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Sports Panel Tomorrow Features Steelers QB

Speakers Part of Black History Month Events

Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback Charlie Batch, award-winning sports columnist Kevin Blackstone of ESPN's "Around the Horn," and coach Robert Wimberly of Liberty University will visit the campus to discuss the impact of sports on the lives of African-Americans.

The free panel presentation at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Steele Hall Mainstage Theater is part of Cal U's ongoing celebration of Black History Month.

Batch, a native of Homestead, Pa., has played for 12 years in the National Football League. His eight seasons with the Steelers include playing with the Super Bowl XL and XLIII teams; he currently is the team's NFL Players Association representative. Batch is a philanthropist whose nonprofit Best of the Batch Foundation serves underprivileged youth in the greater Pittsburgh area. He also is owner and president of Batch Development Co., which manages properties and develops businesses in his hometown.

Blackstone, a veteran reporter and sports columnist, holds the Shirley Povich Chair in Sports Journalism at the University of Maryland and appears as a regular panelist on ESPN's "Around the Horn" talks show. He is an occasional contributor to National Public Radio, a regular sports writer for the iPad newspaper The Daily, and a co-author of

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Film and Television Actor Morris Chestnut comes to Cal U, Page 2.



Graphic design student Vincent Conti has painted a colorful mural that helps preschoolers in Cal U's Learning and Language Center learn the 7 Habits of Happy Kids.

Student's Mural Helps Preschoolers Learn 7 Habits

A colorful mural 10 feet tall helps preschoolers in Cal U's Learning and Language Center learn the 7 Habits of Happy Kids.

Painted by graphic design student Vincent Conti, the mural highlights the principles of Dr. Stephen Covey's *7 Habits of Highly Effective People* in images and language that children ages 3-5 can understand.

This is the second year that instructors at the Learning and Language Center, in Morgan Hall, have incorporated the *7 Habits* principles into their lessons, said Dr. Denise Joseph, the center's director.

The mural has a tree as its centerpiece, with robins, raccoons, deer and other animals gathered around.

A ladder leading to a tree house names the 7 Habits in Covey's language, with a kid-friendly equivalent on each square.

Habit 1: Be Proactive, for example, becomes I Do the Right Thing (Without Being Told). Habit 4: Think Win-Win becomes Everybody Can Be Happy.

Joseph and Dr. Barbara Bonfanti, chair of the Communication Disorders Department, devised the 7 Habits of Happy Kids after they became convinced that Covey's *7 Habits* principles can benefit people of all ages.

The collaborative project also demonstrates Habit 6: Synergize — or what the preschoolers know as Two Are Better Than One.

Conti undertook the assignment not only to assist the center, but also to fulfill a "social justice" requirement in his Advanced Painting course with associate professor Todd Pinkham.

After showing Joseph and her colleagues many different sketches, Conti spent an estimated 50 hours creating the mural, using about a dozen gallons of acrylic paint.

"This was the biggest project I had ever done," he said. "It was hard to communicate what was needed in simple images, so the sketches helped. I kept trying to

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Penguins' Online Auction to Boost Scholarship Fund

Pittsburgh Penguins fans can bring home an autographed All-Star jersey, ride a Zamboni or dine in the exclusive Lexus Club at CONSOL Energy Center. All it takes is a winning bid in the fourth Pittsburgh Penguins online auction to benefit Cal U.

Bidding opens on Sunday at www.pittsburghpenguins.com. Online bidding closes at 5 p.m. March 7, 2012.

Cal U is the official education partner of the Pittsburgh Penguins. Proceeds from the online auction support the Pittsburgh Penguins Scholarship, awarded annually to a Cal U student.

"Cal U's partnership with the Pittsburgh Penguins continues to pay off for our

students," said Craig Butzine, vice president for Marketing and University Relations.

"In addition to working with us on some great events, the Pens have used online auctions to create a scholarship fund that now holds more than \$20,500. This new auction will help the fund to grow even further — and Pens' hockey fans won't want to miss the items up for bid this time around."

Penguins superstars Evgeni Malkin, Sidney Crosby and James Neal have each signed a jersey to be auctioned as a package with a miniature helmet and puck.

Two All-Star packages feature an official program and an All-Star jersey signed either by Malkin or Kris Letang.

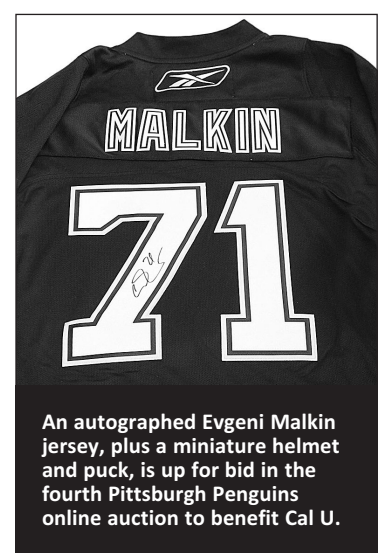
Bidders can win a round of golf at Mystic Rock and lunch for two guests with Penguins' broadcaster Phil Bourque, or a T-shirt collection and a poster autographed by play-by-play announcer Mike Lange.

