‘Charter campus’ concept explored

CSU Chancellor Barry Munitz has asked Cal Poly to develop a plan to become a “charter” campus of the California State University.

The charter concept was announced recently by Munitz as a means of providing greater educational and budgetary flexibility in order to encourage innovation and increase efficiency.

A universitywide task force will develop a proposal and make a recommendation as to whether the campus should participate.

The governor’s 1993-94 budget message urged the Legislature to provide the CSU with autonomy and flexibility so it “can explore new ways to manage its resources to better serve students, faculty and staff.” The charter campus concept, which would require legislative approval, is a vehicle for achieving that flexibility.

It is anticipated that Cal Poly would ask for the flexibility to manage its own funds, curriculum, programs, enrollment, human resources, physical assets, and academic calendar. The charter concept presumes the campus would receive the same state allocation, but would possibly be free to set its own fees.

In return for increased management flexibility, Cal Poly would seek to improve educational quality, increase graduation rates, improve the success rate of all students, increase diversity, improve services to students, optimize the use of the physical plant and the academic calendar, and improve collegial governance.

Cal Poly’s Charter University Task Force is chaired by Robert Koob, senior vice president, and includes three other university vice presidents and representatives from the Academic Senate, Staff Council, Associated Students Inc., Deans Council, department chairs, and collective bargaining units.

The task force’s plan and recommendation will be forwarded to President Baker before the end of February. It is anticipated that a charter campus bill would be introduced in the Legislature in March.

Cal Poly to plan cut of up to 7.5 percent

Cal Poly will plan for a 1993-94 cut in budgeted expenditures of from 5.9 to 7.5 percent.

President Baker last week said each campus division will be asked to provide a prioritized list of possible reductions of up to 7.5 percent. No academic programs or administrative departments are targeted for elimination or disproportionate sacrifice, he said. However, such proposals could come out of the review process the president set in motion.

The size of the cut, coming after two years of similar reductions, means enrollment will shrink by an estimated 400 students to a total of about 15,900.

A plan to make the estimated $6.9 million to $8.7 million in reductions must be sent to the California State University chancellor’s office by early March.

This is the first step in an ongoing process. The CSU Board of Trustees will address the budget issue in March. One option might be a proposal to increase student fees.

Gov. Pete Wilson has proposed a 4.5 percent increase in funding for the CSU. Baker said Cal Poly needs to aim for a minimum 5.9 percent increase in state funding.

Students to celebrate Engineers Week

The College of Engineering will celebrate National Engineers Week Tuesday through Saturday, Feb. 16-20.

In a related event for all colleges, Career Services is sponsoring its annual Career Symposium from 10 am to 3 pm Thursday, Feb. 18, in Chumash Auditorium.

The engineering festivities will begin at 5 pm Tuesday with a pizza fest at Backstage Pizza and continue with a shoe-box-size “flip-over” vehicle design contest Wednesday, Engineering Olympics Thursday, and other events.

Thursday evening, the Minority Engineering Program will hold its Awards Night, with more than $50,000 in scholarships scheduled to be presented to nearly 100 students.

The Society of Women Engineers will host the annual Evening with Industry Banquet on Friday at the Embassy Suites Hotel.

Engineering Day at the Mall runs from 10 am to 6 pm Saturday at the Central Coast Plaza. Drawings by area elementary-school children will paper the mall.

Middle-school students will build vehicles powered by rubber bands or mousetraps. High school students will compete in a Popsicle-stick bridge-building contest.

Throughout the mall Cal Poly student engineering clubs will set up displays that encourage hands-on activity. A highlight this year will be Cal Poly’s 1993 “‘Hare Raising Fun’ Rose Parade float — minus the flowers to reveal the inner workings.

For more information on any of the events, coordinated by the Engineering Student Council, contact the College of Engineering at ext. 2131.
Rademaker to talk on SLO’s future economy

Graphic designer Pierre Rademaker, 1992 San Luis Obispo Chamber of Commerce president, will speak on the city’s economic future at a noon luncheon on Thursday, Feb. 11, at Vista Grande.

