

# FALL CONFERENCE

MAKING EXCELLENCE INCLUSIVE

SEPTEMBER 15-19, 2008





As we prepare for Cal Poly's upcoming WASC accreditation, the renewal of our strategic plan, and the development of a revised master plan for the campus we have an important opportunity to reflect upon the University's learn-by-doing approach to education and how it influences the campus environment for teaching and learning. That process of self-reflection must be informed by research and scholarship on how

students learn and by evidence about the effectiveness of our educational programs. It must also proceed from a fundamental assumption and a guiding principle:

- The assumption: Every student who is admitted to Cal Poly has a strong, demonstrated potential to learn and succeed academically.
- The principle: We hold ourselves accountable to do our very best to see that all students realize this potential.

With the increasingly global scope of life and work, the extraordinary diversity of California's population and the growing diversity of our own student body, it is important for us to revisit our commitment to create a learning environment that engages our students in ways that will prepare them for success. This means that students will need to learn with people of different backgrounds, to think globally, to understand the value of different perspectives and ideas and appreciate and embrace cultures beyond their own. As pointed out in a Business Higher Education Forum report *INVESTING IN PEOPLE*, there is clear evidence that students who are engaged and exposed to people with a range of backgrounds and ideas are better critical thinkers and also show greater social and interpersonal development than students with less exposure to diversity.

Increasingly, the Cal Poly student body will be more diverse ethnically, socially and culturally, providing us with an opportunity to further enrich our learning environment. Students from diverse

personal, social and cultural backgrounds enrich the University with their varied perspectives and life histories. All of our students in turn expect that Cal Poly's learning environment will help them create habits of the mind and develop critical thinking skills that will foster life long learning and hone their decision making capabilities in their work and their civic lives.

As we examine our programs, our curricula and our approaches to teaching and learning, we must take care that we are doing all we can to realize the full potential of this rich and increasingly diverse student community. We must recognize that students from different backgrounds will have differing styles of communicating and learning. We should create a learning environment that accounts for cognitive flexibility, engages learning research, enhances learning by doing, fosters peer mentoring and cooperation and incorporates learning resources that take full advantage of communications, information and computing technology.

As we embark upon a new academic year, I look forward to your participation in the planning for our next decade and hearing your thoughts about how we ensure we are serving all students, and "making excellence inclusive."

Warren J. Baker

## SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE



### FRIDAY BEFORE CONFERENCE WEEK – 9/12/08

**8:00-5:00** New Faculty Orientation

### SUNDAY – 9/14/08

**2:00-4:00** Fall Reception of Cal Poly's Women's Club (CPWC) at the Courtyard of the University House

### MONDAY – 9/15/08

**10:00-11:00** General Session

**11:00-12:30** Reception & Open House at Poly Canyon Village

**12:00-2:30** Deans/Heads/Chairs Meeting followed by

**2:30-5:00** New Heads/Chairs Meeting

**2:00-5:00** Deans meet with new lecturers and tenure-track faculty (check with College office)

**3:00-5:00** WASC Open Forum

### TUESDAY – 9/16/08

**9:00-11:00** College Division Meetings – Faculty, Staff and Dept. Heads/Chairs

**11:00-2:00** Academic Meetings – Faculty and Dept. Heads/Chairs

**2:00-5:00** College of Education Dean and Faculty Meeting

**1:30-3:00** Human Resources – New Faculty Benefits Orientation

**2:00-3:30** Academic Records – Student Administrative Services Update

**3:30-4:30** Information Technology Services – Information Session

### WEDNESDAY – 9/17/08 ACADEMIC DAY

**8:30-10:00** Preface

**10:30-4:00** "College Connections: Academic Success." Academic Expectations Session for New Students

**3:00-5:00** ABET/Engineering Assessment

**2:00-3:00** Presentation and Introduction to Blackboard

**3:00-4:00** Blackboard Help Session

**2:00-4:30** Orientation for Graduate Assistants, Teaching Associates

**2:00-5:00** College of Education, Division of Teacher Education – PACT Training (Includes all multiple subject faculty and single subject faculty)

**5:00-7:00** Library Reception for New Faculty

### THURSDAY – 9/18/08

All Day Reserved for Departmental Meetings/Retreats

### FRIDAY – 9/19/08

All day Reserved for Deans/Heads/Chairs Meetings/Retreats

**8:00-5:00** New Faculty Orientation (Repeat of Friday Before Fall Conference Week)

**1:00-5:30** Academic Senate Retreat

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

8:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.

