
Cal Poly Report - Nov. 21, 2012

News

Semester Task Force Set to Deliver Report in December

The Semester Review Task Force is on schedule to deliver its report by mid-December. This timing is important, as it will enable President Jeffrey D. Armstrong – before making any final decision – to engage in several important conversations in January with campus groups. These include the Academic Senate and ASI, as well as a general campus meeting and other opportunities for faculty, staff and students to provide input on the task force report and recommendations. The Semester Review Task Force is scheduled to have the final campus meeting at noon Thursday, Nov. 29, the left wing of Chumash Auditorium in the University Union. President Armstrong will attend this meeting and encourages all members of the campus to community to attend as well. More information on the Semester Review Task Force [is available online](#).

Diversity Director Candidates to Visit Campus in November and December

President Armstrong has accepted the recommendation of the Executive Director for Campus Diversity and Inclusivity Consultative Search Committee, chaired by Rachel Fernflores, to invite four finalists for the position to visit campus between Monday, Nov. 26, and Tuesday, Dec. 4.

The candidates and their visit dates are:

- Kathleen Roberts, Ph.D., chief diversity officer, Samuel Merritt University, Oakland, Calif., Monday, Nov. 26
- Dana Newell, M.A., assistant dean, student and academic affairs, College of Public Programs, Arizona State University, Phoenix, Ariz., Wednesday, Nov. 28
- Annie Holmes, M.Ed., coordinator, diversity education, Affirmative Action Office, Pennsylvania State University, University Park, Penn., Friday, Nov. 30
- Christine Clark, Ed.D., senior scholar in multicultural education, founding vice president for diversity and inclusion, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Nev., Tuesday, Dec. 4

Staff, faculty, students and the campus community are invited to attend open forums. All forums will run 3:10-4 p.m. The first two forums, Nov. 26 and 28, will be in UU 204. The second two, Nov. 30 and Dec. 4., will be in the ATL Keck Lab. Curriculum vitae and interview schedules for the finalists [are available online](#).

Draft of New Campus Administrative Policies Available for Review

Cal Poly is undertaking a comprehensive review of its administrative policies that will result in a complete collection of Campus Administrative Policies (CAP), published on the Web. CAP will take the place of the pre-existing Campus Administrative Manual (CAM). The CAP Ad Hoc Committee recently considered proposed Campus Administrative Policies, which are now posted as draft policies on the CAP website. [Find more information on CAP and proposed draft policies online](#).

Changes to Cal Poly's Wireless Network Under Way

Information Technology Services (ITS) added a second WiFi network, called "Secure Mustang Wireless," last year. As part of its ongoing commitment to network security, ITS on Nov. 12 began phasing out the old, unsecure Mustang Wireless network. A schedule showing when specific buildings will be switched over [is available online](#). Cal Poly users are encouraged to switch now to Secure Mustang Wireless to protect their devices. All campus wireless users will need to switch over by the end of the phased project, set for

Dec. 14. If you are unsure which wireless network you are using, [find out online how to check](#) or contact the ITS Service Desk at ext. 6-7000 for assistance. To avoid any interruption in WiFi connectivity on campus, users must first configure their devices to connect to Secure Mustang Wireless. It won't work without the one-time configuration step. Instructions on how to do this are [available online](#). Faculty and staff are encouraged to contact their LAN coordinator for assistance. If you do not know who that person is, call the ITS Service Desk at ext. 6-7000. Anyone needing assistance may also visit the ITS Service Desk in the Natatorium (Building 46, across the street from Spanos Stadium).

Fall 2012 Admissions and Enrollment Infobriefs Available

The Fall 2012 Admissions and Enrollment InfoBriefs [are now available on the Institutional Planning and Analysis office website](#). These are short two-page summaries of fall 2012 admissions and enrollment statistics. The IP&A office plans to soon release the Fall 2012 Polyview, a more detailed look at the makeup of the current student body. For more information, contact the IP&A office at ext. 6- 2204 or ipa@calpoly.edu.

