President Baker has allocated more than $570,000 from Campus Academic Fees to help finance 15 projects in 1997-98 that address Cal Poly Plan goals.

The proposals were selected following recommendations by college and unit committees, a campuswide panel, the Academic Deans’ Council, and the Cal Poly Plan Steering Committee.

Eleven projects begun last fall will continue to receive money while four new initiatives will start in September.

In addition, 16 tenure-track faculty members begin work fall quarter, supported by more than $1 million from student fees. The colleges of Agriculture (CAGR), Engineering (CENG), Liberal Arts (CLA), and Science and Mathematics (CSM) have each hired three new professors, and the colleges of Business (CBUS) and Architecture and Environmental Design (CAED) will each employ two new faculty members.

Approximately $750,000 in fees will be set aside for financial assistance.

Students approved a $45-a-quarter Campus Academic Fee tied to the Cal Poly Plan in 1996. While reaffirming the principles and goals of the plan in a referendum last spring, they opposed any new fee increases.

To finance the projects, campus units will need to match the student fee revenue with approximately $640,000 in redirected state funds and private donations.

New projects and Cal Poly Plan funding include:
• Network server for CAED students; $35,000.
• Mechanical Engineering robotics lab equipment and
• Computer-aided analysis and design studio; both in CENG; $75,000.
• Developmental math and English program and computer lab upgrade; CSM; $75,000.

Continuing projects and Cal Poly Plan financing include:
• Rendering, animation, and modeling lab; CLA and CAED; $58,250.
• Studio classroom and computer specialist; CAGR; $72,500.
• Connections between university and service projects; CLA and Student Life and Activities; $9,500.
• Supplemental instruction; Student Academic Services; $48,777.
• Math workshops; Student Academic Services; $47,940.
• Integrated teacher education program; CLA and University Center for Teacher Education; $15,000.
• Integrated undergraduate core curriculum, and
• Master’s curriculum design; both CBUS; $66,560.
• World Wide Web for enhanced teaching and learning; CLA; $33,000.
• Student electronic access to institutional information (Mustang Info); Enrollment Support Services; $20,000.
• Multicultural agriculture program; CAGR; $15,000.

ADVANCEMENT
Xerox donates equipment valued at $205,000

The Xerox Corp. has donated four-color digital imaging equipment valued at $205,000 to the Graphic Communication Department.

The equipment – a DocuColor 40 and a raster image processor (RIP) – represents some of today's most advanced on-demand printing technology.

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Three employees named outstanding

A library assistant, an administrative assistant, and the foundation’s director of financial and administration services have been named 1996-97 Outstanding Staff Employees.

Judy Swanson of the Kennedy Library’s Media Services office, Kristina Pena from the Bioresource and Agricultural Engineering Department, and Don Shemenske from the foundation are recognized for significant contributions to the university.

Each recipient will receive $500 from a private endowment fund and a plaque during Fall Conference.

Swanson has been at the library since 1978, performing both technical and creative tasks. She was cited by the library staff for her knowledge, enthusiasm, efficiency and helpfulness.

“Judy is committed to excellence in her job and to advancing the mission and goals of the library,” according to the awards committee.

Pena, with the Bioresource and Agricultural Engineering Department since 1973, is recognized for continually upgrading her skills and for bringing a sense of community to the department.

Recently the Agricultural Engineering Survey Team and faculty members named a small mountain in Poly Canyon after her – Cerro Kristina.

Shemenske came to Cal Poly in 1982. Described as “the best, most open person” and as someone who is “always there for you,” he is being honored for his professionalism and attention to projects.

His co-workers said there is not another person on campus that they would rather work with.

"Don is a role model without even trying," a colleague said.

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Cal Poly announces 1996-97 Outstanding Seniors

Cal Poly has designated 29 students as 1996-97 Outstanding Seniors in four categories: academic excellence, contributions to their college, contributions to the university, and community service.

Those honored are:

**College of Agriculture**
- Academic Excellence - Timarcie
- Anne Spadaro, nutritional science.
- College Contribution - Jennipher
- E. Harris, animal science.
- University Contribution - Duane
- A. Banderob, dairy science.
- Community Service - Salvador Escobedo, agricultural science.

**College of Architecture and Environmental Design**
- Academic Excellence - Mathew Bittleston, architecture and architectural engineering.
- College Contribution - Alexander
- J.C. Tsai, architecture.
- University Contribution - Edward
- Mojica, architecture.
- Community Service - Richard A.
- Shaw, landscape architecture.

**College of Business**
- Academic Excellence - Mimi Hong
- Ting Lau, accounting.
- College Contribution - Andrew
- Leigh Allison, international business.
- University Contribution - Nicole
- Frances Novak, marketing.
- Community Service - Hannah Kee
- Kim, management information systems.

**College of Engineering**
- Academic Excellence - Ryan
- Kersting, civil engineering.
- College Contribution - Jenet
- Alviso, mechanical engineering.
- University Contribution - Amanda
- A. Bailey, industrial engineering.
- Community Service - Yazmin
- Torres, civil engineering.