Two dinner packages are available: Either a private dinner for six in the Penguins' executive dining room in the Lexus Club, or dinner for two in the Lexus Club, plus Zamboni rides and two tickets to a game.

An Iceburgh birthday party for kids features a one-hour appearance by the Penguins' mascot, plus an ice cream cake and 10 autographed pucks.

There's even an official Pittsburgh

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An autographed Evgeni Malkin jersey, plus a miniature helmet and puck, is up for bid in the fourth Pittsburgh Penguins online auction to benefit Cal U.

Acclaimed Actor Joins Black History Month Lineup

Morris Chestnut to Discuss African-Americans in the Media

Film and television actor Morris Chestnut will discuss the images of African-Americans portrayed in the media, and the impact they have on American society, during an appearance this month at California University of Pennsylvania.

Chestnut will speak at 11 a.m. Feb. 28 in Steele Hall Mainstage Theatre.

Cal U faculty members also will take part in the panel discussion, a free event presented as part of Cal U's Black History Month celebration.

Chestnut is known for his role as a high school football player and teen father in the 1991 movie *Boyz n the Hood*. His credits also include roles in action films such as *Under Siege 2: Dark Territory*, *G.I. Jane* and *Half Past Dead*, as well as romantic comedies such as *The Best Man*, *The Brothers*, *Two Can Play That Game* and *Breakin' All the Rules*.

On television, Chestnut recently has appeared in the series *V* and in *American Horror Story*.

He has a role in the film *Think Like a Man*, scheduled for release later this year.

Chestnut also has competed in televised Texas Hold 'Em poker tournaments and was the 1998 winner of the Madden Bowl, beating other celebrities and NFL players in a John Madden Football tournament.

The presentation at Cal U is free and open to the public. Visitor parking is available in the Vulcan Garage, off Third Street near the campus entrance.

For information about other Black History Month events at Cal U or the ongoing exhibition 'Leonardo da Vinci: Machines in Motion' at the Cal U Convocation Center, visit www.calu.edu.



Dr. Michael Slavin, professor and chair of the Department of Theatre and Dance, is directing 'Suddenly Last Summer,' which opens Thursday night in Steele Hall's Blaney Theatre.

'Suddenly Last Summer' Opens Theater Season Thursday

The Department of Theatre and Dance opens its 2012 season with *Suddenly Last Summer*.

Performances of Tennessee Williams' theatrical masterpiece are set for 8 p.m. Thursday and Friday, and 2 and 8 p.m. Saturday in the Blaney Theatre, in Steele Hall.

One of Williams' lesser-known works, *Suddenly Last Summer* explores a world that is savage and unforgiving. The dark recesses of human behavior are brought to light as insanity, murder, and loneliness are painfully exposed within the relationship between mother and her late son. Because of its mature themes and strong language, this one-act play from the late 1950s is not suitable for all ages.

The play is directed by Dr. Michael Slavin, professor and chair of the Department of Theatre and Dance.

Cast members include Kara Burkhart (Mrs. Venable), Zach Thomas (Dr. Cukrowicz), Rachel Colson (Miss Foxhill), Aubrey Kyler (Mrs. Holly), Jeff Moser (George Holly), Maddie Dudley (Catherine Holly), and Emily Cutwright (Sister Felicity).

Ticket price is \$12 for adults, seniors and children. Students with valid CalCards are admitted free; their \$5 deposit will be returned when they attend the performance.

For ticket information, or to order tickets (with a credit card) by phone, call the Steele Box Office at 724-938-5943.



Cal U Basketball Tradition Continues

Cal U head men's basketball coach Bill Brown (left) and University President Angelo Armenti, Jr. present the 2012 Basketball Alumnus of the Year Award to James Zell (center) '39 during the recent 13th annual Basketball Alumni Day festivities. A 1998 Cal Hall of Fame inductee, Zell was the Vulcans' leading scorer his junior and senior year and regularly returns to his alma mater from his home in Wellington, Fla., for the basketball gathering.

StormFest Set Friday, Saturday

On Friday and Saturday, more than Cal U 100 students will be participating in the fifth annual StormFest at the Carnegie Science Center in Pittsburgh.

StormFest is an educational outreach event hosted in part by the Southwestern Pennsylvania chapter of the American Meteorological Society (Cal U Meteorology Club), in collaboration with the Science Center. The event explores the geosciences with interactive activities for students of all ages. Activities are free with paid admission to the center.

Field trips for children in grades K-6 are the focus of activities from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Friday. StormFest is open to the general public from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, when participants will receive a free souvenir T-shirt if they complete 18 activities.

For more information about StormFest, e-mail Karly Bitsura at bit0907@calu.edu or visit www.carnegiesciencecenter.org.

Mural Helps Children Learn 7 Habits

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perfect my technique."

Conti worked on the mural during the semester break, when the preschool was closed. He used his smartphone to send photos of the mural to Joseph every couple of days.

