

# Fall Conference 2009

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## *Building Cal poly's Future*

September 11<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>

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### **Conference Week Home**

Welcome to the Cal Poly Fall Conference 2009!

A simple stabilizer for adobe bricks could make all of the difference for a village in East Africa. This is the Cal Poly Architectural Engineering student team that worked on the project, including team leader Grace Chen (front left). Not pictured is faculty advisor □ Craig Baltimore.

### **President's Message**

As we prepare for the 2009-10 academic year, I would like to begin by thanking you for your commitment and hard work on behalf of Cal Poly and our students. The state is struggling to deal with a nearly unprecedented set of fiscal challenges. We are starting the year with furloughs, hiring freezes, and constrained resources overall. This situation requires us to make personal sacrifices while using all the ingenuity we can muster to continue serving our students. At the same time, we must recognize that we cannot assure them uninterrupted access to quality education, given the magnitude of the loss of state support.

These are difficult times, and I am mindful of the personal hardships that many members of the University community are experiencing as a result of the state's budget cutbacks. I am also very proud of your unwavering dedication to the University's educational mission. Your professionalism sends a very positive message to our students, their families and to all California citizens.

As we move forward with the University's vitally important educational mission, I would like to invite your thoughts about how we can arrive at a more sustainable model for funding and delivering a Cal Poly education to students. I believe we have it in our power to take control of our institutional destiny and "Build Cal Poly's Future." I have shared some observations on this subject here and invite your comments and suggestions. For now, I look forward to joining you in welcoming our

students back. Thank you again for all you do to provide an outstanding education to them.

Warren J. Baker

President

## Extended Message

### **Preliminary Observations on the California State University's Budget Crisis and its Implications for the Future of Cal Poly**

Warren J. Baker, President, California Polytechnic State University

Here at the start of the 2009-10 academic year, I would like to be able to offer assurance to members of the University community that the California's State University's current budget crisis will be a temporary and short-lived setback, but the reality is that this year's drastic cuts come on the heels of a decades-long erosion of state support for education.

California has retreated for some time now from its obligation to fund K-12 education adequately and ranks near the bottom among the 50 states in the resources it provides to its public schools. We lag behind many other states in the percentage of college-ready students we graduate from our high schools, particularly students prepared to go into STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) programs.

The state has also backed away from its commitment to fund community colleges and public universities and we compare poorly to other states in the proportion of our high school graduates who go on to complete a four-year college degree. The inadequate "average marginal cost" formula for funding additional enrollments in the CSU System creates special problems for Cal Poly, given the high concentration of relatively expensive polytechnic programs that we have at this campus.

Against this background, we must accept the hard reality that the State of California lacks a credible near-term plan to support education. The State has no strategy to prioritize the investments in education needed to provide opportunities for the next generation of students to become the solution to the economic and political stagnation we face today. We must therefore, on our own, take even greater independent initiative to build Cal Poly's future as a university.

Fortunately, we are not starting from scratch. Through initiatives like the Cal Poly Plan and the 2001 Centennial Campaign we have already developed plans and strategies, blueprints pointing the way toward a more self-reliant future. We are also able to capitalize on the enormous talent, dedication and good will of students, faculty, staff, alumni and supporters of the university. Beginning this year, we must take all necessary steps to stabilize and assure a future resource base so that Cal Poly can attract talented, creative, diverse students, offer outstanding programs, and maintain the significant contributions our graduates make to the workforce in California.

Guided by our experiences with the Cal Poly Plan, we must continuously seek ways to increase institutional effectiveness while achieving efficiencies and economies. We must make further progress in raising student success rates, reducing time to degree and closing any remaining gaps with peer institutions with similar student profiles. We must find ways to invest in quality, supporting faculty development, project based learning, innovation in pedagogy and interdisciplinary programs.

We must continue to seek ways to diversify our sources of funding. Philanthropy has a role to play and we must embark soon on an aggressive new campaign for the University. Grants and contracts are also important; we have made significant gains in recent years and must redouble our efforts to secure funding from these sources. Student fees, combined with generous programs of financial aid, also have a place. As we have shown with the Cal Poly Plan, charging higher fees in the colleges to expand access to classes and shorten time to degree saves students money in the long run while expanding opportunity for prospective students.

Since the inception of the Cal Poly Plan in 1996, Cal Poly's six-year graduation rate increased from 58.5 percent to 69.4 percent. Cal Poly's graduation rates are today the highest in the CSU System and our five year rate is higher than the six-year rate of the other CSU campuses. Once we are able to go forward with the next phase of the Cal Poly Plan, endorsed overwhelmingly by our students last year, I am confident we will continue to make progress in preserving the unique qualities of a Cal Poly education while helping students make timely progress to degree and as a result increasing opportunities for students who wish to attend Cal Poly.

