CSU GOALS

Studies Focus on Learning Outcomes

In an effort to help the CSU system develop standards for its graduating students, CSUS, CSUS Chico and San Francisco State recently completed a pilot study on learning outcomes in math and writing. Its completion followed four months of work at the three campuses. The final report was handed to the Chancellor’s Office in January.

It stressed the importance of creating assessable standards for all CSU graduates, a point also included in the CSU Cornerstones Report. Generally, it proposed that in math, CSU graduates should view mathematical methods as a useful way to reason, be aware of the need for math, be able to understand and perform math functions, understand mathematical information, and be able to apply their mathematical knowledge. In writing, students should be able to write for different audiences, be able to write different types of texts, and be able to develop and carry out a writing plan.

“Eventually, these types of efforts will allow the CSU system to say publicly what it expects. It will make everyone accountable,” says Jackie Donath, faculty coordinator for general education at CSUS who organized the pilot project work here. “At another level, it allows us to say what we believe higher education should look like.”

Standards also could influence curriculum at the community college and high school level, Donath says, since they would make CSU expectations clear.

Donath says the CSU system could eventually create learning outcomes for all major subject areas in general education. Each campus, however, would likely administer its own assessments, which could take a variety of forms, including testing and portfolios.

This latest work is part of an overall CSU effort to develop learning outcomes which began in the late 1980s. In 1997, the Division of Academic Affairs in the Chancellor’s Office and the Institute for Teaching and Learning made developing these outcomes a priority.

It isn’t the only project on learning outcomes in which CSUS is involved.

For instance, Dean Dorn in sociology is involved in a major project being carried out with a $2.5 million grant from Pew Charitable Trust and the American Association of Higher Education. He is working with representatives from five other public urban universities — Portland State, Georgia State, the University of Massachusetts at Boston, Indian University-Purdue University at Indianapolis and the University of Illinois at Chicago.

Among the objectives of the project is developing a list of core learning goals and outcomes that cut across general education and the major, and creating an “institutional portfolio” highlighting the University, its expectations and its plans to improve. The project also seeks to identify a particularly strong teaching practice as well as strong barriers to implementing learning outcomes.

The pilot study organized by Donath is the first multi-campus attempt within the CSU system to develop general education learning outcomes. These are generally seen as more difficult to create than outcomes for students entering specific professions such as nursing and engineering.

While the proposed standards are important, Donath says the solutions the groups developed for getting diverse groups of professors to agree on outcomes was perhaps most significant.

A total of three dozen professors were involved in the work at different campuses, with representatives from each campus meeting to compile the final report. Those representing CSUS at the joint meetings were Donath, Joan Bauerly, Edward Shea and Anne-Louise Radinsky.

More information on learning outcomes work in the CSU system is available at www.co.calstate.edu/aa/sloa/.

— Frank Whitlatch

NEWSLETTERS AND MORE — Designer Laura Sorrentino lays out a recent CSUS Bulletin in the new publications and design office in Sacramento Hall. The unit, which resulted from the merger of university publications and the design unit of reprographics, provides services such as graphic design, editorial review and photo coordination for the campus community.

CSUS graduates about 4,500 students each year and now has more than 130,000 alumni.

New Publications Office Open and Going Strong

With little fanfare the new Office of University Publications and Design opened to campus clients this academic year.

The office offers the CSUS campus community combined services ranging from planning, estimating, writing, designing and proofing for all print communications. The new service merged the office of University Publications with the graphic design/pre-press unit in Reprographics. The new office, located in Sacramento Hall 116, is staffed by graphic designers Laura Sorrentino, Claire Harding and Eric Joseph, and director/editor Geri Welch. The office specializes in cost-effective, attractive and useful publications.

Services include:

• graphic design, including formatting, paper and ink color recommendations
• photo coordination, including scanning of photos and slides
• editorial review for correct and current information, and compliance with University policies
• fast turn-around time on all projects.

The office works on projects big and small. Projects include, but aren’t limited to, brochures, flyers, folders, posters, programs, magazines, newsletters and invitations. Equipped with state-of-the-art Macintosh workstations, the designers work with a full range of software, including Photoshop, PageMaker, Illustrator and Freehand. Text may be transmitted either by disk or by email.

Since the doors opened, the office has worked on close to 400 projects, ranging from business cards to four-color brochures.

The Office of University Publications and Design has recently published A Guide for Development of Successful Publications and Other Print Projects. For a copy of the guide, or for more information on the office, call 278-4380.

