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PRESIDENT'S MONTHLY CAMPUS UPDATE

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Campus Budget Forum, Proposition 30, and Tuition Rollback

We end this month and the fall academic term with a much-needed success for higher education. Voters' passage of Proposition 30 canceled the trigger of a \$250 million additional cut to the CSU budget. At our ninth Campus Budget Forum, which took place on November 16th, we discussed as a community the relief Proposition 30 affords. While it adds no new funding for higher education for 2012-13, it avoids worsening a budget that has been cut by \$1 billion over the last 18 months. It also halts the implementation of a 5% mid-year tuition increase for winter 2013 authorized by the Board of Trustees had the proposition failed. Instead, we were able to roll back tuition fees to their 2011-12 levels and refund to students the fee increase that went into effect as of the fall 2012 term. Our Financial Aid Office is on target to have completed the reimbursements by the end of business today. As always, our budget forum presentation is available on the Budget Central website at www.csub.edu/budget. In addition to the budget forum, I have had meetings with the Cabinet to discuss the budget and will be meeting with the University Strategic Planning and Budget Advisory Committee this afternoon to receive their observations and feedback on budget planning priorities moving forward.

CSU Board of Trustees Approves CSUB Student Housing Development

More good news comes with the Board of Trustees' approval of construction of our student housing complex. Student housing will transform our campus, student life, and student engagement, and will allow us to guarantee housing to incoming freshmen. The complex is designed more as apartments than residence hall dormitories. Unique floor plans promote living/learning community life with gathering spaces for shared activities. The first of the five-phase housing development will begin at the southern end of Don Hart Drive East, north of Kroll Way. Phase I will house 500 residents. The construction of student housing, as well as the Science III building and Student Rec Center, is part of the year-long major review and redesign of the Campus Master Plan that took place in 2005 with input from the campus community, alumni, neighboring businesses, and University supporters. We expect construction to begin in Fall 2013 and the complex to be ready for



occupancy in Winter 2015. The project will be built to U.S. Green Building Council LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) equivalent standards. Please join me in thanking **Crystal Becks**, Director of Student Housing and Residence Life, **Mike Neal**, Vice President for Business and Administrative Services, and **Pat Jacobs**, Associate Vice President for Facilities Management, for shepherding this vital project through the approval process over a multi-year period and **Thomas Wallace**, Vice President for Student Affairs who has been very engaged since his arrival last Spring. This is a major advancement for our university and our community.

Trustees Approve CSUB's Arts & Humanities Project

Also part of the revised Campus Master Plan and approved for construction is a new Art Center which is the initial phase of a larger Humanities Complex. The Art Center will



provide classrooms, office space, and art studios that support a range of media for which our current space, built almost five decades ago, is inadequate. Included in the project is a satellite central plant and extension of sewer lines that will serve the entire campus. Our current systems are at capacity. The project is

expected to break ground before the end of this year. Construction is scheduled for completion in fall 2014. As with all new CSU construction, the Art Center will be built to a minimum LEED Silver equivalence. I join **Richard Collins**, Dean of the School of Arts & Humanities, in thanking **Dan Slayton**, Art Technician; **Mike Neal**, Vice President for Business and Administrative Services; and **Pat Jacobs**, Associate Vice President for Facilities Management for their untiring work on the project.

"Families for STEM" Workshops Thanks to Toyota USA

The School of Natural Sciences, Mathematics, and Engineering (NSME) partnered with the Parent Institute for Quality Education (PIQE) to offer Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) related educational workshops for parents. The workshops are funded by a \$184,000 "Families for STEM" grant from the Toyota USA Foundation. Participants are parents of current Kern High School District or current first-generation CSUB NSME students. During the month-long workshops, parents learn the importance of their involvement in their child's education, which research shows contributes to college success. In addition, parents become aware of the range of careers in the fast-growing STEM fields and the skills needed in those fields. Forty-five of the sixty parents who attended the PIQE workshops at CSUB graduated from the program on October 24th.



Pictured Left to Right - Sonia Rodriguez (PIQE Exec Dir), Maritza Echeverria (Parent), and Dr. Kamel Haddad (Assoc. Dean, NSME)

Graduating parents were presented a "Certificate of Completion" signed by **David Valladolid**, National President and CEO of PIQE, **Chancellor Reed**, and me.

Congratulations to **Kamel Haddad**, Associate Dean of the School of Natural Sciences, Mathematics, and Engineering, program director, and our thanks to the Toyota USA Foundation for partnering with us to support the academic success of our students.



John Stark Appointed as Associate Dean for the School of Business and Public Administration

Dr. John Stark has been at CSUB for thirteen years and has served in various campus leadership positions including Chair of the Academic Senate and Chair of the Department of Management and Marketing. John received his PhD in Business Administration from the University of Missouri at Columbia and his primary areas of teaching have been in organizational behavior, small business management, and managerial skills. He brings a wealth of knowledge and experience from his work in business and the public sector to his leadership position in the university that will benefit students, faculty, and the community.

Ashlea Wilson Receives the NASPA Dorothy Keller New Professional Award for Region VI



Ashlea is pictured second from right

Ms. Ashlea Wilson has been recognized by NASPA-Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education for her hard work and dedication in making positive changes in student affairs. She has served as Facilities & Special Programs Coordinator of the Student Recreation Center for more than two years and has also worked tirelessly at developing programs for youth in our

community through partnerships with the Bakersfield City School District and the National Youth Sports Program.

Dancers and Gamers Help Earn CSUB Recognition as Corporate Partner of the Year by the Foundation of Bakersfield Memorial Hospital

I joined our students in being honored to receive this award on behalf of our University at a special dinner held on November 27th. Many thanks to **Hilda Nieblas**, President of the **Dance Marathon Club** for the monies raised (\$6,823) from their 2012 Dance Marathon and to **Ed Webb**, President of the **CSUB Gamers Club** who raised (\$4,257) from their Extra Life Event held in October. All monies were donated to the Children's Miracle Network at Bakersfield Memorial Hospital.



University Council

The next University Council meeting will be held January 18, 2013 in the Albertson Room. University Council is an open forum for members of the campus community to voice concerns or make suggestions for continued improvement. All faculty, staff, and students are welcome to attend.

Please join us for the upcoming *President's Holiday Receptions* on December 11th from 3:30 – 5:00 p.m. and on December 12th from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. in the Dezember Reading Room of the Walter Stiern Library.

Happy Holidays!



Horace Mitchell
President