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CSU Trustees Unanimously Approve Northridge Master Plan

Transparency, Openness and Inclusiveness are Hallmarks of Two-Year Process to Shape Campus of Future

California State University trustees on March 15 voted their unanimous approval of Envision 2035, the Cal State Northridge planning initiative that will help frame the university’s physical development for the next several decades.

The vote approved the revised master plan as well as an increase in the campus’ master plan enrollment capacity from 25,000 to 35,000 full-time equivalent students (FTES). That growth is equivalent to about 16 percent annual growth over 30 years. The trustees also certified the final environmental impact report on the plan.

In remarks to the trustees, President Jolene Koester called the adoption of the new campus master plan “a critical step in our ability to plan for CSUN’s future.”

President Koester in spring 2004 appointed a 25-member campus committee to lead a comprehensive review of CSUN’s existing master plan, and to work collaboratively on an updated master plan envisioning the campus’ future layout and design.

Praising President Koester and university officials for their leadership, CSU Chancellor Charles B. Reed also saluted all the Northridge participants for their patience in creating a plan that anticipates the evolving educational needs of the region.

Headed by CSUN finance department chair William Jennings, committee members devoted nearly two years to consultation and study, to a comprehensive environmental review process, to student photo surveys and a series of open forums that sounded out both campus stakeholders and Valley communities.

“The campus did everything it could to involve and inform,” Reed said. “People may not know, for example, that the campus already includes Environmental Health and Safety compliance manager Tony Pepe. ‘People who think EMS’ will prevent those products from doing harm by calling Asset Management for recycling guidelines,’” he said. Asset Management’s number is (818) 677-5557.

Electronic products provide another example. Copiers, computers and fax machines become what is called E-waste at the end of their useful lives, said Environmental Health and Safety (EHS) director Ron Norton, director of environmental health and occupational safety, said most people on campus consider themselves friends of the environment, but may be surprised to discover they are not aware of the procedures to follow to protect that “friend.”

People may not know, for example, that state law has long prohibited disposal of all kinds of batteries—flashlight, watch, cell phone, calculator—by simply tossing them into waste bins,” said Norton.

The EMS training provides answers and guidance for proper practices in such cases. Battery disposal guidelines, for example, can be obtained from Environmental Health and Safety at (818) 677-2401.

The campus project is managed by the EMS Advisory Board, chaired by Cal State Northridge College of Science and Mathematics Dean Jerry Stinner. For information, contact EHS at (818) 677-2401.

To raise awareness about EMS, Environmental Health and Safety will distribute informational brochures and an e-mail newsletter, and provide EMS information to new employees.

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University Police, DMV Crack Down on Disabled Parking Fraud

Campus Operation Cites 15 Drivers for Parking in Spaces Reserved for People with Disabilities

Four Cal State Northridge police officers joined 20 investigators from California’s Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) in a March crackdown on able-bodied drivers who fraudulently use disabled placards to obtain prime parking spaces. Fifteen drivers were cited in the March 21 operation for misusing the placards.

Unfortunately, disabled placard fraud may be one of the most abused laws on the books,” said university police Capt. Alfredo Fernandez, commanding officer responsible for traffic and parking enforcement at CSUN. “Joint task forces such as these allow us to place a more sustained and directed effort in our enforcement of the law that would not usually be available with our resources alone.”

DMV spokesman Mike Miller said investigations such as the one that took place in March are made in response to complaints from people with disabilities, local law enforcement authorities, campus officials or even fellow students.

“Able-bodied people who park in disabled spots to save themselves time may think they’re committing a harmless, victimless crime,” he said. “But they’re actually inconveniencing and potentially endangering someone who can’t park anywhere else. We’re happy to work with campus officials to expose people who try to cheat the system.”

During the recent investigation, authorities made contact with drivers who parked in spaces for the disabled and showed no obvious signs of disability. Officers verified the placard displayed and determined whether its required registration was in fact issued to the driver in question. Sentences handed down to past violators cited on campus with no prior convictions included seizure of the placard, fines from $250 to $600, eight hours of community service at Cal State Northridge’s Center on Disabilities and a one-year probation. Convictions can result in fines as high as $5,500 and imprisonment for up to six months.