Veteran CSUS Coach Named Athletics Director

Twenty-three year veteran volleyball coach Debby Colberg has been appointed Director of Intercollegiate Athletics at CSUS.

In making the appointment President Donald R. Gerth said, “I am delighted that we have the opportunity for one of our own — one of the nation’s best coaches and one of Sac State’s most successful coaches — to take the reins of our athletics program. Coach Colberg has spent her professional life dedicated to our program. She understands CSUS, our students and our goals. She will apply her own high standards to the entire program. I’m convinced she’ll do an outstanding job.”

Colberg, who has agreed to take the position for two years, said, “My role over the next two years is to completely assess the athletics program and provide to the University administration a basis for which decisions can be made. We need to examine the philosophy of the program and its components so that appropriate
Knowledge Factory Revisted: Technology and the New University,” panel at the recent California Studies Conference in Berkeley.

In the News

Kevin Cornell, political science, was quoted in a Dec. 7 Daily California article about U.S. Senator Barbara Boxer.

Eric Premack, Institute for Education Reform, was quoted in a Dec. 4 San Francisco Chronicle article about a UCLA charter school study. He was also quoted in a Jan. 26 Investor’s Business Daily article about school reform.

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Marie Helt, a new professor in the English department, specializes in applied linguistics course and two sections of a language acquisition course.

Helt earned a bachelor’s degree in German from CSU Fullerton. She earned master’s degrees in German language and literature and in

Ayad Al-Qazaz, sociology, was quoted in a Dec. 6 and 23 Orange County Register articles about international sanctioning of Iraq and Operation Desert Fox.

Tim Hudson, Center for California Studies, was quoted in a Dec. 9 Wall Street Journal article about an effort to require licensing of electricians and other labor-sponsored initiatives in California. He was quoted in a Dec. 18 Los Angeles Times article about a study showing California’s population will double and become strongly Latino in 2040. He was also quoted in a Jan. 11 San Diego Union-Tribune article about Gov. Gray Davis’ administration.

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Bob Marone, psychology, was quoted in a Dec. 15 Christian Science Monitor article about Baby Boomers dealing with issues of life and death.

Barbara O’Connor, communication studies, was quoted in a Jan. 25 Associated Press article about 2000 presidential candidate Bill Bradley visiting California.

Jeff Lustig, government, was quoted in an article in the Feb. 5 issue of The Chronicle of Higher Education about changes in the CSU system.

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Professor Mullinix’s Gift Still Helping New Faculty

A retired member of the CSUS faculty received a pleasant surprise, when he learned that an emergency loan fund he established for new faculty in 1968 has more than tripled in size.

The fund has provided short-term emergency loans to between 30 and 40 CSUS faculty members during the past several years. It was established by Floyd Mullinix, whose career at CSUS spanned 27 years. From 1956 to 1976 he was in academic affairs, and from 1977 to 1983 he was a professor of educational administration.

In 1968, when Mullinix established the fund, he had just returned to CSUS from a two-year stay in Brazil. There, he had served on a four-member team selected from the CSUS system to assist the Brazilian Education office in the improvement and expansion of secondary education in that country.

Mullinix had purchased a new Cheverolet for the trip, which he sold when his stay was over. Because new cars were in great demand in Brazil, Mullinix realized a profit. However, he was advised by the U.S. Embassy that he could keep only what he had paid for the car and the remainder would have to go to a charitable cause of his choice.

During his career in academic affairs, Mullinix was involved with processing all faculty new to Sacramento State College, as CSUS was then known. That work led to his gift. “Many of our new faculty members are almost destitute when they arrived here fresh from graduate school, and really struggled to come up with money for rent and other expenses,” Mullinix recalled. “It took two months to start collecting a paycheck, and we couldn’t loan funds against a state salary. About all I could do was to help them get a loan from a lending institution by vouching for them.”

So Mullinix decided to send his windfall profit from the car’s sale, $4,903.23, to start an emergency loan fund. Today, the fund stands at $17,000, and is still used for its original purpose, according to David Wagner, dean of faculty and staff affairs.

The maximum loan amount is $800, and priority is given to full-time faculty beginning their first year of employment at CSUS. The loan is interest-free if paid back within 90 days.

“These often are absolutely vital dollars for our new faculty members, and they are so appreciative,” Wagner said. “We have no outstanding loans; the money is repaid so that others can use it.”

NSB Meeting
Feb. 17-18

Members of the University community are invited to attend a meeting of the National Science Board (NSB) on Feb. 17-18 at the Getty Center in Los Angeles. It is the only meeting that the NSB holds outside Washington, DC, each year.