The approaches I have outlined here are not new. We have been pursuing them for some time. The present budget crisis adds to our sense of urgency about moving forward with a comprehensive set of strategies to increase our ability to deal with the volatility and long-term decline in state support for public higher education. I welcome your thoughts and comments on this critical set of challenges to Cal Poly's future and invite you to share them here: [presidentsoffice@calpoly.edu](mailto:presidentsoffice@calpoly.edu).

## Schedule at a Glance

### FRIDAY BEFORE CONFERENCE WEEK – 9/11/09

8:30 - 3:30 Newer Faculty Orientation

### SUNDAY – 9/13/09

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

### MONDAY – 9/14/09

8:00 - 9:00 Coffee and Refreshments

9:00 - 10:30 General Session

11:00 - 1:30 Deans/Heads/Chairs Meeting

1:00 - 5:30 Academic Senate Retreat "The Budget and the Curriculum"

### TUESDAY – 9/15/09 ACADEMIC DAY

9:00 - 1:00 "College Connections: Academic Success." Academic Expectations Session for New Students

1:00 - 5:00 Deans meet with new lecturers and tenure-track faculty (check with College office)

1:00 - 3:00 WASC Capacity and Preparatory Review: The Draft Report and the Site Visit

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

2:00 - 5:30 Students form WOW groups

2:10 - 4:40 Orientation for Graduate Assistants, Teaching Associates

3:00 - 5:00 Assessment & Accreditation for Engineering

4:00 Students form WOW groups

### WEDNESDAY – 9/16/09

9:00 - 10:15 Preface

10:30 - 12:00 College Division Meetings – Faculty, Staff, and Department Heads/Chairs (check with College office)

12:00 - 2:00 Academic Meetings – Faculty and Department Heads/Chairs

12:00 - 2:00 School of Education Division Meeting

2:00 - 5:00 School of Education Meeting – Single Subject Advisors and Educators

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

2:00 - 3:30 Office of the Registrar Information Session

3:30 - 4:30 Advanced Blackboard Help Session

5:00 - 7:00 Library – Julian’s Café in Learning Commons - Reception for New Faculty

**THURSDAY – 9/17/09**

All Day Reserved for Departmental Meetings/Retreats

**FRIDAY – 9/18/09**

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

10:00 - 11:30 College of Engineering College Division Meeting

## Schedule Details

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

#### **8:30 AM - 3:30 PM**

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. The workshop will include “Teaching at Cal Poly 101” which describes the campus’ learn by doing approach, student population, classroom setup, syllabus requirements, Blackboard, library, and bookstore. Additional information will be provided on the fundamentals of teaching and learning, faculty expectations (i.e. teaching, research, and service), student interaction, academic technology, and scholarship.

For more details: <http://www.ctl.calpoly.edu/workshops/index.html>

(pre-registration is encouraged by Tuesday, September 8)

Sponsored by the Center for Teaching and Learning

Kennedy Library (35), Room 510B

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 13

#### **2:00 PM - 4:00 PM**

Fall Reception of Cal Poly Women’s Club (CPWC) 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 start a new year of enrichment, friendship and services to the University.

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

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

#### **8:00 AM -9:00 AM**

Coffee and Refreshments

Rossi Grand Lobby in the Performing Arts Center

**9:00 AM - 10:30 AM**

General Session

Harman Hall, Christopher Cohan Center

Opening Remarks

Warren J. Baker, President

Presentations

Warren J. Baker, President

Robert Koob, 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.

**11:00 AM - 1:30 PM**

Deans and Heads/Chairs Luncheon Meeting

Lunch Available at 11:00 AM and meeting to begin at 11:30 AM

Pavilion Room, Christopher Cohan Center

Contact: Al Liddicoat, ext. 6-5217

**1:00 PM - 5:30 PM**

Academic Senate Retreat – “The Budget and the Curriculum”

The retreat will include: an update on the budget situation, a presentation of some curricula and related issues to be considered by Senate committees in 2009-2010, an educational presentation about GE in the CSU and at Cal Poly, break-out discussion groups about GE, and reports from break-out groups to the whole body.

Refreshments will be provided.

University Union (65), Room 220

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

## TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

### 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

College Connections: Academic Success

Academic Expectations session for new students to meet with their college and major departments.

Agriculture, Food & Env. Sciences.....Mott Gym (42)

Architecture & Env. Design.....Dexter Lawn

Business .....O'Neill Green (Lawn)

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 PM, 2:30 PM, 3:00 PM, or 3:30 PM

WOW Kick Off

Students will form into WOW groups based on group number.