#### **NEWER FACULTY ORIENTATION: HOW TO HAVE A REWARDING FIRST QUARTER AT CAL POLY**

This workshop is designed for newer faculty, graduate student teaching associates and assistants, and instructional staff members who want to be better prepared for their teaching or teaching related responsibilities at Cal Poly. It will provide newer faculty with an opportunity to enhance their understanding of the teaching/learning best practices, how to apply these practices, how to successfully meet the Cal Poly requirements for teaching/learning, and how to incorporate some of the newer teaching strategies, including the use of technology.

Open to faculty members, graduate student teaching associates and assistants, and instructionally related staff members.

For details regarding topic coverage and presenters visit:  
<http://ctl.calpoly.edu/workandevent/workandevent.html>

(Session will be repeated on September 19;  
pre-registration is encouraged by September 9)

Sponsored by the Center for Teaching and Learning

*Kennedy Library (35), Third Floor*

Continental breakfast and lunch will be provided

Contact and registration: The Center for Teaching and Learning  
([ctl@calpoly.edu](mailto:ctl@calpoly.edu)), ext. 6-7002

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

*Fall Reception of Cal Poly Women's Club (CPWC) at the University House Patio*

Mrs. Carly Baker will host this reception for all new women faculty/staff, faculty/staff wives and returning members. Please join CPWC to kick off a new year of enrichment, friendship and services to the University.

Contact: Alice Loh ([aloh@calpoly.edu](mailto:aloh@calpoly.edu))

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

10:00 - 11:00 a.m. **General Session**

Harman Hall, Christopher Cohan Center

#### **Welcome**

George G. Gowgani, on behalf of the CSU Board of Trustees

#### **Opening Remarks**

Warren J. Baker, President

#### **Presentations**

Warren J. Baker, President

William W. Durgin, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs  
Distinguished Teaching; Distinguished Scholarship; Outstanding Faculty Advisor; Faculty Philanthropic Leadership; Outstanding Staff Awards

#### **Fall Greetings**

Academic Senate, Cal Poly Labor Council and ASI

Please Note: Anyone needing sign language for any session should call ext.6-1395 to make arrangements.

\*Spouses/partners of new employees are invited.

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

*Monday, September 15 cont...*

### **11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Reception & Open House Poly Canyon Village**

Refreshments Provided

### **Noon - 5:00 p.m.**

*Deans and Heads/Chairs Meeting*

*Lunch Available at 12:00 p.m. and meeting to begin at 12:45 p.m.*

Initially this meeting (noon to 2:30 p.m.) with the Provost and other administrators will be for all deans and department heads/chairs and will transition into a meeting for new department heads/chairs (2:30 to 5:00 p.m.). The agenda will include WASC Accreditation, Cal Poly's Strategic Plan, Accessibility, and Inclusive Excellence.

*Pavilion Room, Christopher Cohan Center*

Contact: Joe Grimes, ext. 6-7002

### **2:00-5:00 p.m.**

Some deans meet with new lecturers and tenure-track faculty. Check with the office of your dean.

### **3:00-5:00 p.m.**

*WASC Accreditation: Beginning the Self-Study*

All active participants in the WASC process, as well as all interested members of the campus community, are invited to an organizational meeting to mark the beginning of Cal Poly's self-study. The chairs of the four thematic working groups — Our Polytechnic Identity, The Integrated Educational Experience, Learn-by-Doing, and The Teacher-Scholar Model — will present the current versions of their research plans, while the accreditation directors will communicate their understanding of the first phase in the process, the Capacity and Preparatory Review.

