March 2009 Campus Newsletter

Message from Vice President Hagan:

University Budget News

After months of uncertainty, a new State budget was signed by Governor Schwarzenegger on February 20, 2009. The approved State budget includes a 17-month plan, ending in June 2010, that includes $12.8 billion in temporary tax and fee increases, which can be extended if voters approve a spending restriction measure; $15.1 billion in spending reductions, some of which will be restored if enough federal stimulus money is received; and $11.4 billion in borrowing in order to address an estimated State revenue shortfall of approximately $40 billion.

The budget is also contingent on voter approval of seven measures in two statewide elections, including ballots on spending restrictions; lottery fund restructuring; mental health funding; early childhood education funding; an amendment to Proposition 98’s school funding guarantee; a measure prohibiting pay raises to lawmakers and other state officials in years in which the state is running a deficit; and “open” primary elections for statewide office, legislators and members of Congress. Tied to the approval of the ballot on spending restrictions is authority for the state’s Department of Finance to reduce appropriations by up to 7% during a fiscal year, based on his or her findings regarding the adequacy of general fund resources.

In light of the voter-required ballots, a degree of uncertainty regarding both the University’s FY 2008-09 and 2009-10 budgets still remains. At this juncture, however, it appears the $32 million in combined baseline and one-time budget reductions the University has taken thus far will be sufficient for 2008-09. While a definitive budget for 2009-10 is still pending, additional internal 2009-10 budget reductions are anticipated, however, primarily due to unfunded mandates, such as benefit and energy cost increases; loan repayments; and the need to fund anticipated campus priorities, which would be recommended by the Planning Resource and Budget Committee (PRBC) and approved by the President.

Additional information regarding the 2009-10 will be provided as it becomes available.

Irvine Campus

Discussions are underway to move the Irvine campus from its current location on the former Marine Corps base at El Toro. Since 2002 the Irvine campus has been located in a leased building that is now a part of the Great Park Neighborhood development. The current lease ends on June 30, 2009, and will not be renewed since the building is

Capital Projects

The University will soon break ground on a new Student Housing Complex, a new Children’s Center, and a new Parking Structure. Additional information regarding these projects is provided below. As the campus moves forward with these projects, a reasonable question to ask is “if the State is experiencing an economic crisis, why is Cal State Fullerton going to have so much construction activity?”

The three upcoming campus construction projects are funded via campus user fees and thus are unrelated to the State’s economic situation. Funding for the Student Housing project is funded via housing room rental fees; Children’s Center is funded via student fees enacted via student referendum; and the Parking structure is funded via campus parking fees. No tax dollars will be used to support the construction or maintenance of the three projects. In addition, campus demand for services provided by the three projects remains high.

Student Housing Phase III

Construction of a $144 million
Campus discussions are continuing regarding leasing a commercial building in the Irvine Spectrum area that would provide additional space and will have convenient freeway access. Additional information will be provided as decisions are made.

Caution: Parking Impacts Ahead

The Student Housing Phase III, Children’s Center, and Eastside Parking Structure construction projects will all be located on existing parking lots (please refer to information in the sidebar for additional information regarding the three projects). As a result, existing parking will be displaced as follows:

- 1250 spaces in Lot E will be displaced in late March for the construction of the Student Housing project.
- 450 spaces in Lot A will be displaced in June for the construction of the Children’s Center.
- Following commencement, an additional 500 spaces in Lot E will be displaced for the construction of the new Parking Structure.