The operation should serve as a warning to anyone who even considers breaking the law, said Anne Glavin, chief of CSUN’s Police Department. “Take the extra time and make the extra steps. It’s not worth getting caught.”

Northridge and PIQE Form Parent Education Partnership

Program Involves Parents in Push to Boost College Admissions for Under-Served

Aiming to improve the college admission rates of under-served populations, CSUN Northridge and the Parent Institute for Quality Education (PIQE) have formed a partnership to provide an innovative parent-involvement program to 15 area public schools during the next three years.

PIQE provides nine-week programs that teach parents of K–12 students how to navigate the school system and assure their children’s grade-level academic progress. The program also explains about “A thru G” high school classes and tests that are required for admission to universities. Since 1987, PIQE has graduated more than 350,000 California parents from among 15 language groups.

“Cal State Northridge is proud to be working with the Parent Institute for Quality Education,” said President Jolene Koester. “Given the increased diversity of California and our multicultural society, we must work to ensure that everyone in the community has the opportunity to benefit from a college education.”

PIQE, a statewide research-based and comprehensive parent involvement program in California, plans to offer its program to parents at five San Fernando Valley-area public schools for each year of the three-year program. Among the schools participating in the first year will be Sylmar High School, Van Nuys Middle School and Sun Valley Middle School. PIQE classes are taught in English, Spanish and 13 other languages, and are offered in morning and evening sessions.

Vahac Mardirosian, PIQE’s founder, said the organization had its genesis in the Los Angeles student walkouts of 1968 and in the more than 30 years of dedicated work by many individuals in the community committed to a quality education for all students. “PIQE has developed and widely implemented a model for increasing parent involvement in K–12 schools where parent participation has been difficult to achieve. The barriers that discourage immigrant parents from participating in schools are not insurmountable,” Mardirosian said.

The California State University system, through CSU Chancellor Charles B. Reed, has pledged $75,000 to PIQE during a three-year period to serve the 15 schools within Cal State Northridge’s service area. PIQE will match the Cal State system’s pledge and leverage private contributions to cover the program’s cost.

Northridge’s Art Department chair David Moon told trustees the vision for faculty housing on CSUN’s North Campus is an idea whose time has come. Escalating local housing prices in the past five or six years, Moon said, have created “great difficulties” for the university in the hiring and retaining of faculty and staff.

“This is a very typical story that I hear throughout our campuses,” he added.

A representative of Los Angeles City Councilman Greig Smith roused concerns about responsibility for traffic project costs connected with campus plan changes. State law and court rulings, however, indicate the CSU is exempt from payment for campus plan-related improvements outside of the CSUN campus.

To learn more about Envision 2035, visit www.csun.edu/envision2035/.
For Your Information publishes announcements of events, public meetings, notices, classes, and deadlines. Submission deadline is noon on Monday, one week before the next issue.

The deadline for the April 17 issue is Monday, April 10. Please include to arrive by deadline occurring until the next issue. Submit future items by e-mailing them to pubinfo@csun.edu, sending them to mail drop 8242 or faxing them to (818) 677-6000. E-mail is the preferred method of submitting.

Notes

One-on-One Counseling with TIAA-CREF
TIAA-CREF consultant, presenter. Thu., April 13, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
The University Corporation Administration Office
Sierra Center Conference Room, third floor

ITR Faculty/Staff Training
Information Technology Resources (ITR) provides free training workshops for CSUN faculty and staff. To sign up, call x2204. The training labs are located on the garden level of the Oviatt Library.

Excel for Beginners
Tue., April 11, 9-11 a.m. OV 33

Financial Series
Student Affairs and the University Student Union (USU) offers CSUN students a financial management workshop, “Decoding the Language of Investing.” Wed., April 5, from 4-5 p.m. in the USU’s Pasadena Room.

fmi—Carole Desgropes-Brown, x2491

Academic Freedom Series
The Center for Innovative and Engaging Learning Opportunities (CIELO) offers faculty and students three sessions examining the status of academic freedom at CSUN and in the broader sociopolitical context.