Check WOW schedule for exact time: <http://orientation.calpoly.edu/WOW>

Dexter Lawn and O'Neill Green

### 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Deans meet with new lecturers and tenure-track faculty

Check with your College office

### 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

WASC Capacity and Preparatory Review: The Draft Report and the Site Visit

All active participants in the WASC process, including members of the Steering Committee and Working Groups, as well as all interested members of the campus community, are invited to a presentation of the draft report and a discussion of the upcoming site visit in February 2010.

Fisher Science (33), Room 286

Contact: Academic Programs Office ([acadprog@calpoly.edu](mailto:acadprog@calpoly.edu))



**2:00 PM - 3:00 PM**

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

**2:10 PM - 4:40 PM**

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
- Professional behavior in the classroom and office
- 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: Debbie Hart, ext. 6-1508

**3:00 PM - 5:00 PM**

Update on ABET Processes

This session is intended for CENG chairs and ABET coordinators.

Advanced Technology Lab (07), Room 02

Contact: Fred DePiero, ext. 6-2917

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16****9:00 AM - 10:15 AM**

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 AM - 12:00 PM**

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

Check with your College office:

Agriculture, Food & Env.

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

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

Business (10:30 AM - 3:00 PM).....Business  
(03), Room 111

Engineering (to be held on Friday, September 18th, 10:00 AM - 11:30  
AM).....Advanced Technology Lab (07)

Liberal Arts

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

Science & Mathematics

.....Christopher Cohan Center (06),  
Pavilion Room (128)

**12:00 PM - 2:00 PM**

Academic Meetings - Faculty & Department Heads/Chairs

See meeting locations

**12:00 PM - 2:00 PM**

School of Education Division Meeting

Cotchett Education Building (02), Room 214

Contact: Patty Mulligan, ext. 6-1505

**1:30 PM - 3:00 PM**

New Faculty Benefits Enrollment Orientation

Sponsored by Human Resources

Benefits staff will review the benefit programs available, answer questions and assist with the enrollment process. Spouses/Domestic Partners are welcome.

Fisher Science Building (33), Room 287

Contact: Benefits Office, ext. 6-5436

**2:00 PM - 3:30 PM**

Office of the Registrar Information Session

Meet the University's new Registrar and learn more about how the office supports students' success and their progress to degree. Updates include: early registration, block registering, degree progress reports. We will also share what's on the horizon...

Fisher Science Building (33), Room 286

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

**2:00 PM - 5:00 PM**

School of Education Meeting – Single Subject Advisors and Educators

Cotchett Education Building (02), Room 214

Contact: Patty Mulligan, ext. 6-1505

**3:30 PM - 4:30 PM**

Advanced Blackboard

Blackboard can be used to improve communication between you and your students, enhance collaboration, allow students to practice what they have learned, provide prompted feedback on their progress, keep them on task, and improve quality of work. You will learn best practices for using the Discussion Board, WIKI, Assignment, Quiz, and Survey tools. Faculty examples will be demonstrated with instructions on how to use the Blackboard tools to provide the same resources for your own students.

Kennedy Library (35), Room 510B

Contact: Tonia Malone, ext. 6-6336

**5:00 - 7:00 PM**

Library Reception for New Faculty Members

Refreshments

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

Contact: Susan Bratcher, ext.6-5785

**THURSDAY - FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17-18**

Reserved for departmental and college retreats

## Meeting Rooms

### Wednesday, September 16th

Accounting (For area meeting information please contact Orfalea College area chair)

Aerospace Engineering (To be held during departmental retreat)

Agricultural Education & Communication (To be held during departmental retreat)

Agribusiness (To be held during departmental retreat)

Animal Science (To be held during departmental retreat)

Architectural Engineering (To be held during departmental retreat)

Architecture.....A&ED (05)  
105 and during departmental retreat

Art & Design .....Dexter (34)  
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BioResource & Ag Engineering (To be held during departmental retreat)

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

City & Regional Planning (To be held during departmental retreat)

Civil & Environmental Engineering (To be held during departmental retreat)

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

Computer Engineering (To be held during CPE fall faculty retreat)

Computer Science (To be held during departmental retreat)

Construction Management (To be held during departmental retreat)

Dairy Science (To be held during departmental retreat)

Earth and Soil Science (To be held during departmental retreat)

Economics (For area meeting information please contact Orfalea College area chair)

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

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Finance (For area meeting information please contact Orfalea College area chair)

Food Science & Nutrition (To be held during departmental retreat)

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

Recreation, Parks, and Tourism Administration (To be held during departmental retreat)

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