The following mitigation efforts have been initiated to minimize disruptions resulting from these projects:

- Temporary faculty and staff parking will be designated in Lot E by April 1 to off-set the loss of current faculty and staff parking in Lot E (west).
- Students arriving after 9 am Monday through Thursday will be limited to parking in Lots A and G where assisted parking is now available.
- Assisted parking may also be available for faculty and staff in Lots F and I beginning fall 2009. This option is subject to "meeting and conferring" with the various unions. Additional information regarding this potential option will be communicated via campus email should this option prove to be a viable alternative.
- Free off-campus University Parking and shuttle service to and from campus beginning fall 2009. Parking and Transportation is in the process of identifying potential off-campus lot locations to accommodate University parking needs during construction. Additional information will be communicated should an off-campus lot be identified.
- Reserved parking for carpoolers. Two or more students, faculty or staff who commute together to campus may be eligible to participate in the University’s carpool program and park in designated carpool spaces. Interested individuals can search for carpool partners or post commute information on the Carpool Message Board on the Parking and Transportation website: www.parking.fullerton.edu
- All members of the campus community are strongly encouraged to plan their commute to campus in advance and to consider one of the many money-saving alternate transportation methods posted on the Parking and Transportation website (e.g., OCTA University Pass Program, Metrolink Discounts, or bicycling or walking to campus).

For additional information, please visit the parking website at http://parking.fullerton.edu

student housing complex consisting of five 5 story buildings providing 1,064 dormitory-style beds is scheduled to begin in March 2009. These five buildings will also include administrative offices, conference and multipurpose rooms, laundry, mail facilities, a recreational lounge and convenience store. The project also includes a 1 story building which provides a 450 seat dining/kitchen facility and maintenance space.

The project’s six buildings will be located on a portion of Parking Lot E adjacent to the existing Residence Halls. Site improvements will include a pedestrian plaza, landscaping, lighting, recreational areas, bicycle parking and reconfigured surface parking. The project is scheduled to be complete in July 2011.

Children’s Center

Groundbreaking of a new $9.3 million Children’s Center project is anticipated in June 2009. The 15,317 square foot, single-story, multi-building facility will be located in Lot A and will accommodate up to 240 children. This project also includes extensive outdoor play areas and on-site drop-off and visitor parking. The estimated completion date is July, 2010, enabling the children of CSUF students, faculty and staff to occupy the premises for the ensuing fall semester.

Eastside Parking Structure
Going Green

Energy Conservation
Cal State Fullerton has a long and positive record of conserving energy. Over the last thirty years the University has implemented a variety of measures to assist in managing energy usage and utility costs. As a result, the energy usage for the campus has remained about the same despite the incredible growth in both facilities and population of the University. Energy consumption per gross square foot (GSF) has been reduced by 62%, from 146,000 million British Thermal Units (BTU) per GSF in 1980 to 55,000 million BTU per GSF in 2008.

University Unites to Save Energy
Recently, President Gordon announced the campus would implement additional energy savings measures designed to further assist in reducing the impact of recent budget reductions on the University’s academic mission.

In an email to the campus, President Gordon indicated non-essential building lighting would be reduced and building temperatures would be adjusted. The average annual savings generated from these energy savings measures is estimated at $400,000. Physical Plant is in the process of walking campus buildings to determine which lighting can be eliminated and consulting with faculty and others as appropriate to ensure heat sensitive research activities are safeguarded.

Solar Systems
Cal State Fullerton is participating in a state wide program to install Photo Voltaic (PV) panels on campus to generate power. The first panels will be installed on the new Eastside Parking Structure and will generate power that will be fed into the campus electrical infrastructure. The campus is also exploring solar installation in conjunction with the Student Housing Phase III project.

Water Conservation
During spring 2009 the University will begin a project to replace 300 restroom fixtures across campus with low flow devices. When complete, this effort will save more than five million gallons of water annually. The campus received funding from the Metropolitan Water District to assist in paying for upfront costs.

For additional energy saving measures, please refer to the information regarding the Tri-Generation Installation and the Capital Renewal Projects in the newsletter sidebar.

"Walk to Work – Walk to Wellness" Program
Parking & Transportation and Student Affairs teamed up to bring CSUF a new "Walk to Work – Walk to Wellness" (W2W) Program on March 1, 2009. This inaugural program, which is scheduled to last 9
weeks, serves to promote walking/cycling for health and well-being, as well as encourage walking/cycling as a primary commute mode to campus.