Location for all sessions: Sierra Center, third floor

• “Defining Academic Freedom”
  Evan Gerstmann, Loyola Marymount University and political science professor. Tue., April 18, 3:30–5:30 p.m.
  “Academic Freedom Now: Climate and Threats in a Changing World”
  Wed., April 19, 3–5 p.m.
• “Teaching and Learning Freely: Creating a Safe and Open Classroom Climate”
  Thu., April 20, 3:30–5:30 p.m.

Deadlines

Excellence Awards
Nominations for CSUN’s Presidential Award, Award of Merit and Team Excellence Award are due by June 7. Winners will be recognized at the annual Staff Service and Excellence Recognition event. Nomination forms are available at www.admn.csun.edu/bhs/training/courses/index.htm and completing the online registration form for each workshop. fmi—Melissa Billiter, x3820
  "Conflict Resolution"
  Anthony Johnson, Counseling Services, presenter. Tue., April 18, 11 a.m.–noon
  “As Auto and Home Insurance”
  Wed., April 5, 10–11 a.m.
  “University Orientation”
  Wed., April 12, 8:30 a.m. to noon
  “Housing Options for Elderly Relatives-Caregiver Series”
  Los Angeles Department of Aging representative, presenter.
  Wed., April 12, 1–2 p.m.
• “Handling Customer Criticism and Complaints”
  Randi Taylor-Sherwood, presenter. Thu., April 13, 9 a.m.–noon

Human Subjects Research Approval
Faculty and students proposing research with human subjects must complete Human Subjects Protocol Approval forms. Original and nine copies must be submitted to the Standing Advisory Committee for the Protection of Human Subjects. Next deadline is May 2, for the May 16 meeting. Download protocol submission forms from www.csun.edu/~grpc委/06_HumanSubjectsResearch.html.

Events

Tuesday, April 4

**Sigma Xi Distinguished Lecture**
The CSUN chapter of Sigma Xi, the Scientific Research Society, hosts the Sigma Xi Distinguished Lecture at 4 p.m. in Eucalyptus Hall (formerly Science 2), room 2132. Martin Wach, director of transportation, space and technology programs at the RAND Corporation Tartan Day. Presenter, will outline “Twelve Reasons to Raise the Gas Tax.” fmi—Ali Zakeri, Math Department, mail code S135 or ali.zakeri@csun.edu.

Thursday, April 6

**Ethical Dilemmas Seminar**
CSU Systemwide Professional Development joint with CSUN to offer a seminar conducted by DeMarz, author of “You Want Me to Do What? When, Where, and How to Draw the Line at Work.” She will discuss “How to Resolve Ethical Dilemmas in the Office” from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the second floor conference room, Sierra Center. Standard registration is $175 and the CSUN faculty rate is $149. To register and fmi—www.TheSource.calstate.edu.

Thursday, April 6

**Day of Diversity**
The 2006 CSUN Day of Diversity, “Diversity Through the Lens of Ability,” is hosted by the Faculty Senate Educational Equity Committee. Set for 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the University Student Union, Grand Salon and patio, it will feature a talk on Guatemala by psychologist professor Carrie Saetermeoe and students at 11 a.m., actors Tyronne Giordano (“The Family Stone”) and Shoshannah Stern (HBO’s “Weeds”) at 12:30 p.m., taiko drummers, a student panel and more. fmi—Kiren Donajni, x2408.

Thursday, April 6

**Scottish Exhibition Opening**
The official opening of the Oviatt Library’s “Scottish Influences on America” exhibit takes place on National Tartan Day. Activities begin at 12:15 p.m. on the library’s front lawn, featuring the Highlander Band from Granada Hills Charter High School, the chief of Clan California and other special guests. “Scottish Influences” exhibits traditional costumes, culture, history and more through May 15, in the Oviatt’s lobby during the library’s regular hours.

fmi—Bruce McDonald, x2273 or bruce.mcdonald@csun.edu.

Saturday, April 8

**Compost Bin Sale and Workshop**
Associated Students University Recycling Services hosts the site for the City of Los Angeles’ Department of Public Works compost bin sale and composting workshops, for City of Los Angeles residents with a CSUN student and city utility bills, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Lot G10 at the corner of Zelzah Avenue and Lassen Street. Composting classes are at 10 a.m. and noon. fmi—(818) 485-2820 or www.lacity.org/XAN/bc-csun-northridge-040806.pdf.