Last year Rademaker was chair of the Chamber of Commerce’s economic task force.

Rademaker has experience in both the public and private sectors. Before opening his own graphic design firm, he taught full time at Cal Poly for 11 years and still teaches occasionally in the Art and Design and Journalism departments.

Part of a series of public events, the $7 luncheon is sponsored by the San Luis Obispo chapter of the American Society of Public Administration and Cal Poly’s Center for Practical Politics.

For reservations, call Dr. Dianne Long of the Political Science Department at ext. 2984.

'Mathlete' teams meet on campus

The national “Mathcounts” preliminary rounds will be held on campus Saturday, Feb. 20, and volunteer assistants are being sought.

Local junior high school “Mathlete” teams will compete in the advanced mathematical contests on an individual and team basis. The winning team will then go on to compete at the state level.

During the lunch break, math faculty member Kent Morrison will discuss with students the possibilities of computers replacing math.

The event is sponsored by the National Society of Professional Engineers and the National Mathematical Society and is coordinated by the local chapter of the California Society of Professional Engineers. Additional support comes from the colleges of Engineering and Science and Mathematics and Tau Beta Pi, the student engineering honor society.

For more information or to volunteer, call Leonard Wall of the Physics Department at ext. 2095 or Jim LoCascio of Mechanical Engineering, ext. 2375.

Appointment

David Thayer, former free-lance set designer from San Diego, has joined the Theatre and Dance Department. His first work on campus will be sets and costumes for the Winter Quarter production, "Togetherness."

Statistics provides consulting service

During Winter Quarter, the Statistics Department will provide a statistical consulting service to facilitate research design and data analysis in a variety of disciplines.

Dr. Robert Smidt, as the main consultant, can help in the design and analysis of faculty and student research projects. In addition, Smidt will be available to lead seminars or tutorials on requested topics and offer advice on various computer packages. If there is some special area concerning statistical inference that is of interest to a group, feel free to contact Smidt to arrange lectures on that subject.

Smidt’s office is in Room 109, Faculty Offices East. He can be reached at ext. 2001 or ext. 2709.

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Women, philosophy topic of noon talk

Philosophy faculty members Judy Saltzman and Linda Bomstad will discuss “Hypatia to Grene: Selections on Women in Philosophy” at noon Monday, Feb. 22, in the Staff Dining Room.

Part of the Women’s Studies Lunch-Time Seminar, the talk will trace the history of women in philosophy and examine why so few women are prominent in the field. Saltzman and Bomstad will also look at whether women and men differ in their approach to philosophy.

Saltzman’s talk will focus on the French philosopher and mystic Simone Weil. Bomstad will discuss the work of contemporary colleague Marjorie Grene.

The faculty, staff members and students are invited to attend. For more information call Carolyn Stefancio of the Women’s Studies Program at ext. 2845.

ARCO awards $15,000 to MEP

The ARCO Foundation has awarded $15,000 to the Minority Engineering Program to assist underrepresented minority students pursuing degrees in engineering.

Cal Poly, one of 25 universities that received a grant, was chosen for its willingness to implement “collaborative learning” methods. These include freshman orientation courses, a teamwork approach to building a “learning community,” and a system to collect data on student performance to assess the program’s effectiveness.

Vanpool information

Still driving yourself to work? If you live in Arroyo Grande, Atascadero, Los Osos or Paso Robles, you can ride to work “hassle free” with a convenient Cal Poly Vanpool. Spaces are available. For more information call Parking and Commuter Services, ext. 6655.
New computer lab in Business Building

The 13,000-square-foot Business Computer Lab, located on the third floor of the new Business Building, has more than 90 computers in two rooms for student use.

Partially funded by a $300,000 grant from Hewlett-Packard, the lab has 60 HP80386-20 mHz, DOS-based systems with 120-MB hard drives, as well as 23 Macintosh systems and 20 NeXT workstations.