The kickoff event was Wednesday, February 25 in the TSU and over 80 teams have registered on-line to participate. Participants receive a pedometer to track their progress as they log and track miles walked or cycled against a predefined virtual course and use the website to record their progress. For the inaugural W2W program, the course identified is the CSU System – from San Diego State to Humboldt State and all campuses in between. As each team reaches a campus landmark, a “fun fact” about the campus is automatically emailed to the team as an indicator of their progress. Weekly prizes will be awarded during the program. Participants can log "leisure miles or time" (time spent on a treadmill, or walking on campus); faculty and staff who walk/cycle to work and are also enrolled in the Commuter Rewards Program will receive double the miles. To learn more about the Walk to Work/Wellness Program, please visit: www.parking.fullerton.edu/walktowork/.

University Leadership Institute


Thirty-one individuals, representing all six University divisions, were selected to participate in the University’s 2008-09 Leadership Development Program (LDP). Participants attend monthly leadership workshops as a cohort group and also work in small groups to research challenges identified by the Presidents Administrative Board (PAB).

Four campus projects were selected by PAB for the current program: Sustainability; Training and Development of Student Assistants; University Marketing and Sponsorship; and New Digital Media. Participants will present their findings and recommendations regarding these projects at the conclusion of the program in May.

Suspension of State-Funded Capital Projects

On December 24, 2008, CSU campuses were requested to temporarily suspend all state-funded capital projects due to the State’s severe cash flow crisis and its current inability to borrow funds in the market and pay for construction claims. Fortunately for Cal State Fullerton, the affect of this temporary stoppage was not severe. The campus moved forward in completing one crucial project to replace the fans in the Visual Arts Building during intersession, without which the building would not have been able to be occupied at the beginning of the spring 2009 semester.

Since the suspension does not apply to fee-supported, non-state funded capital projects, the campus was able to continue its efforts to complete a new Police Building, Children’s Center, Student Housing Phase III and the Eastside Parking Structure as previously described.

Tri-Generation Installation

A Tri-Generation facility consisting of a gas turbine and absorption chillers is currently under construction in an area east of the Nutwood Parking structure. The facility is referred to as a tri-generation facility because it will deliver three different types of energy to the campus: electrical power, cooling, and heating.
University Business Institute
The University Business Institute, established to respond to the increasing complexity of managing the University's financial resources, has started its second semester with seventeen sessions planned for Spring 2009. The functional tracks targeted to specific audiences provide practical, hands-on operational knowledge and resources to individuals responsible for overseeing or performing financial functions. Registration is online and ongoing, and abstracts are available at: [http://www.fullerton.edu/ubi](http://www.fullerton.edu/ubi).

Pictured from left are workshop leaders, Henry Soto, Assistant Vice President of Budget Management, Planning, and Strategy and Sarah Song, Director of Budget Planning and Administration (seated) presenting CSUF Budget 101 on February 19, 2008.

CMS Finance 9.0 Upgrade
CMS Finance will be upgraded from version 8.4 to 9.0 between March 5-12, 2009. The routine processing of most financial transactions is affected by this upgrade, and during the scheduled down-time the transaction feature will not be available. During this down-time the CMS Finance System will be available for inquiry only. During the upgrade, CMS Finance will be unavailable to the campus community beginning Thursday, March 5, 2009 at 12:00 p.m. noon tentatively through Friday, March 13, 2009 at 7:00 AM. Friday, March 13 is only a tentative date. The campus will be notified if the system becomes available earlier or later than this tentative date. Please be mindful of the timelines, and make any necessary plans to prepare for the Finance System down-time as outlined in the following: [http://www.fullerton.edu/cms/Finance/index.html](http://www.fullerton.edu/cms/Finance/index.html)

CMS Student Financials
The Student Financials module team continues to implement core functionality for student financials while fine tuning those functions previously implemented. The module team successfully converted all remaining student account balances from SIS+ on January 3, 2009. Tuition tax reporting (1098T) was also completed on January 27, 2009 meeting IRS deadlines with time to spare.