For Your Information

Tuesday, April 11

**Alcoholism Lecture**
Linda Costigan Lederman, Arizona State University health education professor and author of “Changing the Culture of College Drinking,” will speak on “Senior Citizens and Alcoholism” at 2 p.m. in the University Club’s Lamb Room. fmi—(808) 569-6855 or tris.shab@csun.edu.

Saturday, April 22

**“Stolen Childhoods”**
The Child and Adolescent Development Department hosts a free screening and panel on the child labor issue from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Northridge Center, University Student Union. Organized by child and adolescent development professor Carol Kelly and student Marta Gonzalez, the event will include a screening of “Stolen Childhoods,” a documentary on global child labor narrated by actress Meryl Streep. Documentarian Len Morris will lead a panel discussion on “Child Labor.” Reaching Out to Make A Difference,” fmi—Carol Kelly, x4713.

Saturday, April 29

**CSUN Run, Walk & Roll**
The Center of Achievement for the Physically Disabled will host the annual CSUN Run, Walk & Roll event, at 8:30 a.m. for adults and 10 a.m. for children 12 years old and under, starting in front of Redwood Hall (formerly Kinesiology). Online registration begins at 6:30 a.m. Pre-registration is $175 and $170 for CSUN students. Main sponsor: 99¢ Only Stores. fmi—x3225, or bellen.soriano@csun.edu.

Public Meetings

Associated Students Senate
Meets 2 p.m. Tue., April 4, 11
USU Grand Salon

Educational Policies Committee
Meets 2–4 p.m. Wed., April 5
University Hall 211

Personnel Planning and Review Committee
Meets 1:15–5 p.m. Wed., April 5
University Hall 227

Academic Technology Committee
Meets 2–4 p.m. Fri., April 7
University Hall 211

Educational Equity Committee
Meets 3–5 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Mon., April 10
University Hall 211

USU Board
Meets 1 p.m. Mon., April 17
USU Grand Salon

Tuesday, April 4

Our Deepest Condolences
The university community, the Art Department and the College of Arts, Media, and Communication offer deepest condolences to the family and friends of Louise Lewis (Art) on the recent passing of her husband of 40 years, Guy Lewis. A service celebrating his life was held at James Monroe High School in March. Contributions may be made to the Guy Lewis Scholarship Fund, Monroe High School, 9229 Haskell Ave., Mission Hills 91345.

Catastrophic Leave Donations
Ivone Mack (Art), on medical leave of absence, has exhausted her leave credits and is requesting catastrophic leave donations on her behalf. To make voluntary donations of sick leave and/or vacation leave, forward completed catastrophic leave donation forms to Renee Venezia, payroll administration manager, at mail drop 8228. Donation forms are available at www.admn.csun.edu/hrs/forms/benefitsforms.html.

Graduating Seniors Award
At the Honors Convocation on May 30, four seniors will receive 2006 Outstanding Graduating Senior Awards of $1,000 each in recognition of academic excellence, service to community and campus, and exceptional achievements or overcoming personal life circumstances. Applications, due April 17, are available in the office of the Vice President for Student Affairs, University Hall 310. fmi—x2391.

Notice

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In Brief

West, Davila Take on New Soccer Posts

Keith West has been appointed as the new Cal State Northridge women's soccer coach. He has been the assistant coach for the program since 2004.

In a related development, Terry Davila has been named director of both the men's and women's soccer programs, and will remain as head men's coach.

Previously, Davila served as assistant men's soccer coach under West, and is a graduate assistant director of recruiting.

Heavy Rainfall Forces USU Renovation Delay

Heavy rainfall and a ruptured water main, together with production and delivery difficulties, have forced delays in completion of the $1.72 million University Student Union renovation project.

A grand opening to celebrate the debut of the complex's modern and "user-friendly" second phase had been planned for April 19, but the official festivities now will wait until fall 2006.