Retirements

Jan Kline

Jan Kline is retiring after 28 years of service with the Kennedy Library. Kline joined Cal Poly in 1984 as a clerical assistant and bibliographic searcher in the Order Section in Acquisitions. She remembers ordering and receiving books and assisting with senior projects using the card catalog, giant hardback volumes of "Books in Print," and typed purchase orders on carbon paper forms. Kline and her work evolved over the years, and she has been integral to the ongoing development of collections and services, collaborating closely with librarians. Most recently she served on the committee to transform the browsing collection into a student-centered, for-fun reading collection. The result is Good Reads, both a physical collection of books and a social media space. Undergraduate use of the collection is now double what it was before the changes. In addition to her many contributions to collections and services, Kline's passion for literary fiction led her to start a blog, Sensible Shoes. It was a winning entry in a Library Innovations competition in 2007. A retirement reception will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 29, in Kennedy Library, Room 511.

Jeanne Secrest

Jeanne Secrest is retiring after 10 years of service to the Cal Poly Corporation. Secrest joined Human Resources in 2002, first as an intermittent employee and then as a full time human resources assistant. She has been the friendly face greeting all new employees and students employed by the Cal Poly Corporation. Her colleagues will miss her genuine caring nature and calmness in the never-ending challenge of meeting payroll deadlines and ensuring everyone was paid on time and correctly. A retirement reception will be held in the Boardroom of the Corporation Administration Building (15-124) from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 4. The campus community is invited to wish her happiness in her many new adventures.

Sheree May

After 17 years of service to Cal Poly, Sheree May is retiring. May came to Cal Poly in November 1995 and served in several roles in Human Resources before settling into her niche in the benefits area. She has helped many faculty and staff with their benefits and retirements over the years and will be sorely missed by many, especially her Human Resources family. Anyone wishing to extend their congratulations and best wishes is encouraged to stop by the Human Resources office between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Nov. 28 to join HR in wishing May the best of luck with her exciting new adventures.

Faculty and Staff

CRP Professor's Keynote Presentation Sheds Light on Disaster Recovery Issues

William Siembieda, professor of city and regional planning, delivered the keynote presentation at the International Conference on Rebuilding China, Japan after Disasters, Nov. 15 at the University of Massachusetts, Boston. Siembieda's talk, "More than Bread and Water: Risks, Transitions and Recovery from Large Scale Disasters," focused on the physical, institutional and human dynamics of recovery and reconstruction. The conference examined best practices and lessons learned in reducing the socio-economic impact of disasters on vulnerable communities in China and Japan. FEMA officials also provided their perspective and discussed best practices with Siembieda. Siembieda is

assisting FEMA in the development of a Community Recovery Planning Guide for use in the U.S. His international expertise is shared with students of his disaster resiliency planning courses at Cal Poly.

Provost's Office Welcomes New Executive Administrative Assistant

Provost Kathleen Enz Finken has announced that Delores Lencioni is the new executive administrative assistant in the Provost's Office. Lencioni's appointment was effective Oct. 31. For the past five years, Lencioni has been in Academic Programs and Planning, where she provided support and coordination to the associate vice provost in the areas of academic program review and assessment. She also coordinated the Instructionally Related Activities process for three years before she took on the role of coordinator for the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation program. Lencioni started on campus as the administrative assistant for the 2007 State of California Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan project management team in the City and Regional Planning Department. Prior to Cal Poly, she worked in private industry for more than 15 years. Lencioni earned a master's degree in education with a specialization in educational leadership and administration from Cal Poly in 2010. She earned a bachelor's degree at CSU Fresno, where she majored in speech communication.