The session will begin with a short business meeting. Then, in the afternoon of the first day and for the remainder of the second day, there will be a symposium on “Environmental Research, Education and Assessment.” Topics will include “Emerging Interdisciplinary Opportunities,” “Ethics and Equity” and “Enabling Partnerships.”

There will be concluding remarks by Eamon Kelly, chair of the NSB; Jane Lubchenco, chair of the NSB Task Force on the Environment; and Rita Colwell, director of the National Science Foundation.

Library Workshops

The Library is offering two workshops this spring designed to help users with computer searches. They will be held in Library 2024.

“Demystifying Library Databases,” a survey of library databases covering some strategies that can be used with each system. Sessions will be: Feb. 18, 7-9 p.m.; Feb. 24, 2-4 p.m.; March 4, 10 a.m.-noon; March 10, 7-9 p.m.; March 18, 7-9 p.m.

“Don’t Get Caught in the Web,” a hands-on lab about advanced search techniques and tips on finding specific information on the World Wide Web, will be offered on: Feb. 17, 10 a.m.-noon; Feb. 25, 7-9 p.m.; March 3, 7-9 p.m.; March 11, 10 a.m.-noon; March 17, 10 a.m.-noon; March 24, 7-9 p.m.; March 25, 10 a.m.-noon.

Library Tours
Feb. 15-19

Hour-long guided tours of the Library will continue this week. The tours start in the Library main lobby at the base of the escalator at the following times: Monday - 10 a.m., noon, 2 p.m.; Tuesday - 10:30 a.m., noon, 2:30 p.m., 6 p.m.; Wednesday - 10 a.m., noon, 2 p.m.; Thursday - 10:30 a.m., noon, 2:30 p.m.; Friday - 10 a.m., noon, 2 p.m.

Faculty who assign a Library tour may require their students to turn in a blue tour voucher as proof that the assignment was completed. Individuals may take a self-guided Checkpoint Tour whenever the Library is open. The Checkpoint Tour is available at the Information Desk and the Audio Tour is available from the Library Media Center. Those who take a self-guided tour will receive the blue voucher upon completion of the tour.

Faculty who would like to bring their classes to the library for specialized instruction may contact Linda Goff at 278-5981.

New Scholarships
From Level One

Level One, a Sacramento high-tech company involved in analog circuit design, has provided the University with $24,000 for scholarships. The money will provide tuition and fees for four junior level electrical and electronic engineering students for two years. Students will be expected to maintain their outstanding academic achievement as well as work a paid internship at Level One during the semester. These scholarships are part of a pilot program with CSUS that the company expects to expand in coming years.

New Center Seeks to Impact Crime Policy

Anthropology professor Troy Armstrong long believed that CSUS, as the only comprehensive university in California’s capital, should be more involved with state crime policy. Joseph Sheley, dean of the College of Social Sciences and Interdisciplinary Studies and a nationally known expert on youth gun culture, thought so as well.

So last summer, the two founded the first University research center dedicated to studying crime policy, developing programs and evaluating crime control efforts. It’s called the Center for Delinquency and Crime Policy Studies.

“The University overall has a number of criminal justice experts,” Sheley says. “But we have not systematically partnered with state and local government to the extent we might. That is what this Center is for.”

The Center has under its umbrella Armstrong’s Intensive Aftercare Program for youth offenders, a study on Native American gangs, and an extensive evaluation of a California pilot program for high-risk first-time and first-time youth offenders.

“Crime issues are extremely important in this state,” Armstrong says. “Because crime is generally a growth industry, there are many opportunities for a Center like this in Sacramento.”

Already, professors from anthropology, education and sociology, as well as administrators not affiliated with the University, are working through the Center.

Armstrong is continuing to work on his Intensive Aftercare Program along with David Altschuler of Johns Hopkins University. The program, which seeks to reduce the number of repeat youth offenders, has been funded through the U.S. Department of Justice for the last decade. There are now model programs operating in Colorado, Nevada and Virginia.

Armstrong’s longtime anthropology graduate student, Barbara Mendenhall, is the Center’s full-time researcher. She is currently finishing a study on gangs in Native American populations in Arizona, the first comprehensive study on the topic.

But the project that requires the most work is the evaluation of the state’s High Risk Youth Education and Public Safety Program. The $80 million pilot program began in 1997 with legislation Armstrong helped write, using findings from his work on the Intensive Aftercare Program. It proposes new ways for public safety authorities and schools to understand high-risk youth.

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Job News

Recruitment has been initiated for the following position: Director of International Programs. Review of the applications will begin on March 1, and will continue until the position is filled.