Jason Wang, USU associate director for operations and services, said the USU's new Hub building will open in May, and its coffee house and convenience store will open early in June.

A festive grand opening will be held in September 2006, with a day-long festival offering live music, vendors, a DJ kick-off party, free refreshments and the official ribbon-cutting ceremony.

“The rain these past few weeks has delayed pouring the concrete,” Wang said, citing late winter downpours that soaked construction surfaces. To compound difficulties, a water main break that occurred during grading of the outdoor performance site requires permanent repair before the site can be surfaced.

In addition to the new Hub building and the campus' third Freudian Sip site, some of the renovation includes an outdoor performance area, a convenience store, a computer lab with 70 work stations and free printing for students, a new Matador Involvement Center, state-of-the-art meeting rooms, television and study lounges, and an alumni reading room.

CSUN Among Top 10 in Latina Enrollment

Cal State Northridge ranks among the top ten institutions nationwide in bachelor's degrees given to Latinas, based on National Center for Education Statistics studies compiled by the Hispanic Outlook for Higher Education Magazine in a recent issue.

CSUN ranked seventh overall for bachelor's degrees given to Latinas. Eight of the top 20 schools ranked came from California, including Cal State Los Angeles and Cal State Fullerton. CSUN ranked above San Diego State University and UCLA.

"Cal State Northridge always has had a strong, historic commitment to serving students from traditionally underrepresented communities," said CSUN President Jolene Koester. "The faculty and staff at Cal State Northridge take great pride in providing a quality academic experience for all students, and we are pleased to be recognized for the success of this work."

The magazine said out of the top 20 schools in the grouping, more Latinas attained bachelor's degrees than Latinos. California's universities also led the nation in master's degrees earned by Latinas and in the number of Latinas listed as full-time faculty in universities, according to the survey.

Calendar

Art and Exhibits

For gallery info, call (818) 677-2356.
Main gallery hours: Mon., through Sat., 12–4 p.m. Admission is free, unless specified. For library exhibits, call (818) 677-2286.

Telling Our Stories Exhibit

Photos and vignettes of Japanese Americans in San Fernando Valley, 1910 to 1950s, collected by CSUN students.

Edith Chen of CSU/N Asian American Studies Department and Nancy Takayama of San Fernando Valley Japanese American Community Center project directors.

Runs through mid-April
Wed.–Sun., 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., San Fernando Museum of Art and History
519 S. Brand Blvd., San Fernando Free

Scottish Influences on America

Exhibit explores Scottish culture, language, history, tartans and more. Highlights famous Scottish Americans.

Developed by Bruce McDonald of University Library.

Exhibit runs through May 15.

Oviatt Library lobby
Free

Softball

4/7 Cal Poly State 3 p.m.
4/8 Cal Poly 1 p.m.
4/9 Cal State Long Beach 2 p.m.
4/13 Long Beach State 2 p.m.
4/15 Long Beach State 1 p.m.

Baseball

3/12 UCLA 2 p.m.
4/3 Cal Poly 3 p.m.
4/5 Cal Poly 3 p.m.
4/7 Cal State Long Beach 1 p.m.
4/8 Cal State Long Beach 2 p.m.
4/15 Long Beach State 1 p.m.

Women's Tennis

4/1/4 USC 2 p.m.
4/8 USC Riverside noon

Men's Volleyball

4/6 Pepperdine 7 p.m.
4/7 USC 7 p.m.
4/9 Cal State Fullerton noon

Music

Admission to all music events (unless otherwise specified): $10 general, $7 faculty, staff and seniors, $5 students.

From the Clarinet Studio

Julia Heinein in concert, Mon., April 3, 8 p.m.
Music Recital Hall

Theater Performance

Folklor de Mexico

Concert features theater, dance and live music from Ballet Folklórico Aztlán de CSUN and others.

Sponsors: Chicano Studies Department and Educational Opportunity Program.

Fri., April 7, 7 p.m.
Performing Arts Center
$15

Hansel and Gretel

Opera by Engelbert Humperdinck.

David Aks, musical direction.
Fri., April 7, 8 p.m.
Sat., April 8, 8 p.m.
Sun., April 9, 3 p.m.
Little Theatre
$10–$19