Conversion of MasterCard Pcard to American Express Pcard
American Express recently purchased GE Corporate Payment Services from GE Capital Finance, Inc. As a result, all University Pcard

Capital Renewal Projects
Capital Renewal projects are designed to replace major building components that have surpassed their useful life and have become too expensive to maintain, are in disrepair, or have become too inefficient to operate. Funding for projects of this nature is provided via the Major Capital Outlay program which is funded through the issuance of general obligation bonds voted for by the California electorate.

Recently Cal State Fullerton received capital renewal funds to upgrade heating, ventilation, air conditioning systems in older buildings. These types of upgrades improve the effectiveness and efficiency of campus energy and utility systems. Over the last couple of years, air handler systems, variable air volume and control systems in...
accounts issued before February 20, 2009 will be converted from a MasterCard Pcard to an American Express Pcard (AMX Pcard). University MasterCard Pcard accounts will expire on March 28, 2009. New AMX Pcards will be available for pickup beginning March 18, 2009 in CP-300. Please contact Michael Pruitt in Contracts and Procurement for additional information.

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)
Building on the recent success of the Great Southern California Shakeout drill, the campus is exploring faculty and staff interest in forming a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). CERT members receive training in fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization and disaster medical operations. The training is free and will be provided by members of the Fullerton Fire Department. If you are interested in attending CERT training please visit the following link: [http://www.zoomerang.com/Survey/?p=WEB228MPDDYF4S](http://www.zoomerang.com/Survey/?p=WEB228MPDDYF4S). If you have additional questions about CERT or emergency preparedness, please call Sergeant Justin Hendee x3572 or email him: jhendee@fullerton.edu.

Administration and Finance Strategic Plan
The Division of Administration and Finance initiated a comprehensive strategic planning process that provided all members of the Division and other campus constituents with opportunities to provide input on the Division’s Strengths, Weakness, Threats, and Opportunities (SWOT). Task forces were established based on this SWOT input. In summer 2008, a strategic plan for the Division, including four strategic goals and related objectives and prioritized action items, was established based on the work of these task forces and the previous SWOT input.

The Division’s strategic plan is designed to provide a common direction for the Division and define and prioritize actions necessary to successfully fulfill the Division mission and deliver the highest levels of service and support to the University. An electronic copy of the strategic plan can be found at: [http://vpadmin.fullerton.edu/VP/StrategicPlanning/](http://vpadmin.fullerton.edu/VP/StrategicPlanning/)

To date, approximately 49% of the priority one items included in the strategic plan have been completed or are in progress. While the current State and University budget situation will undoubtedly have an impact on the Division’s ability to implement some action items as quickly as we would like, the strategic plan and the priorities it identifies will be utilized to guide Division decision-making regarding budget and resource allocation.

Mihaylo Hall Starbucks Opening
A new Starbucks opened on December 11, 2008 in the Steven G. Mihaylo Hall building. More than 2,000 faculty, staff, and students stopped by to enjoy the grand opening event and enjoyed free coffee and cake. Four students won giveaways—an iPod, Schwinn bicycle, and two $50 Starbuck gift cards.

McCarthy Hall, Performing Arts and Kinesiology and Health Sciences have been replaced. Similar work is currently in progress in the Visual Arts building. The Humanities building is next on the to-do list, pending voter approval of additional general obligation bonds.

University Village Planning Study
Cal State Fullerton is engaged in a joint planning study with the City of Fullerton, considering long range future redevelopment possibilities for the area south of the campus, between Nutwood Avenue and Chapman Avenue. This area of about 60 acres currently contains the University’s College Park building, the Hope International University campus, apartments, offices, restaurants, a neighborhood shopping center, and parking lots.

Looking ahead, up to 20 years in the future, significant potential changes can be foreseen for this area, just as the campus itself is undergoing significant change. No specific capital project would necessarily emerge from this planning study. The purpose is to anticipate and shape potential future development in a manner mutually supportive of both the University’s and the City’s goals. Results of this study will be provided in a future newsletter.
Mihaylo Hall Starbucks
Grand Opening Celebration

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