Noori appointed Engineering dean

President Warren J. Baker has appointed Mohammad N. Noori as dean of the College of Engineering. Noori, who will take the position in mid-October, succeeds Peter Y. Lee. “Dr. Noori is a visionary academician, an accomplished scholar, a consensus builder, and an experienced administrator with a truly outstanding record of accomplishments,” President Baker said. “We are delighted to have such an exemplary academic leader to guide the College of Engineering in its next phase of development.” Noori is the endowed R.J. Reynolds Professor at North Carolina State University. Previously he was head of the Mechanical Engineering Department at Worcester Polytechnic Institute and the Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering Department at North Carolina State.

Salary increases approved

The Legislature approved and the Governor signed the state operating budget for the 2005-06 year. Funding for higher education is consistent with the Governor’s compact and provides funding for enrollment growth of 2.5%, a salary increase pool of 3.5% and funding for certain mandatory cost increases such as health care, new space on campus and insurance. Actual salary increases will be subject to negotiations with the various faculty and staff unions. Those negotiations will determine the amount and effective date of any pay increases. For non-represented staff, a merit raise pool will be provided with increases effective July 1. Increases for non-represented staff can be expected in the paychecks on Aug. 31, with that check including a retroactive payment.

Fall Convocation set for Friday, Sept. 16

The format for this year’s Fall Conference General Session will be somewhat different from years past in order to accommodate the schedule of a special invited keynote speaker. A Fall Convocation will kick off the new academic year Friday, Sept. 16. The event will include conferral of the President’s Medal of Excellence upon aerospace innovator and Cal Poly alumnus Burt Rutan. The convocation replaces the usual Monday opening general session. Here’s the convocation schedule:

- 8:30-9:30 a.m. Breakfast (PAC Plaza)
- 9:30-10 a.m. Opening remarks, welcome (PAC Plaza)
- 10:30-11:30 a.m. Keynote Address by Burt Rutan. Conferral of President’s Medal and recognition of faculty and staff honorees (Spanos Theatre)

A complete schedule of Fall Conference activities will be available soon.

Brent Goodman is new planning director

Brent S. Goodman is the new director of institutional planning and analysis as of Aug. 1. Goodman comes from the University of Northern Colorado in Greeley where he was a statistical analyst in the institutional research and planning office. He will coordinate the work of IP&A under the guidance of Linda Dalton, executive vice provost and chief planning officer. IP&A activities include analyzing current and historical data about campus enrollments, faculty and staff levels, and space utilization, as well as providing future enrollment projections. For more information about IP&A and its publications, please see www.ipa.calpoly.edu.
Emeritus professor named ASAE fellow
Professor Emeritus John L. Merriam has been named a fellow of the American Society of Agricultural Engineers. Merriam is a professor emeritus in the Bioresource and Agricultural Engineering department in the College of Agriculture. He was inducted as a fellow during a ceremony July 19, at the 2005 ASAE annual international meeting in Tampa, Fla. For more than 60 years, Merriam has been involved in irrigation and water management issues as a researcher, educator, consultant, and philanthropic program contributor.

Animal Science receives $500,000
The Animal Science program has received $500,000 for its animal nutrition research and instruction programs as the result of a settlement of an industry-wide class action suit, and could possibly receive more funding later this year. Cal Poly could receive additional funds from the settlement before the end of 2005, depending on final resolution of the case, said Animal Science Department Head Andy Thulin. The university was not a plaintiff in the original suit resulting in the settlement, but was chosen to receive the funding because of its strong animal nutrition program.

Decline in donations depletes blood bank
The Tri-Counties Blood Bank urges the campus community to donate blood now. Due to a sudden and steep decline in donations this summer, the blood bank is critically low on Type O blood, both positive and negative. The supply is not much better for other blood types, as well. Donating is easy. It takes less than an hour from registration through refreshments. The actual donation only takes about 8-10 minutes. Here are some of the basic blood donor requirements:

- At least 17 years of age
- At least 110 pounds
- Feeling well and healthy
- No sore throat or fever the day of donation
- Off antibiotics at least 24 hours

To schedule an appointment, visit http://www.blood4life.org/index.cfm?group=registration or call the Tri-Counties Blood Bank at 543-4290.

Endowment honors print executive
The Graphic Communication Department has established an endowment in honor of the late Terry Bell and the company he helped build, ColorGraphics Inc. The endowment will support growth in several areas of the Graphic Communication program. It is part of the Graphic Communication Department's 60th anniversary, $2.5 million-development program. The endowment will fund professional development activities; support the department's printing and imaging management concentration; support an annual Terry Bell lecture by a prominent industry management professional; and allow for laboratory upgrades and improvements. It will also provide funding for the Terry Bell/ColorGraphics Scholarship, an annual scholarship to be awarded to a student in the department's printing and imaging management concentration.

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