. I like any kind of board games. On the road I play Scrabble with my players and I’m teaching lessons! Must be good with “more than five and less than 10,” he chuckled.

Some players are not the biggest fans of Gartner’s game playing style. Journalism sophomore and midfielder Nikhil Erlebach says why he abstains from playing board games with Gartner. “He cleans too much. He makes up words when he plays Scrabble,” Erlebach said.

When questioned about retirement plans, Gartner explained, “You’d don’t really retire from coaching, because I don’t consider this a job. This is what I love. I may do this until my 30th year. That’s a good, round number.”

Computer science junior Abdul Sassy agrees that some coaches are overly concerned with players’ skills on the field. He said Gartner “always tells his players about their first priority, go to class, study hard and get good grades, and we try to practice that. Indeed, Gartner has left quite an impression on his players. Without trying to direct their actions, “It’s competitive nature shined through all things that happen, they should know that we really are fortunate and life will never really be as care-free or as good as it is during your college time,” Gartner said.

Adversity and life lessons aside, Gartner’s competitive nature shined when he was asked how he felt about sharing a moniker with a famous chef. “He may be more famous—but I cook better. Me and my mother could cook him into the ground.”

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Sports
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Wolfgang’s file

Originally from Stuttgart, Germany

Was a placekicker for San Luis Obispo High School

Played soccer for the University of the Pacific

Played nine seasons of professional soccer, including stops in Germany, Asia, Los Angeles and Sacramento

Currently coaching his 26th season of Cal Poly soccer

Has a degree in English literature from UOP

Had his best season in 1995 when the team finished 11-6-1 and made the NCAA tournament
All the way from Stuttgart, Germany

Wolfgang Gartner was a man torn between two worlds. After receiving his Bachelor of Arts in English literature, the idea of playing professional soccer continued his desire to become a teacher. His decision led him to nine seasons of professional soccer and later to a coaching job teaching men’s soccer.

Gartner came to San Luis Obispo as a high school exchange student from Germany. He loved sports and also played soccer.

Gartner did not receive a lot of field time for his football career. “I’m not sure you could have called it playing,” Gartner chuckled while adjusting his pullover fleece.

However, the University of the Pacific alumni did not study to become a coach. He once studied to be a teacher. “I had always intended to teach,” Gartner recalled. “I like to read and study languages. I knew I always wanted to play professional soccer, but teaching was always in the back of my mind.”

Stuttgart, Germany is a small town close to Gartner’s heart. It’s where he grew up, pursued a year-long exchange student year at an English school, played soccer and made a home for his wife and himself. Gartner’s three sisters and mother also currently reside there. After living away from his family for nearly 20 years, Gartner still feels close to his roots.

“I never have seen myself as being away,” he said. “I stayed there until I was 17 and became an exchange student for San Luis Obispo student. I came here always expecting to go home.”

Gartner has seen his share of ups and downs through 26 years of coaching Cal Poly men’s soccer. Gartner sees brighter days ahead for his young team.

Player Spotlight: Sierra Simmons, women’s soccer, defender

Jonathan Drake

Musung Daily

With the Cal Poly women’s soccer team’s loss to rival UC Santa Barbara Friday, the team also lost its bid to enter the Big West champion tournament. Kinesiology senior Sierra Simmons spoke to the Mustang Daily about her experiences with the team and at Cal Poly.

Mustang Daily: I know it was a hard loss to Santa Barbara last Friday, but how did you feel about the team’s performance during the game?

Simmons: That game was pretty bad, but it was basically our entire season in a nutshell. The other team would get lucky and we were just unlucky to score or lose the shootouts.

Musung Daily: So did that loss end Cal Poly’s chances for the postsea

Simmons: No. We still have a chance at the NCAA championship. If we won the Big West we get into the championship automatically, but there’s a coach association that can see a team in.

Musung Daily: I am unfamiliar with many of the soccer position responsibilities. What does your position of defender entail?

Simmons: I am mainly concerned with defense in the center back of the field. Since we see the whole field while in the back, we can direct everyone on where they should go.

Musung Daily: Did you been play soccer back in high school as well?

Simmons: I went to Analy High School in Sebastopol. It’s a small 8,000-person city about an hour north of San Francisco. I got a partial scholarship at Poly my first three years and a full scholarship this year.

Musung Daily: Why were you boosted to a full scholarship this year?

Simmons: Usually the more you play the more the school gives you for a scholarship.

Musung Daily: So why did you decide to come to Cal Poly?

Simmons: I like the coaches a lot here. They’re not too intense to scare you but still good at coaching. This city is also in such a beautiful area, but my teammates are by far my favorite part of being here.

Musung Daily: Any really embarrassing things ever happen to you during soccer games?

Simmons: I try to block out anything embarrassing, but I am sure I have hit some own goals.

Musung Daily: Own goals?

Simmons: That’s when the ball bounces off you or something into your own goal, and then gives the other team a point.

Musung Daily: Are there any other teams the Mustangs have a rivalry with?

Simmons: Fullerton. They’re the toughest team we’ve played.

Musung Daily: What are your future plans with soccer?

Simmons: I’m looking to go to Europe; since there is no women’s pro team here. I’m not sure what country, but I am thinking about Spain or Holland.

Karen Velie

Musung Daily

The Cal Poly men’s soccer team bounced back after a scoreless first quarter and took three shots in the second half, but eventually lost 4-2 to the UC Irvine Irvine at Irvine. Cal Poly’s defense was insufficient as they allowed 20 shots by the Anteaters, 10 of which were on goal.

“Saturday night we were scoreless, but showed how we can be closing the gap to 2-3” coach Wolfgang Gartner said.

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Mustang goalie Jeremy Coupe recorded four saves against the Anteaters’ defense. UC Irvine’s goalie Ryan Mathy recorded one save.

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Men’s Basketball

Cal Poly vs. Maritime Academy

7 p.m. at Mott Gym

Gartner explains the differences of playing soccer in the U.S. versus overseas. “It was more scrutinized (overseas). The real following isn’t there because the American media isn’t behind it. So that makes it a strange soccer environment by all accounts,” he said.

At the end of his ninth professional career, Gartner came to San Luis Obispo in 1973, Gartner, a tall man with a muscular build and wavy hair, traveled back to his hometown to play soccer and teach.

“I played in Stuttgart until they fired the coach at the time,” he said. “He recruited me and was fired unfairly, I think. So I decided to play for the UOP soccer team instead. That was my return to soccer.”

While attending UOP, Gartner caught the eye of a few professional coaches and decided to go pro. During his professional career, Gartner played for teams in Germany, Asia and for teams a bit closer to home like Los Angeles and Sacramento.

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