Student Success

Journalism Student Wins Award for News Story of the Year

Cal Poly journalism student Victoria Billings' story about the response to a campus suicide has been named News Story of the Year by the Associated Collegiate Press. Billings received the award Nov. 4 at the National College Media Convention in Chicago. This year's Story of the Year competition drew 592 entries from across the country. Her piece, which was published in the Mustang Daily, took first place in the News Story category. Headlined, "We Are a Community of One," the story covered the memorial for Cal Poly physics freshman Osvaldo Ponce, who died on campus in March. Judges from the Deadline Club, the New York City chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists, cited Billings for "sensitive and responsible reporting about a difficult topic that some college newspapers avoid – campus suicide. The story focuses on student reaction and recovery with plenty of information about resources for students." [Read more about Billings' award online.](#)

Cal Poly Quiz Bowl Team Grabs Second National Title in Three Years

Cal Poly's Recreation, Parks & Tourism Administration (RPTA) Department captured the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) Academic Quiz Bowl championship in Anaheim, Calif. The win marked Cal Poly RPTA's second national championship in the three years since the contest's inception. Quiz Bowl questions were based on accreditation standards and other categories related to the broader leisure services field using a Jeopardy-style game format. The team included captain Jamie Dehn, students Jordaine McGinnity, Kevin Mould and alternate Hayley De Carolis. "I could not be more proud of the way these students represented Cal Poly and RPTA," said Brian Greenwood, associate professor and team coach. "Beyond the win, they carried themselves with class and professionalism." [Read more about the Quiz Bowl team's victory online.](#)

Campus Announcements

Nominations for Distinguished Teaching Award Sought Through Nov. 30

The nomination period for Cal Poly's annual Distinguished Teaching Award is open through Nov. 30. Nominate your most outstanding and inspiring professor. Any student or alumnus may submit one or more nominations [on the nomination website](#). Nominations should include the professor's name and department and a supporting statement containing evidence of merit based on the criteria listed for this year's award.

Poly Escapes Has the Ingredients for an Outdoor Holiday Adventure

Whether you're staying local or taking a trip, Poly Escapes has a large selection of equipment available to make your Thanksgiving and winter breaks invigorating outdoor adventures. Equipment including camping gear, surfboards and more is available to students, staff and faculty. A full list of available gear and rates [can be viewed online](#). Or contact Poly Escapes at



ext. 6-1287 or polyscapesinfo@asi.calpoly.edu for information about special winter break pricing.

Career Services Presents Infographic on Student Advising

As students move through their college experience, they will face significant decisions related to their future careers. [Career Services has developed an infographic](#) to illustrate how it can help students feel more confident as they move forward. For more on Career Services, call ext. 6-2501, email careerservices@calpoly.edu or visit [Career Services online](#).

Student Community Services Begins Holiday Gift Drive

Student Community Services (SCS) is beginning its annual Holiday Gift Drive for underprivileged children and teenagers in San Luis Obispo County. Each year, SCS provides about 450 gifts for children and families in the local community. The Holiday Gift Drive is open to anyone who would like to participate, including students, faculty, staff and community members. The goal is to have all wishes fulfilled by Wednesday, Dec. 5. Come by the SCS office in UU 217 to pick up a gift tag, and help fulfill the holiday wishes of a local youth. Contact Matthew Melendrez at ext. 6-5120 or mmelendr@calpoly.edu for more information.

Students Sought for 2013-14 Community/Resident Advisor Positions

University Housing is accepting applications for Resident and Community Advisor (RA/CA) positions for 2013-14. This is a team-oriented position in which students work together to put on events, promote safety and provide resources for students living in the residence halls and apartments. Students have used the skills acquired from being an RA/CA in leadership opportunities and in their careers. If you know a Cal Poly student who might be interested in the position, [find more information online](#). Applications are due Monday, Dec. 3.

Employment Equity Facilitator Workshop Set for Dec. 6

An Employment Equity Facilitator Workshop is scheduled for 9:30 to 11 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 6, in Fisher Science (Building 33), Room 290. Martha Cody, director of Employment Equity, will lead the workshop. She will be joined by Carolyn Johnson from Academic Personnel and Karen Stubberfield from Human Resources, who will answer questions and provide information on the faculty and staff recruitment process. Sumi Seacat will be available to answer questions regarding institutionally sponsored H-1B Visas for foreign faculty and staff. Contact Seacat at sseacat@calpoly.edu or ext. 6-7387 if you would like to attend.