*University Union (65), Room 220*

Contact: Bruno Giberti ([bgiberti@calpoly.edu](mailto:bgiberti@calpoly.edu))

## **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16**

### **9:00 - 11:00 a.m.**

*College & Division Meetings - Faculty, Staff & Department Heads/Chairs*

Agriculture , Food

& Env. Science.....Agricultural Engineering (08), Room 123

Architecture & Env. Design .....A&ED (05), Room 105 (Gallery)

Business (9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.)..... Business (03), Room 114

Engineering .....Advanced Technology Lab (07)

Liberal Arts.....Christopher Cohan Center (06), Philips Hall (124)

Science & Mathematics.....Fisher Science (33), Room 286

### **11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

*Academic Meetings - Faculty & Department Heads/Chairs*

(See meeting locations on pages 14 and 15)

### **1:30 - 3:00 p.m.**

*New Faculty Benefits Enrollment Orientation –*

Sponsored by Human Resources

Benefits staff will assist with enrollment in health, dental, vision and other benefits, and be available to answer questions.

*University Union (65), Room 220*

Contact: Benefits Office, ext. 6-5436

### **2:00 - 3:30 p.m.**

Student Administrative Services Update

Join the Administrative Support Staff for the latest information on: missed fee payments and course removals, articulation, transfer credit processing, automated degree audits, scheduling, registration and grading, records verifications and retention, and more.

*Fisher Science (33), Room 286*

Contact: Patty Warnick-Wait, ext. 6-2723

### **2:00 - 5:00 p.m.**

*College of Education – Dean and Faculty Meeting*

*Cotchett Education (02), Room 214*

Contact: Bonnie Konopak, ext. 6-2126



## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

#### 8:30 - 10:00 a.m.

*PREFACE: The Cal Poly Shared Reading Program*

Sponsored by Academic Programs

Discussion sessions for all new students

(Meeting locations assigned)

Contact: Patricia Ponce, ext. 6-1380

#### 10:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

*"College Connections: Academic Success" – Academic Expectations*

Session for New Students College meetings, Departmental Meetings, and Departmental Lunches with New Students

Agriculture.....	Mott Gym (42)
Architecture & Env. Design.....	Dexter Lawn
Business.....	Recreation Center (43), Main Gym
Engineering.....	Christopher Cohan Center (06), Harman Hall
Liberal Arts.....	University Union (65), Chumash Auditorium
Science & Mathematics.....	Spanos Theater (44)

Contact: *Andrene Kaiwi-Lenting, ext. 6-2014*

#### 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

*Presentation and Introduction to Blackboard*

What are Blackboard's capabilities? How can Blackboard help you achieve your teaching and learning objectives? This workshop will provide an introductory overview of Blackboard's features to help you get started in using it as a supplementary tool for your courses. We will also demonstrate some time-saving tips to assist you in the management of your Blackboard courses.

*Kennedy Library (35), Room 510B*

Contact: Tonia Malone, ext. 6-6336

#### 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

*Blackboard Help Session*

Do you need some assistance in using Blackboard? Come to this open forum to ask your questions to the Blackboard support staff and get the answers!

*Wednesday, September 17 cont. ...*

*Kennedy Library (35), Room 510B*

Contact: Luanne Fose, ext. 6-7360

#### 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

*ABET/Engineering Assessment*

Review preparations for the Fall ABET visit, on October 26-28, 2008.

For Department Chairs, ABET Program Leaders, and faculty.

*Advanced Technology Lab (07), Room 02*

Contact: Fred DePiero, ext. 6-2917

#### 2:10 - 4:30 p.m.

*Orientation for Graduate Assistants, Teaching Associates*

Especially for graduate student teaching associates and assistants. This may also be of interest to new faculty who did/will not attend the CTL session covering similar topics. Topics include:

- *Introduction and Welcome*
- *Disability Resource Center: ten things to know about students with disabilities*
- *The first day of class: what you'll need, handling administrative chores, making a good impression*
- *Classroom and office etiquette*
- *Risk management: fire safety, hazardous materials, emergency management*
- *Information Technology Services: Blackboard and other teaching support — Library resources and services for students and faculty*

Faculty members should attend only if they do not have departmental commitments to work with students during this time.