**College of Liberal Arts**
- Academic Excellence - Melissa
- Parkhurst, music and liberal studies.
- College Contribution - Kristina
- Larson Brown, psychology, and Shannon Marie Farnham, journalism.
- University Contribution - Kim
- Fleischer, English, and Tessa Lee, art and design.
- Community Service - Lorri
- Sulpizio, English.

**College of Science and Mathematics**
- Academic Excellence - Lisa
- Gabrielle DeFazio, biochemistry and microbiology, and Christian Adam
- Kekoa Koch, biological sciences.
- College Contribution - Diana
- Eitman, ecology and systematic biology, and Jessica D. Saldana, microbiology.
- University Contribution - Jennifer
- Alley, chemistry and biochemistry, and Lora M. Foster, biochemistry.
- Community Service - Megan A.
- Mikacich, physical education.
- The students recognized for academic excellence were introduced at the Commencement ceremonies.

Students to prepare for college at Cal Poly

A group of San Luis Obispo County middle school students who might not otherwise qualify for college admission are getting an opportunity to improve their chances in a Cal Poly program.

The Pre-Collegiate Academic Development (PAD) Project, designed to motivate students academically, targets students in the seventh, eighth and ninth grades who are not presently performing as high as tests suggest they can.

The program, according to Carl Wallace of the University Center for Teacher Education, blends motivational and academic features and will focus on math, English, reading and science.

Liz Ceaser of the UCTE, Kevin Clark, English, and Jane Fesler, Mathematics, will teach the course.

“We call ourselves ‘The Launching Pad,’” Wallace said, “because we want these kids to feel as if they’re about to take off. We want them to begin to feel good about their own potential and to believe that college is a real possibility for them.”

For more information, call Wallace at ext. 2818 or Clark at ext. 2506.

High school senior receives scholarship

A graduating senior from Righetti High School in Santa Maria will begin studying biochemistry at Cal Poly in fall 1997 on a $20,000 Wal-Mart scholarship.

Stephanie Christine Degner was awarded one of 245 Competitive Edge Scholarships given to deserving freshmen throughout the country pursuing degrees in science or technology.

The scholarship, which pays $5,000 a year for four years, was established to ensure that America’s best and brightest students become leaders in science, engineering, and computer-related fields, said a Wal-Mart official.

Degner was chosen for her excellent academic standing and community involvement.

This is Cal Poly’s second year to award a Competitive Edge Scholarship. Wal-Mart selected Cal Poly as a partner-institution because of its high-caliber science and technology programs.

Student chapter awarded commendation

The Cal Poly student chapter of the American Society of Civil Engineers has been awarded a certificate of commendation for its outstanding activities during 1996.

The chapter was also one of the Robert Ridgway Award finalists, a distinction earned by fewer than 5 percent of all student chapters.

Shan Somayaji served as faculty advisor for the chapter with the assistance of Jay DeNatale. Both are professors in the Civil and Environmental Engineering Department.
Dairy science professor wins national award

Dairy science professor Leanne Berning has been named the American Association of Schools and Colleges of Agriculture and Renewable Resource’s 1997 outstanding educator.

Sponsored by Monsanto, the award recognizes an outstanding faculty member in the early years of his or her career. Berning, a Cal Poly alumna, was chosen primarily for excellence in teaching and service to the profession and students.

She will receive a plaque, a cash award, and an all-expenses paid trip next fall to the association’s annual national meeting in Texas, where she was invited to give a presentation.

Berning, who came to Cal Poly in 1990, has served as advisor to Los Lecheros Dairy Club for seven years and is a national advisor to the American Dairy Science Association’s student affiliate. The association named her its Outstanding Advisor in 1995.

She earned a bachelor’s degree in dairy science from Cal Poly, a master’s in dairy science from the University of Wisconsin, and a Ph.D. in animal science from the University of Maryland.

For a registration form, call Debbie Semling in Human Resources at ext. 6471 or e-mail her at dsemling@calpoly.edu.

Members with Internet access can check space availability on the CalPERS Website at ://www.calpers.ca.gov.

Summer CPR schedule

The Cal Poly Report is published by the Communications Office every other Friday during summer. Remaining summer issue dates are July 18, Aug. 1, 15 and 29.

Please submit items by 1 pm on the Friday before you’d like them to appear.

For information, call ext. 1511, or e-mail articles, suggestions, and questions to polynews@polymail.

View the latest Report on line:
http://www.calpoly.edu/whats.new.html#.pubs

...Xerox donation

The Xerox equipment produces 40 pages per minute or 2,400 pages an hour in full color.

From either digital or “hard” copy, the DocuColor provides variable imaging capabilities that include enlarging or reducing images from 25 to 400 percent, highlighting, and rotating images, said Harvey Levenson, head of the Graphic Communication Department.

Last year Xerox donated a Docu-Tech 135 on-demand publishing system to the department.

“The DocuColor provides the ‘bridge,’ allowing us to link digital color with digital black-and-white imaging,” Levenson said.

It is also used to demonstrate digital color technology to professionals from industry who attend seminars and workshops at Cal Poly. As part of the Xerox Education Consortium, Cal Poly trains Xerox Western region graphic arts sales representatives in commercial printing.

