News

Campus Community Invited to Open Forums with President Armstrong

President Armstrong and other key campus leaders invite all to attend one of several Campus Community Conversations during spring quarter. The purpose of those open forums is to keep the campus’s voice on vital issues facing Cal Poly. The Campus Community Conversations will be held:

- For staff: Wednesday, April 3, 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. in UDC 220
- For students: Thursday, April 18, 1 to 2 p.m. (new time) in the PAC Pavilion
- For faculty: Friday, April 26, 11 a.m. to noon in the PAC Pavilion

Tour the Cal Poly Pier in Avila Beach May 4

The Cal Poly Pier in Avila Beach will be open to the public from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 4.

Interactive displays on the pier for the spring open house event will include special touch-tasks filled of two marine creatures, microscopes for viewing ultra-small sea creatures, a "discovery SCUBA" experience and more.

Cal Poly professors and students will be on hand to explain their ongoing research areas to local marine life, including protecting Morro Bay’s ecosystem, containing local fishers, and mapping ocean currents on the Central Coast.

For more information, or to call 805-775-8772.

Open Forums Set for Assistant Vice President for University Advancing Finalists

There finals for the position of Assistant Vice President for University Advancing are being held open forums on campus through April 11. Daniel Turner, assistant director of academic advising for the College of Arts & Sciences at University of Colorado, Boulder, held a forum Thursday, April 2.

Charles E. Ursin, dean of student services for counseling and continuing at Allianz Hampshire College in Santa Maria will hold a forum Thursday, April 4. Jade Beth Meredith Miller, director of Academic Advancing and Career Center, director of the Student Services Center, and interim director of the Testing Center at Sacramento State, will hold a forum Thursday, April 11.

Both upcoming forums will run from 11 a.m. to noon in Fisher Science (Building 35), Room 266.

Staff, faculty and students are invited. Curriculum vitae for the finalists are available online.

Cal Poly’s 2013-2015 Catalog is Online

The 2013-14 catalog is available online. The catalog, effective summer 2013, in Cal Poly’s first published with a content management system.

The result is a robust online catalog with a new design, including:
- adoption of Cal Poly’s latest web template
- an underlying database improving content accuracy and enhancing usability (for example, users can now click on a course in a degree’s curriculum and view the course’s description)
- automatic formatting and sizing for mobile device viewing, and
- "Download PDF" capability, enabling a user to view and/or print the entire catalog or specific sections.

Now that Cal Poly has a true online catalog, which contains the most up-to-date information as well as options for downloading and printing, a printed catalog is not being published. Questions or concerns may be directed to cpglobal@calpoly.edu.

Campus Administrative Policies Update Continues

Cal Poly is continuing 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 replace the Campus Administrative Manual (CAM). The CAP Ad Hoc Committee recently considered proposed Campus Administrative Policies that are now posted in draft form on the CAP website. Find more information online on CAP and the proposed draft policies.

Faculty and Staff

New Titles for Administrators

President Armstrong has implemented title changes for two members of his leadership team. Provost Kathleen Enz Finken’s new title will be chief financial officer and senior vice president of administration and finance. "Kathleen’s new title reflects the breadth of her responsibilities and more accurately reflects the breadth scope of these responsibilities," the title change was effective March 1. In addition, Tom Fisher, as part of the reorganization within her office, is changing the title of a recently announced position from vice president for research and industry relations to vice president for research and economic development. The position will report to the provost and is part of Cal Poly’s efforts to bolster the teacher-scholar model and further strengthen partnerships with industry.

Retirements

Susan Rains

Susan Rains is retiring after almost 24 years at Cal Poly—last 20 of which have been at the University Police Department. She started her Cal Poly career in the Biotechnology Resource Department and then transferred to UTPD in 1993 and became the police chief’s assistant. For the last nine years, she has served as assistant police and access services coordinator, helping many people throughout campus and in the community explore their continuing education via alternative transportation.

She has been instrumental in helping reduce carbon emissions and promoting sustainable transportation solutions through the bicycle, Zipcar and vanpool programs she administers. Feel free to stop by any time before April 20 to wish her well.

Catastrophic Leave

Anacapa Atlas

Anacapa Atlas, a resident in Faculty Services, has qualified for catastrophic leave. Those wishing to donate sick leave and/or vacation leave to help Atlas remain in full-pay status during an extended leave of absence should contact Beena Wadood at ext. 7-6749 or beena@calpoly.edu to request a donation form.

Graham McElroy

Graham McElroy, a resident in Faculty Services, has qualified for catastrophic leave. Those wishing to donate sick leave and/or vacation leave to help McElroy remain in full-pay status during an extended leave of absence should contact Laura McCaffrey at ext. 6-5212 or lmcaffrey@calpoly.edu.