Sponsored by Research and Graduate Programs

*Business (03), Room 204*

Contact: Susan Rock, ext. 6-1508

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*College of Education, Division of Teacher Education – PACT Training  
(Includes all multiple subject faculty)*

*Cotchett Education (02), Room 214*

Contact: Peggy Browneller, ext. 6-5090

**5:00 - 7:00 p.m.**

*Library Reception for New Faculty Members*

Refreshments

*Kennedy Library (35), Julian's Café in Learning Commons*

Contact: Lynda Alamo, ext.6-5785

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*Academic Senate Retreat*

Inclusive Excellence: Building Equity in Education – A Guiding Vision for the Higher Education Community. A discussion led by Dr. Alma Clayton-Pederson, VP for Education and Institutional Renewal and leader of this initiative as developed by The Association of American Colleges and Universities (AAC&U)

Refreshments will be provided.

*University Union (65), Room 220*

Contact: Academic Senate Office ([mcamuso@calpoly.edu](mailto:mcamuso@calpoly.edu)), e xt. 6-1258



# ACADEMIC MEETING LOCATIONS

## TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

\*Check with department for time

### Accounting

(To be held during business area meeting on 9/18/08)

### Aerospace Engineering

(To be held during departmental retreat)

**Agricultural Education & Communication**.....Ag (10) 100

**Agribusiness**.....(10) 206

**Animal Science**.....Ag (10) 105

### Architectural Engineering

(To be held during departmental retreat)

**Architecture**.....A&ED (05) 105

and during departmental retreat

**Art & Design**.....Dexter (34) 150

**Biological Sciences**.....Fisher (33) 285

**Biomedical & General Engineering**.....Eng IV (192) 330

**BioResource & Ag Engineering**.....Ag Engr (08) 121

**Chemistry & Biochemistry**.....Sci (53) 202

### City & Regional Planning

(To be held during departmental retreat)

### Civil & Environmental Engineering

(Meeting held during departmental retreat)

**Communication Studies**.....Engl (22) 212

### Computer Engineering

(Sept. 18 from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. during CPE faculty retreat at Pismo Lighthouse Suites)

**Computer Science**.....Pilling Cmpr Sci (14) 232B

### Construction Management

(To be held during departmental retreat)

**Dairy Science**.....Dairy Sci (18-2) 123

**Earth and Soil Science**.....Sci (52) A10

### Economics

(To be held during business area meeting on 09/18/08)

**Electrical Engineering**.....Engr (20A) 206

**English**.....Engl (10) 124

**Ethnic Studies**.....Math & Sci (38) 114

### Finance

(To be held during business area meeting on 09/18/08)

**Food Science & Nutrition**.....FP (24) 103A

### Graphic Communication

(Meeting held during departmental retreat)

**History**.....Agr (10) 241

**Horticulture and Crop Science**.....Ag Sci (11) 112

**Industrial & Manufacturing Engineering**.....Eng IV (192) 221

### Industrial Technology

(To be held during business area meeting on 09/18/08)

### Journalism

(Meeting held during departmental retreat)

**Kinesiology**.....KINE (43A) 150

### Landscape Architecture

(To be held during departmental retreat)

### Liberal Studies

(no meeting)

### Management

(To be held during business area meeting on 09/18/08)

### Marketing

(To be held during business area meeting on 09/18/08)

**Materials Engineering**.....Eng (41) 217

**Mathematics**.....Sci North (53) 215

**Mechanical Engineering**.....Eng. (13) 124B

**Military Science**.....Dexter (34) 117

**Modern Languages & Literatures**.....Ag (10) 128

**Music**.....Music (45) 126

**Natural Resources Management**.....Ag (11) 210

**Philosophy**.....Engl (47) 37

**Physics**.....Sci (52) E26

### Political Science

(Meeting held during departmental retreat)

**Psychology & Child Development**.....FON (47) 24B

**Social Sciences**.....Sci North (53) 201

**Statistics**.....Fisher (33) 289

**Theatre & Dance**.....Music (45) 212

**Women's Studies**.....FON (47) 24B