The system is housed in the Department’s Electronic Prepress Lab.

Appointments

Les Ferreira has been appointed interim department head of Dairy Science and interim director of the Dairy Products Technology Center through August 1998. Ferreira began teaching at Cal Poly in 1978.

Safwat Moustafa has been reappointed to a second three-year term as chair of the Mechanical Engineering Department, effective fall quarter 1997.

He came to Cal Poly in 1984 and has served as department chair since 1994.

Virginia Walter has been appointed interim head of the Environmental Horticultural Science Department. She will serve from Sept. 1 through Dec. 31, 1997. Walter has been teaching at Cal Poly since 1974.

CAED celebrates 50th anniversary

The College of Architecture and Environmental Design recently held a Gala Royale celebration in the Christopher Cohan Center in the Performing Arts Center to commemorate the architecture program’s 50th anniversary.

President Baker was on hand, as well as Dean Martin Harms, faculty, members, alumni and donors.

Festivities included a welcome reception for Harms and his wife, dinner at Vista Grande restaurant, and a program and awards ceremony in the Cohan Center.

...Outstanding employees

The outstanding staff members are nominated by faculty and staff members and reviewed by a committee of former award recipients. President Baker names the winners, based on the committee’s recommendations.
Position vacancies

Vacancy information and applications for the following positions are available from the appropriate Human Resources office. Vacancy information can also be accessed from the Cal Poly home page on the World Wide Web (address: http://www.calpoly.edu; click on “General Information”). AA/EO

STATE (Adm. 110, ext. 2236 or job line at ext. 1533). Official application forms must be received by 4 pm on the closing date or be postmarked by the closing date. (No faxes.)

CLOSING DATE: July 18
#8E004: Athletics Media Relations Intern (Helper Aide), Athletics, $1500/mo., w/benefits; temporary to June 30, 1998; variable hours including weekends and evenings.

#89005: Athletics Public Affairs Assistant I, Athletics, (Unit 9)*, $2388-$2853/mo.

#87006: Buyer III, State Purchasing (Unit 7)*, $2963-$3621/mo.

#89008: Clerical Assistant II, Support Services (Unit 7)* $2132/mo.

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#89010: Equipment Maintenance Assistant, Technical Services, Communications Services (Unit 9)*, $13.68-$16.38/hr.; ten temporary, intermittent, on-call positions to 6/30/98 with annual renewal dependent upon funding. Positions require successful completion of a background check including fingerprinting.

CLOSING DATE: July 25
#8C007: Administrative Assistant, Office of the President.

Responsibilities: This position reports to the president of the University, providing staff and administrative support to the president. Manages president’s professional calendar and schedule. Prepares materials and analyses necessary for the president to participate in meetings and conferences. Prepares correspondence for president’s signature. Assists with appropriate follow-up. Schedules, plans, and implements presidential special events. Works independently and effectively with other campus offices and officials.

Minimum Requirements: Five years of progressively responsible experience as secretary, executive secretary, or staff assistant. Bachelor’s degree or equivalent combination of education and experience. (Graduate degree in related field may be substituted for one year of required experience.)

Required specialized skills: Demonstrated advanced proficiency in use of personal computer applications: word processing, spreadsheet, data base, electronic mail and calendar. In-depth knowledge of organizational and management structures and experience in complex organizational settings. In-depth knowledge of and proficiency in office practices and procedures. Demonstrated ability to plan and implement special events. Ability to interact successfully with senior officials within and outside of the university and with faculty, staff, students, alumni, and general public. Excellent verbal and written communication skills. Demonstrated ability to maintain confidentiality and composure in performance of duties in a fast-paced, high-profile administrative office. Must be able to work extended hours into evenings and weekends.

Preferred qualifications:
Master’s degree. Demonstrated ability and experience with mainframe and desktop publishing applications.

Stenographic abilities. Knowledge of and experience working in a university setting.

Salary: Hiring salary range is $2,819-$4,500 per month; excellent benefits package. This is a confidential position excluded from bargaining unit representation.

Application Procedures: An official Cal Poly Staff Application must be received by 4 pm on, or postmarked by the closing date. Application should reference recruitment code #8C007 and may be received from and returned to Human Resources, Adm. 110.

CLOSING DATE: July 25
#89011: Information Technology Consultant, Assessment & Testing Center (Unit 9)*, $2593-$3630/mo., Foundation level.

CLOSING DATE: August 1
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#89009: Analyst/Programmer, Financial Aid (Unit 9)*, $2593-$3630/mo., Foundation level.

*NOTE: For positions marked with an asterisk, qualified on-campus applicants currently in Bargaining Units 2, 5, 7, and 9 will be given first consideration.

FOUNDATION (Foundation Adm. Building, job line at ext. 7107). All foundation applications must be received (not just postmarked) by 5 pm of the closing date. (No faxes)

CLOSING DATE: July 7
Department Secretary, Foundation Administration Office, $2039-$2652/mo.

ASI (University Union 212, ext. 1281)
CLOSING DATE: July 11
Building Service Worker, Building Services, $10.16-$13.11/hr.

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