Questions concerning this position should be addressed to Research, Graduate and Extended Programs, at 278-6402.

Web Sightings

http://sage.ecs.csus.edu/CBTWEB/

Online courses on many of the latest software is free for CSUS faculty, staff and students at this website, hosted by the College of Engineering and Computer Science. Users choose from courses on operating systems, programming languages, office applications, and Internet browsers. They can be taken anytime using a campus computer or a computer with a SacLink connection.
was nominated for the 1990 Academy Award for Best Animated Short Film.

The second and third cartoons, The Wrong Trousers and A Close Shave won Academy Awards for Best Animated Short Film in 1993 and 1996.

Public Policy Series Starts Feb. 16

The College of Social Sciences and Interdisciplinary Studies and the graduate program in public policy and administration will present a spring semester seminar series featuring John Henry, CSUS professor of economics, several visiting university professors and Jean Ross, executive director of the California Budget Project.

Ross will discuss “The State Budget and Social Trends in California,” as the opening speaker for the series in the Walnut room of the University Union Feb. 16. The series continues through May 5 with all presentations being held from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

The second speaker in the series is Jon Sonstelie, professor of economics at the University of California, Santa Barbara and visiting researcher at the Public Policy Institute of California. He will speak March 9 in the Walnut room on “The Serranos versus Priest Decision, Proposition 13 and the Prospect for School Finance Reform in California.”

Tom Birkland, political science, State University of New York, Albany will discuss “The Role of Focusing Events In Setting Public Policy” on March 22 in the Oak room; and Paul Lewis, political science, and research fellow, Public Policy Institute of California will present “Retail Politics in California’s Cities; the Battle Over Local Sales Tax Revenue,” on April 7, in the Valley Suites.


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and youth who have just been released from custody, in part by providing school-based afternoon and weekend programs. Statewide, 17 cities and 16 counties are taking part.

The contract for a four-year evaluation of the pilot program ultimately made the Center possible.

Both Armstrong and Mendenhall are working on the evaluation. Also involved in Boho Wu, who was hired in the fall to work on the project as well as teach in the University’s sociology department. Francisco Reveles from the education administration and policy studies department and Tom Williams from the education administration also are conducting research for the project.

Armstrong says he hopes to help more professors get involved with crime policy studies departments.

He also says a major goal of the Center will be to provide CSUS students from various fields with practical experience in applied research. He now has three graduate assistants working with the Center, one on his federal project and two on the evaluation project.

Ongoing

"Electronic CSUS," recent work by the Encina High School art department, 10:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Mon.-Fri., (5-8 p.m. Wed.-Thurs.), University Union Exhibit Lounge; exhibit continues to Feb. 26.

“The Golden Road to Freedom: African Americans in California 1775-1900, African-Americans in California 1775-1848,” photo exhibit, Multi-Cultural Center, 9 a.m.5 p.m., Monday - Friday to March 12.

Monday, Feb. 15

Student Awards Show. Artwork of students who have been awarded scholarships and fellowships through art department endowments, noon 5 p.m., Robert Else and Raymond Witt Galleries. Reception and presentation of awards noon-2 p.m. Exhibits continue to March 17.

Black History Month event, “Color Blind Racism: One More River to Cross,” by Otis Scott, CSUS ethnic studies department, noon, University Union Orchid Suite.

Tuesday, Feb. 16

Ergonomic awareness training for CSUS Faculty and staff, 11 a.m. noon and 1-2 p.m., Library 11. Call Valerie Torres at 278-6456 to reserve a seat.

“State Budget and Social Trends in California,” by Jean Ross, executive director for the California Budget Project, 4 p.m., University Union Walnut Room.

Wednesday, Feb. 17

Job Fair, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., University Ballroom. Call the Career Center at 278-6321 for more information.

John Sirkis, folk, bluegrass and humor, noon, University Union Auditorium.

Black History Month event, “Growing Up in Montgomery, Alabama in the 1950s,” by Otis Brown of the CSUS criminal justice department, 1 p.m., University Union softball Suite.

Festival of Bands featuring the Symphonic Wind Ensembles, 7:30 p.m., Music Recital Hall. Tickets are $6 general, $4 students and seniors, and are available at the Central Ticket Office and all BASS Ticket Centers at or door.

Thursday, Feb. 18

Friends of the Library used book and poster sale, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Library lower level.

Marcus Shelby Tito, jazz, 11:45 a.m., University Union Redwood Room.

“National Ignition Facility: Status and Applications,” by Jeffrey Koch of the Lawrence Livermore Laboratory, 4 p.m., MND 1015.