Nominations Sought for Top Staff Award

The deadline to submit a nomination for the 2012-13 Outstanding Staff Employee Award is Jan. 21, 2013. To be eligible, nominees must be full- or part-time employees of the university, Corporation or ASI who are in at least their third year of employment as of Dec. 31, 2012, and who are not represented by bargaining unit 3 (faculty). Past recipients of the award are ineligible. The Outstanding Staff Nomination Form [can be found online](#).

Opportunities Announced for Teaching Abroad in 2014-15

The Cal Poly International Center has announced that applications are open for faculty to teach with the University Studies Abroad Consortium (USAC) during the 2014-15 academic year. There are multiple locations, and programs vary in length. Cal Poly is a member of USAC and sits on the board of directors. Students from 32 member universities have been studying at 39 locations in 24 countries around the world for more than 30 years with USAC. About 150 Cal Poly students are participating with USAC programs this year, and several Cal Poly faculty have taught with them recently. Please [visit the USAC website](#) for information. If interested, contact Monica Schechter, the university's USAC coordinator, at ext. 6-5964 or mschecht@calpoly.edu for the Cal Poly application. Submission deadline is January 2013 for the upcoming cycle.

Save the Date – Service Awards Luncheon Set for Feb. 27, 2013

State, Corporation and ASI employees with milestone service anniversaries in 2012 will be honored at the Service Awards Luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 27, 2013, in Chumash Auditorium. Tickets are \$12 and go on sale Feb. 4. Watch for more information in an upcoming issue of the Cal Poly Report, including where you can purchase tickets.

Tired of your same sack lunch? Grab lunch at 19 Metro for as low as \$5.25

All-you-care-to-eat lunch at 19 Metro station for just \$5.25, only with Fast Pass. Get yours today on the [Campus Dining website](#).

Bella Montana Faculty and Staff Housing Community

Visit the Bella Montana Homes [website](#) for available homes for sale.

Events

University Art Gallery to Display Faculty Work Through Dec. 7

Cal Poly's University Art Gallery is showcasing new creative research and artwork by faculty members in the Art and Design Department through Dec. 7. The exhibit, titled "The Department of Art and Design Faculty Creative Research Triennial," will include artwork in graphic design, photography, drawing, painting, video and art history, as well as "olfactory art." The free exhibit is open to the public from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.



Cal Poly Fall Jazz Concert Set for Nov. 30



The Cal Poly jazz ensembles will present a young, fresh approach to one of America's great art forms at their Fall Jazz Concert at 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 30, in the Spanos Theatre. Two big bands and a combo will show how jazz is being reinvigorated by the next generation, said Paul Rinzler, Cal Poly's director of jazz studies. With four trumpets, four trombones, five saxophones and a rhythm section, the big bands produce a "wall of sound." The University Jazz Band I will perform a jazz version of the rock classic "Moondance," originally recorded by Van Morrison, in addition to traditional and

contemporary jazz pieces. The University Jazz Band II, as well as a jazz combo, will also perform. For more information, visit the [Music Department Web calendar](#).

Cal Poly Choirs to Present 'A Christmas Celebration' Dec. 1

Cal Poly's PolyPhonics, The University Singers, and Early Music Ensemble will ring in the holiday spirit in "A Christmas Celebration" at 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1, in the Performing Arts Center's Christopher Cohan Center. Also joining the Cal Poly Choirs will be the Cal Poly Brass Ensemble and the popular a cappella group Take It SLO. This year's program will highlight works for choir with oboe, featuring Cal Poly oboe instructor Gabrielle Castriotta as the guest soloist. For more information, visit the [Music Department Web calendar](#).

