

# *California State University Channel Islands*

President's Council Meeting Notes: Monday, January 30, 2006

The President's Council met on Monday, January 30, 2006 at 9:00 a.m. The meeting was held in University Hall, California State University Channel Islands, One University Drive, Camarillo.

In attendance: Herb Aquino, Terry Ballman, Gary Berg, Lisa Breckenridge, Renny Christopher, Meghan Ciuffetelli, Joanne Coville, Maria de la Luz Flores, Marti de los Cobos, Therese Eyermann, Art Flores, Traci Franks, Nancy Hill, Peggy Hinz, Bill Kupfer, Ted Lucas, Maureen McQuestion, Mike Middleton, Michelle Moon, George Morten, Ray Porras, Martha Reyes, Lisette Rodriguez, Melissa Remotti, Richard Rush, Greg Sawyer, Cathy Strauch, Jane Sweetland, Deborah Wylie.

President Rush welcomes all members after a brief introduction by each council member. The President stressed the importance of the Council and the involvement of all constituencies.

## **President's Report:**

- Dr. Rush announced that he and Deborah Wylie, AVP for Operations, Planning & Construction, would be attending the CSU Trustees meeting tomorrow. The second phase of campus student housing will be presented to the Trustees. The project, whose cost is three million dollars under budget, will be named Santa Cruz Village;
- President Rush advised that a significant announcement would be forthcoming tomorrow which will benefit the campus;
- With respect to enrollment, President Rush announced that we are above published targets to the Office of the Chancellor. That the campus exceeded the targets in the fall and spring. He went on to thank all campus individuals and constituencies for their involvement and mentioned that CSUCI had the highest percentage increase in the system.

There were no policies to consider.

## **Campus Reading Celebration:**

Dr. Renny Christopher, Professor of English, presented a review of the last two years of the Campus Reading Celebration and highlighted the fact that the program has evolved from one for students and faculty to one that involves the whole campus where all can have a "common intellectual experience by reading the book". She went on to mention that the first year Victor Villasenor's Rain of Gold was the selection and that last year Terry Tempest Williams, The Open Space of Democracy was the selection. Dr. Christopher stated that a task force was created to help select the book along with campus input and organize the events regarding the reading celebration; the CSUCI Foundation had been very supportive through their purchase of books for the campus.

She went on to state that other campus resources will be sought to purchase books for the next book selection which will be The Tortilla Curtain. The Tortilla Curtain, by T. Coraghessan Boyle, is a novel set in California that involves two couples, one living in an affluent community

and the other couple illegal immigrants living in a ravine adjacent to the affluent community. Dr. Christopher stated that the book presents, “parallels and contrasts coming together in the novel”. The topics of social class, immigration, and economics are highlighted. The author has written a number of books. Dr. Christopher stated that book availability is contingent upon support.

Dr. Rush said that, “One of things that make our program unique is that it involves the campus in a shared experience”.

### **Academic Master Plan:**

Dr. Terry Ballman, Professor of Spanish and Chair of the Academic Senate presented the Academic Master Plan. She reviewed two documents including the Revised Academic Program Master Plan 2006-2013 and Academic Programs Organized by Areas. Dr. Ballman went on to say that in spring of 2005, a Senate Task Force studied student data and conducted interviews. The task force reviewed job market, occupation, fastest growing programs and other factors to assist in deciding upon new academic programs.

Professor Ballman went on to review a sample of specific academic programs and stated that the process included planning, curriculum development, writing of course work, approval from the Office of the Chancellor, and finally, recruiting of faculty.

Dr. Ted Lucas, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, stated that planning is flexible and that the plan can be amended due to needs of students and the community. A review is conducted each spring. A brief discussion regarding the establishment of colleges versus a comprehensive university was held. The plan presented includes the comprehensive university approach.

Respectfully submitted,  
Art Flores