



University Executive Committee Meeting Notes March 28, 2013

Members: Rollin Richmond, Ken Ayoob, Brooke Fiore, Teresa Grenot, Denice Helwig, Anna Kircher, Steve Smith, Eric Van Duzer, Frank Whitlatch, Mary Hackett, Staff Support

Guests: Steve Karp, Lynn Sandstrom

President's Report

President Richmond noted how impressed he was with the presentation given by Scholar of the Year Terry Henkel, biological sciences.

The President reviewed the recent CSU Board of Trustees meeting with the following highlights:

- HSU has two audits that need to be completed.
- Legislative updates – Senator Carol Liu is the new chair of the education committee. She has been critical of higher ed in the past. The budget chair is vacant. House and Senate leaders are both termed out next year.
- There are a series of bills on fee waivers/fee policies. Republicans want a seven year freeze on fee increases.
- A bill creating a uniform numbering system for community colleges and CSUs is in the works.
- A bill addressing bottleneck courses with online courses is in the works. HSU will deliver math, communication, critical thinking and writing courses online this fall. These courses will be accepted by any CSU.
- Governor Brown attended the meeting and would like to see CSU become a national leader in online courses. Lieutenant Governor Gavin Newsom expressed less enthusiasm for CalState Online.
- Proposals for distributing the \$125 million budget increase were discussed with funds going to mandatory costs, employee compensation, enrollment growth, and student success initiatives. More information is available at <http://www.calstate.edu/bot/agendas/mar13/Finance.pdf>
- Two Trustee vacancies will occur this year.
- The Academic Senate is proposing a smoke free CSU

- The Chancellor's priorities are student success and access, faculty ad staff compensation and enrollment increases.

President Richmond met with Assemblyman Wes Chesbro and discussed plans for the Industrial Electric building and bottlenecks from the CA Coastal Commission. The City of Arcata is working on a general plan for properties along Samoa Blvd. and will work with HSU. They also discussed potential candidates for the Assembly Seat when Chesbro is termed out in two years. HSU will reach out to candidates.

CSU Student Trustees Ian Ruddell and Cipriano Vargas will visit campus on April 4.

Chancellor's Visit

The group reviewed the schedule for the Chancellor's visit and President Richmond shared the items he will discuss with the Chancellor.

Social Media Guidelines

Frank Whitlatch shared guidelines for using social media and a new social media page with a directory to all HSU social media outlets.

<http://www.humboldt.edu/social/>

All areas should share this widely and MarCom is available to assist with social media questions.