Athletics

Football

The Mustangs defeated Northern Arizona 42-34 on Saturday in Flagstaff, Ariz., thus sharing the Big Sky title with Montana State and Eastern Washington (all 7-1 in conference games). Cal Poly is 9-2 overall and will face 2011 national runner-up Sam Houston State in the second round of the NCAA Division I Football Championship Subdivision playoffs in two weeks at Huntsville, Texas. The Mustangs are Big Sky champions in their first year in the conference.

Women's Basketball

The Mustangs play a Thanksgiving Tournament on Friday, Nov. 23, against Stephen F. Austin and Sunday, Nov. 25, against Cal State Bakersfield. Get out of the house, and have some fun at the game.

Cross Country

True freshman Laura Hollander finished ninth at the NCAA Division I National Championships on Saturday in Louisville, Ken. The 18-year-old hails from Riverside, Calif., and is quietly proving she's a force to be reckoned with.

Men's Basketball

The Mustangs' next home game is Dec. 8, when the men face Menlo College at 7 p.m. Get your green on and support your team. There are lots of giveaways and plenty of entertainment.

For more information on Cal Poly Athletics, visit www.gopoly.com.

Job Vacancies

State Employment Opportunities

The official listing of staff and management vacancies is posted at www.calpolyjobs.org.

To apply, go online and complete the application form. For assistance, call Human Resources at ext. 6-2236.

#102704 – Administrative Support Coordinator I, College of Engineering - Dean's Office, \$2,808-\$4,212 per month. Open until filled. Review begins: Nov. 28, 2012.

#102705 – Accounting Technician III, Administration & Finance - Fiscal Services - Accounts Receivable, \$3,381-\$5,071 per month. Open until filled. Review begins: Nov. 27, 2012.

#102707 – Accounts Payable Lead, Accounting Technician III, Administration & Finance - Fiscal Services - Accounts Payable, \$3,381-\$5,071 per month. Open until filled. Review begins: Nov. 28, 2012.

#102709 – Police Officer, Administration & Finance - University Police Department, \$4,135-\$5,699 per month, Up to two positions. Closes: Nov. 28, 2012.

#102710 – Administrative Analyst/Specialist – Exempt, Budget Analyst - College of Liberal Arts, \$3,845-\$5,770 per month (anticipated hiring range: \$3,845-\$4,230 per month). Open until filled. Review begins: Nov. 28, 2012.

#102711 – Benefits Analyst, Administrative Analyst/Specialist - Non-Exempt, \$3,245-\$5,193 per month. Open until filled. Review begins: Nov. 27, 2012.

#102712 – Administrative Analyst/Specialist – Non-Exempt, Information Services - Office of the CIO, \$3,245-\$5,193 per month (Anticipated hiring range: \$3,245-\$4,583 per month). Open until filled. Review begins: Nov. 29, 2012.

Faculty Employment Opportunities

Candidates are asked to visit the online employment website at www.calpolyjobs.org to complete an application and apply for any of the positions shown below. Submit all requested application materials as attachments to your online application, unless otherwise specified in the ad.

There are no new job opportunities at this time.

Corporation Employment Opportunities

Cal Poly Corporation is a separate corporation operating in concert with the university to provide a diverse range of services and resources to students, faculty and staff. To view job postings and/or apply for any regular-benefited position at Cal Poly Corporation, visit its [website](http://www.calpolycorporationjobs.org). For assistance, contact Human Resources at ext. 6-1121.

All positions have excellent benefits, including medical, dental, vision, life insurance, retirement program, paid sick leave/vacation and holidays. Apply online at www.calpolycorporationjobs.org. CPC Human Resources, San Luis Obispo, CA 93407, AA/EEO.

There are no new job opportunities at this time.

ASI Employment Opportunities

Candidates are asked to visit <http://www.asi.calpoly.edu> to complete an application and apply for positions listed below. For more information, contact the ASI Business Office in UU 212 or call ext. 6-5800.

ASI/UU Executive Director, full time with excellent benefits. Annual salary is determined by the ASI Board of Directors. Position closes: Dec. 14, 2012.



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