Women’s basketball vs. Idaho State, 7 p.m., Memorial Auditorium.

Friday, Feb. 19


Television showing of Children of the Camps, a documentary about CSUS professor Salkin’s work on the emotional impact of the internment camps on Japanese Americans during WW II, 9 p.m., KVIE Channel 6.

Saturday, Feb. 20

College Awareness Day, a college preparation program designed for 6th-9th graders and their parents, 9 a.m.1 p.m., University Union. Call 278-7562 for information.

Women’s basketball vs. Idaho State, 7 p.m., Memorial Auditorium.

Piano Series recital featuring Dan Wexler, 8 p.m., Music Recital Hall. Tickets are $6 general, $4 students/seniors, tickets available at the Central Ticket Office, all BASS Ticket Centers or at or door.

Monday, Feb. 22

Faculty recital featuring Richard Swain on guitar, 8 p.m., Music 151. Tickets are $6 general, $4 students/seniors, tickets available at the Central Ticket Office, all BASS Ticket Centers or at or door.

Tuesday, Feb. 23

“Prophecy in America,” a dramatic portrayal of Martin Luther King, Jr. by Felix Justice, 7:30 p.m., University Union Ballroom.

Wednesday, Feb. 24

“Recognition, Reward and Renewal,” by Dale Tom of the California School Boards Association, 10:30-11:30 a.m. and 1:30-2:30 p.m., Library 11. Tom will discuss why some people “love” to come to work every day and how to achieve that goal. A CSUS Administration and Business Affairs Guest Speaker Program presentation.

Black History Month event, “Teaching and Traveling in West Africa,” by Cecil Canton and Brian Uwatsia of the CSUS criminal justice department, noon, University Union Fort Hill Suite.

Animation Festival, noon-2 p.m., University Union Auditorium.

El Bailo (The Dance), performed by Dale Scholl DanceNet, 8 p.m., Sefano Hall 1010. Student, $15 general, $12 students/seniors, $8 children 12 and under. Performances continue Feb 25-27, March 5, 6, 12 and 13. For more information and reservations, call 451-3732.

Thursday, Feb. 25

Upstairs, poetry and music, 11:45 a.m., University Union Redwood Room.

Men’s basketball vs. Northern Arizona, 7 p.m., Memorial Auditorium.

“Swing into Spring,” swing dance concert with Zoppo & The True Tone, 7:30 p.m., University Union Ballroom.

Friday, Feb. 26

Fourth annual Black History rally, “The Legacy of African Americans in Leadership for the Present and Future,” with various speakers, student organizations, American vendors, dance, music and theatrical performances, 10 a.m. 2 p.m., University Union Ballroom.

Ergonomic awareness training for CSUS faculty and staff, 11 a.m.-noon and 1-2 p.m., Library 11. Call Valerie Torres at 278-6456 to reserve a seat.

“Helping ESL Students Succeed,” teaching workshop with Roberta Ching and Tina Jordan, noon-2 p.m.,lassen 1102. Call 278-9495 for more information.

Renaissance Society forum, “International and National Disaster Preparedness and Response,” by Bill Larson, director of emergency services, Sacramento Sierra chapter, American Red Cross, 3 p.m., Mendocino 1005.

Saturday, Feb. 27

Men’s basketball vs. CSUS Northridge, 2 p.m., Memorial Auditorium.

Tuesday, March 2

Center for Teaching and Learning open forum, 4 p.m., Lassen 1004.

Wednesday, March 3

“A Night with Tom DeLuca, Hypnosis,” 7:30 p.m., University Union Ballroom, $7-5 general, $5-50 students. Tickets are available through the CSUS Central ticket Office and all BASS ticket Centers. A second show will be held 7:30 p.m., Saturday, March 6.

Thursday, March 4

Friends of the Library used book and poster sale, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Library lower level.

CSUS flute Studio performs The Complete flute Bach Sonatas, 8 p.m., Music Recital Hall. $6 general, $4 students/seniors, tickets available at the Central Ticket Office, all BASS Ticket Centers or at door.

Faculty Senate

Tuesday, 2/23

1:30 p.m., Program Review Subcommittee, SAC 275 3 p.m., Executive Committee, SAC 275

Wednesday, 2/24

3 p.m., General Education Course Review Subcommittee, SAC 275

Monday, 3/1

3 p.m., General Education Policies/Graduation Requirements Committee, SAC 275

Tuesday, 3/2

1:30 p.m., Curriculum Policies Committee, SAC 275 3 p.m., Executive Committee, SAC 275