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University Executive Committee Meeting Notes

March 29, 2012

Rollin Richmond
Ken Ayoob
Peg Blake
Brooke Fiore
Teresa Grenot
Denice Helwig
Bryan Kelly
Anna Kircher
John Lee
Burt Nordstrom
Steve Smith
Bob Snyder
Carol Terry
Eric Van Duzer
Frank Whitlatch
Rhea Williamson
Patty Lindley, Staff Support

Guests:

Lauren Adabie
David Arwood
Rachel Brownell
Michael Bruner
Adrienne Colegrove-Raymond
Zo Devine
Mary Kay Hartman
Marylyn Paik-Nicely
Kris Patzlaff
Greg Pfothhauer
Eric Recchia
Nina Surbaugh

HSU's Mace Project

Professor Kris Patzlaff shared a proposal to create a new mace to be completed for HSU's centennial. She suggested that the existing mace be placed in the Library's Humboldt Room. Professor Patzlaff expects this project to be a collaborative effort and will be soliciting input from others. She will submit a proposed budget to President Richmond.

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President's Report

President Richmond reported that he recently visited with congressional representatives in Washington, DC as part of CSU's annual "Hill Day" event. He also met with HSU alumni as well as Catherine Woteki, Under Secretary for Research, Education & Economics.

He, accompanied by Provost Snyder, met with the local Tribal Chairs' group regarding the relationship between the tribes and HSU, where it was suggested that a Memorandum of Understanding be developed.

President Richmond reported on some of the topics discussed at the March 20 CSU Board of Trustees' meeting:

- Mentorship of future CSU leaders
- New posters for recruiting students and a "Matters to You" booklet regarding the consequences of budget reductions.
- HSU has two projects noted on the Capital Projects status report (Van Duzer Theatre and south Library seismic renovations).
- Cal State Online Start Up, Status and Vision – he noted that Executive Director Ruth Black will be visiting HSU on April 3 and 4.
- Digital Textbooks – CSU Affordability Strategy for Student Success
Peg Blake, Anna Kircher, and Rhea Williamson will discuss this item at HSU's next University Executive Committee meeting after determining what is feasible, given HSU's contract with Follett who manages the Bookstore. Provost Snyder noted that a clear plan on how to move e-textbooks into the classroom is needed.
- Report on Support Budget – President Richmond reported that California ranks 49th in K-12 spending and 50th for higher education spending among the states.

President Richmond attended the ACE (American Council on Education) Annual Meeting recently where Chancellor Reed received the TIAA-CREF Hesburgh Award for Leadership Excellence. He also had an opportunity to attend a presentation by Sal Kahn of the Khan Academy <http://www.khanacademy.org/>.

Other Reports

Dean Lee reported:

HSU's School of Education recently attended a retreat with the Humboldt County Office of Education to discuss initiatives of mutual interest. The annual Superintendent Luncheon may include a working session this year to further these discussions.

Vice President Blake reported:

- HippoCampus is another useful educational support site <http://www.hippocampus.org/>. She has been working with HSU's Admissions and Marcom offices regarding HSU promotional videos being featured on this site.

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- to avoid confusion, HSU's new portal will "go live" on July 2 after new students have registered.

Vice President Whitlatch reported:

- HSU's Honors Dinner is scheduled on April 20, with invitations being issued broadly in an effort to include a wide representation of the campus.

Provost Snyder reported:

- the CSU is restricting the number of units to be registered for Fall Semester with a 17 unit cap. Only students with an approved academic plan will be permitted to register for additional units as long as all units count toward graduation. Spring Semester 2013 will be closed with the exception of transfer students from College of the Redwoods.

Staff Council President Fiore reported:

- they have issued a call for nominations for new Staff Council members which will be followed by elections to fill staff vacancies on various committees.

AS President Kelly reported:

- Associated Students General Elections are taking place on April 18-20
- A group of students will be attending the CHES (California Higher Education Student Summit) in Sacramento April 20-23 where they will be addressing budget concerns.

Vice President Nordstrom reported:

- he is appreciative of the campus participation in the recent searches to fill vacant positions, noting the upcoming AVP for Human Resources search.

Dean Smith reported:

- he, accompanied by others, recently attended a meeting of the Yurok Tribal directors to discuss internships/partnerships.
- Rick Rosenthal, HSU alumnus and award winning cinematographer, will be premiering his new film, "Hot Tuna" at HSU on May 1 and 2.

Dean Grenot reported:

- the Library has extended its hours and beginning in mid-April, the Library Café will also have extended hours.
- a new interactive touch-screen electronic directory has been installed in the Library.
- Roy Tennant, an HSU alumnus and Senior Program Officer, OCLC (Online Computer Library Center) provided a guest presentation, "Planning for the Future in Libraries" followed by a panel discussion on March 27.

University Senate Chair Van Duzer reported:

- the Senate is taking steps to clarify its new procedures and processes.

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HSUAF Board Meeting in San Diego

Vice President Whitlatch reviewed the recent HSU Advancement Foundation Board meeting held recently in San Diego, noting its membership has expanded substantially in the past year. In addition to an annual off-campus “away” meeting, they also meet during Homecoming at HSU. The Board is focusing on expanding its fundraising efforts, particularly in the areas of scholarships and experiential learning. They also discussed two fundraising projects; a Centennial grove (west of the Kinesiology building) and renovation of the Green and Gold Room. He reported that the Patricia D. and William B. Smullin Foundation recently provided a multi-year grant totaling \$400,000 for HSU’s School of Business.

Community Garden at HSU

Students involved in the community garden ad hoc committee, Rachel Brownell, Lauren Adabie, Greg Pfothenauer, and Eric Recchia, as well as Professor Michael Bruner, presented a PowerPoint describing their vision for and the benefits of a community garden at HSU, including various design options and the role of CCAT. The University Executive Committee expressed support and requested that Vice Presidents Blake and Nordstrom provide assistance to the students.

Commencement Review

Mary Kay Hartman, Commencement Coordinator, briefly reviewed plans for the May 12 commencement, noting few changes from last year with the exception that students will gather in the East Gym instead of the Field House. HSU will be honoring Robert Klein with an Honorary Degree during the Noon ceremony.

Big Time Event

Marylyn Paik-Nicely, accompanied by Adrienne Colegrove-Raymond, Zo Devine, David Arwood, and Nina Surbaugh discussed the importance and benefits of the 5th Annual California Big Time and Social Gathering taking place at HSU on Saturday, April 7.