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Cal Poly Presidential Search Committee to Hold First Meeting

SAN LUIS OBISPO -- The California State University Board of Trustees will begin the search next month for a new president of Cal Poly to succeed retiring President Warren J. Baker, who has been president since 1979.

The first meeting of the search committee will be held from 9:30 to 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 9 at the Cal Poly University Union. This is the first and only meeting of the committee that is an open meeting.

Trustee Roberta Achtenberg will chair the Trustees' Committee for the Selection of the President. The other trustee members of the selection committee include Carol Chandler, George Gowgani, Glen Toney, as well as Trustee Chair Herbert Carter and CSU Chancellor Charles B. Reed.

Board policy requires the chair to appoint an advisory group to the trustees' committee. The Advisory Committee to the Trustees' Committee for the Selection of the President is composed of representatives of the faculty, students and alumni, as well as a member of the campus advisory board, all of whom are selected by the campus constituent groups. Also on the advisory committee are a vice president or academic dean from the campus, and a president of another CSU campus, both selected by the chancellor.

Both committees function as one group.

Members of the Advisory Committee for the selection of the president include: Cal State East Bay President Mo Qayoumi; Helen Bailey, Student Services Professional, SLO; Philip Bailey, dean, College of Science and Math, SLO; Gary Bloom, President's Cabinet, SLO; Andrew Davol, professor and chair of mechanical engineering department, SLO; Rachel Fernflores, chairwoman, Academic Senate Cal Poly, SLO; Kelly Griggs, Associated Students, Inc. president, SLO; Margot McDonald, professor of Architecture, SLO; John Sweeney, president, Cal Poly Alumni Association, and George Soares, community member.

The purpose of the initial meeting is to discuss the role of the committee, set the schedule of meetings, discuss preferred attributes of the next president, review the descriptions of the campus and presidential position, and discuss any other business related to the search process.

The committee will work over the next several months reviewing applications and will conduct interviews with semi-finalists. It is expected that the finalists will make visits to the campus in the spring with a new president anticipated to be selected by the CSU Board of Trustees in late May or early June.

For more information about the CSU presidential search process, see the [Executive Search](#) page on the California State University web site.

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