All Hewlett-Packard PCs have access to the university network via 10 Base-T ethernet. One PC is dedicated to the Dow-Jones News Retrieval system and one to the Lexis-Nexis database system.

The lab in rooms 300 and 302, is open Monday-Thursday from 8 am to 10 pm; Friday, 8 am to 6 pm; Saturdays, 9 am to 3 pm; and Sundays 11 am to 10 pm.

Staff members are on hand to assist students and consult on major software applications.

For more information, call Karen Adams, lab supervisor, at ext. 2635.

... Budget cut

percent cut because of impending mandatory increases in such costs as employee benefits and lease bond payments.

Several assumptions in Wilson’s budget create a great deal of uncertainty. Those include relying on $1.5 billion in additional federal health and welfare funding and a $1.6 billion shift in property taxes from local governments to schools and community colleges. The state’s 1992-93 budget deficit is also expected to be larger than Wilson’s new budget assumes, Baker said.

Baker said he is limiting the reduction to 7.5 percent because deeper reductions would cripple the university, which has already experienced significant curtailment of programs, services and enrollment.

After Cal Poly program managers submit their priorities, the President’s Advisory Committee on Budget Resources and Allocations will consolidate the recommendations into a comprehensive proposal. Before Baker signs off on the plan, it will be reviewed by the Associated Students Inc., Academic Senate, Staff Council, and faculty and staff union representatives.

Cal Poly’s 1992-93 budgeted expenditures are expected to total $116.5 million. The 7.5 percent cut would reduce the 1993-94 figure to $107.8 million. The budgeted expenditures figure is derived by adding what the campus is expected to receive from its two main sources of support: the state general fund and student fees.

Grants Development to move office

The Grants Development office is moving from Room 290 in the Fisher Science Building to Room 192-3 in the Math and Home Economics Building.

The move will take place sometime during the second or third week of February, and the office will be closed for one day during that time.

Telephones and computers will be temporarily out of service, anyone with proposals due during that time should contact the office at ext. 2982 immediately.

Staff Council meeting on Feb. 17

The Cal Poly Staff Council will hold its regular monthly open meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 17, from 1 to 2:30 pm in Adm. 301.

Volunteers sought for video project

Interviewees are needed for a video that will portray the experiences of underrepresented students, faculty and staff members at Cal Poly.

The 15-minute “Bridges” video will be used for faculty orientation, staff training, new-student orientation, leadership training for campus organizations, and education in the residence halls. Campus community members interested in being interviewed should contact Lisa Taylor at ext. 5631 or Felicia Lee at ext. 5610 for more information. Interviews will begin in late February.

Anatol named to lead Long Beach campus

Kari Anatol, the senior vice president for academic affairs at Cal State Long Beach, has been appointed interim president there. He will fill in while the campus decides on a successor to Curtis L. McCray, who will step down at the end of February.

Toadmaster elect 1993 officers

The Cal Poly noon-time Toastmasters Club elected officers for 1993: Rod Neubert, president; Dorothy Dallman-Appel and Eumi Bang, education vice presidents; Ruth Hale, administrative vice president; Marcia Friedman, secretary; Eileen Anderson, treasurer; and Alan Bell, sergeant-at-arms.

