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CALIFORNIA FACULTY ASSOCIATION NEWS UPDATE

News Updates about the California State University:

- Fresno State Coach wins \$5.85 million over discrimination against female athletics
- Lt. Gov Garamendi shakes up Trustees meeting; calls for more investment in CSU
- Trustees hand highest pay ever to new campus pre at troubled CSU Dominguez Hills
- Another 10% Student fee hike kicks in
- Bill to reform CSU governance passes Senate committee
- Other goings-on at the CSU Trustees July meeting

FRESNO STATE COACH WINS HUGE JUDGEMENT AGAINST UNIVERSITY

Coach Lindy Vivas won a \$5.85 million jury award from CSU Fresno on Monday in a discrimination lawsuit in which she argued that her contract was not renewed by the university because she fought for equal funding for women's athletics under Title IX. The award is \$2 million more than she requested and is reportedly the largest judgment ever in a case against the CSU. Fresno State's athletics dept has faced numerous previous grievances filed with CFA and other lawsuits over gender inequities and harassment. The Fresno Bee editorialized: "...These problems didn't just come out of the blue. We've watched them unfold, even while university officials downplayed their seriousness."

For more info, see these among many articles in the Fresno Bee:
News: <http://www.fresnobee.com/265/story/81665.html>
Editorial: <http://www.fresnobee.com/opinion/story/81649.html>

LT. GOV GARAMENDI CALLS FOR CSU TRUSTEES TO BE STRONG ON NEEDED FUNDING; ACT LIKE LEADERS

"I am in the process of building a case with this Board of Trustees to ask, beg, plead for the funding this system needs. I'm convinced you are seriously under-funded," Lt. Gov John Garamendi told his fellow Trustees at their regular meeting on Tuesday. Frustrated by a contradictory presentation on whether or not there is a looming crisis in hiring enough CSU faculty members, and piecemeal measures to address the need to train math and science teachers, Garamendi said, "Without significant public investment in higher education, the California economy will stall....It's incumbent on us, and all of us are leaders, to beat the drum that the (legislature) needs to invest (in the CSU). They will respond if there is an outcry by leaders such as those in this room."

For more info, contact the office of Lt. Gov. John Garamendi
(916) 445-8994

TRUSTEES HAND HIGHEST PAY EVER -- \$295,000 -- TO NEW PRESIDENT OF CSU DOMINGUEZ HILLS

The CSU Trustees adopted the largest salary ever paid to a California State University campus president on Wednesday on the recommendation of CSU Chancellor Charles Reed. The lucky recipient is Mildred Garcia who starts August 1 at the helm of the troubled CSU Dominguez Hills campus in Carson on the border of Compton. Garcia also gets a free house, car, and the revised "executive transition" benefit when she leaves the job. CSUDH serves the largest proportion of working students and African Americans of any of the 23 CSU campuses. CSUDH is in an enrollment crisis. Student protests helped to stop a punishing budget cut by the chancellor when the campus missed enrollment targets last year. Funding was temporarily restored but enrollment continues to fall.

Learn more about CSU Dominguez Hills at
http://www.calfac.org/DH_JulyAction.html

ANOTHER 10% CSU STUDENT FEE HIKE KICKS IN

Although not yet adopted, the state budget almost certain to be signed by the governor will fail to prevent yet another 10% fee increase adopted by the CSU Trustees earlier this year. Officially the fee hike went into effect July 1, meaning students now pay 94% more than did students in 2002 to attend our state universities. The increase far outpaces the rate of inflation.

See the history of student fee hikes at
http://www.calfac.org/allpdf/researchcntr/Fee_History_1106.pdf

BILL TO REFORM CSU GOVERNANCE PASSES COMMITTEE

AB 1413, the CFA-sponsored bill that would reform some of the ways the CSU Trustees do business, passed the state Senate Education Committee today by a margin of 5-1. The bill, which is co-authored by Assemblymembers Anthony Portantino and Julia Brownley, now moves to the Senate Appropriations Committee.

To read the bill go to <http://www.leginfo.ca.gov> and search for AB 1413.
Contact for more info: Assemblymember Anthony Portantino (916) 319-2044

OTHER ACTIVITIES AT THE TRUSTEES MEETING

The Trustees...

- Got a report on Campus Pointe, a huge privately owned development project on university land at CSU Fresno,
- Voted on bonds for some of the CSU's vast collection of capital building projects,
- Heard grim news about the 2007/08 state budget and the intention to deal with it on campuses through cuts in teaching students,
- Talked about a plan to increase hiring of faculty, saying faculty are the CSU's "most valuable asset"; also heard a chancellor's report that blamed the faculty's pay and benefits for forcing class cuts on some campuses. CFA Vice President Kim Geron called on the Trustees "stop the scapegoating" and work together with the faculty to protect instruction of students,
- Learned about another executive entering the controversial "transition" pay program, this one to help the chancellor cope with a state audit being conducted into the CSU's executive compensation practices,

See the Trustees' complete meeting agenda at
<http://www.calstate.edu/BOT/agendas>

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