The Toastmasters Club meets from noon to 1 pm in Adm. 301 on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month. February meeting dates will be the 11th and 25th. For more information, call Ruth Hale at ext. 5419 or Rod Neubert, ext. 1281.
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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11
Toastmasters: Conquer the fear of public speaking. Adm. 301, noon.
Speaker: Pierre Rademaker (SLO Chamber of Commerce past president) will discuss the city’s economic future. Vista Grande, noon. For reservations, call ext. 2984. ($) Film: “Stolen Kisses” by Francois Truffaut. Palm Theatre, 7 pm. ($) Women’s Basketball: Cal State San Bernardino, Mott Gym, 7:30 pm. ($) FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13
Baseball: San Francisco State, 2:30 pm. SLO stadium. ($) SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14
Exhibit: Photogtapher Larry Silver will display his work. Continues through March 12. University Art Gallery (Dexter).
Baseball: San Francisco State (2 games), SLO Stadium, noon. ($) MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15
Holiday: University holiday. Except for needed emergency services, all offices are closed.
Baseball: San Francisco State, SLO Stadium, 1 pm. ($) TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16
Engineers Week: Various events scheduled on and off campus through Feb. 20. For details, call the College of Engineering, ext. 2131.
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17
Books at High Noon: Ann Forster (Philosophy) will review “Impure Thoughts: Essays on Philosophy, Feminism and Ethics” by Kathryn Addelson. Staff Dining Room, noon.
Baseball: UC Santa Barbara, SLO Stadium, 2 pm. ($) THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18
Career Fair: Chumash Auditorium, 10 am.
Film: “Wild Child” by Francois Truffaut. Palm Theatre, 7 pm. ($) FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19
Men’s Tennis: UC Riverside. Tennis Courts, 2 pm.
WriterSpeak: Poet Brenda Marie Osbey will read. Business Bldg. 112, 7 pm.
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20
Baseball: UC San Diego (2 games), SLO Stadium, noon. ($) Men’s Tennis: Claremont-Mudd Scripps, Tennis Courts, 2 pm.
Women’s Tennis: UC Santa Cruz, Tennis Courts, 2 pm.
Concert: Cal Poly’s Men’s and Women’s Choruses Home Concert. Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church, SLO, 8 pm. ($) SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21
Men’s Tennis: Loyola Marymount, Tennis Courts, noon.

Position Vacancies

Vacant staff positions at Cal Poly and the Cal Poly Foundation are announced in this column and are posted outside the respective offices. Contact those offices (State: Adm. 110, ext. 2236 — Foundation Administration Building, ext. 1121) for applications and additional position details. Both Cal Poly and the Foundation are subject to all laws governing affirmative action and equal employment opportunity. Cal Poly hires only individuals lawfully authorized to work in the United States. All eligible and interested persons are encouraged to apply. Applications must be received by 5 pm or postmarked by the closing date.

STATE CLOSING DATE: Feb. 24, 1993


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The university is seeking candidates for positions on the faculty. Those interested in learning more about the positions are invited to contact the appropriate dean or department head. Salaries for faculty are commensurate with qualifications and experience (and time base where applicable), unless otherwise stated. This university is subject to all laws governing affirmative action and equal employment opportunity including but not limited to Executive Order 11246 and Title IX of the Education Amendments Act and the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. Cal Poly hires only individuals lawfully authorized to work in the United States. All eligible and interested persons are encouraged to apply.

CLOSED DATE: Feb. 25, 1993

Lecturers (part-time), Graphic Communication. Positions available spring 1993. Duties include teaching a course in desktop publishing, including typography, design basics, and desktop production for print. Knowledge of prepress, press and finishing technology useful. Understanding of Macintosh (Microsoft Word, Aldus FreeHand and QuarkXPress), MS-DOS, UNIX, high resolution PostScript imagesetters and desktop scanning desired. Ph.D. or master’s degree preferred; B.S. or B.A. required in related technical field with appropriate industry experience. Prior teaching experience preferred.

CLOSED DATE: May 1, 1993

Assistant Professor (full-time tenure-track), Theatre and Dance. Scene/costume/lighting designer and stagecraft teacher/designer for three-show mainstage seasons in a 500-seat proscenium theater. Teach stagecraft in large, well-equipped scene shop. Teach approximately one design course per quarter. Some teaching of intro to theater might be required. Supervise stage technician and student assistants in technical areas. Assume leadership in design or technical area of growing program. An earned MFA in theater design area and college teaching experience is required. Position available beginning September 1993. Salary range $31,764-$34,824.

CPR schedule

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Correction

In last week’s Cal Poly Report Richard Cavaletto was identified as a member of the Agricultural Education Department. It should have read Ag Engineering.

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