"Vincent was the perfect and most patient student," Joseph said. "He was so understanding and did such a great job in trying to read our minds. He listened to what we were conceptualizing, and then he really nailed it."

Joseph has no doubt the mural will help the children as they learn the 7 Habits principles and work to earn medals recognizing their achievements.

"We will always come back to it at least once a day to talk about how with each habit our students are continuing to grow and climb that tree."

Pinkham emphasized the value of the project for Conti, too.

"The whole culminating experience for our students is to actually create something on their own that can make a difference for a community — and this project met that goal," he said.

"This was real-world stuff — and it's intact somewhere other than in our studio. You go into the preschool and see the whole wall."

Conti, who expects to graduate in May, discovered the truth in the old saying, "Everybody's a critic."

In addition to Joseph and her colleagues, the children also looked at his sketches. Even Cal U police Lt. Joe Powers paused during an evening patrol to suggest a lighter shade of brown for the deer's hide.

"In class and at the studio in Vulcan Hall, we are always being critiqued. So the friendly critiques I received while working on the mural inspired me," he said.

He plans to add photos of the finished mural to his online portfolio.

The mural is only the latest in a series of collaborations between the Language and Learning Center and Cal U students. The University Choir has performed for the preschoolers, and athletic training majors have served as mentors and led exercise routines.

"I am a firm believer that programs in a university setting should be collaborative," Joseph said. "Cal U is such a wonderful resource, so I keep trying to incorporate something that uses talent from many different areas."

New Name for Cal U Police

The former Office of Public Safety and University Police has officially changed its name to the California University Police Department.

"The name change is designed to clarify our role and eliminate any possible confusion," said police Chief Robert Downey. "If somebody wants to report a crime, or needs police assistance, we want them to know exactly who to call."

As the primary law enforcement agency for the University, the Cal U Police Department offers 24-hour protection every day of the year.

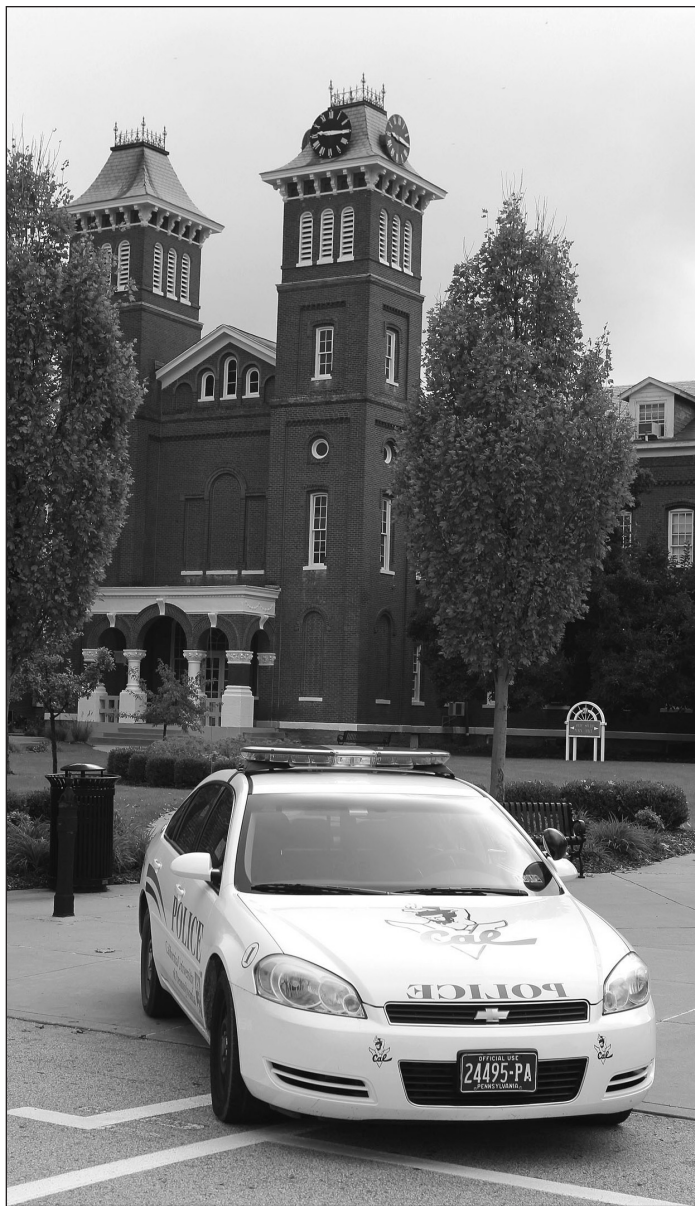
In addition to Downey, the department includes 18 fully certified, professional police officers and five additional security staff, including dispatchers and parking enforcement officers.

The department is housed in the Pollack Building, near the Hamer railroad crossing.

Cal U police officers patrol both the main campus and the south campus — Vulcan Village, Roadman Park and SAI Farm. The department also cooperates with California Borough Police and other law enforcement agencies as needed.

"Although our name has changed, we remain committed to providing the safest and most secure campus environment for every member of the Cal U community," Downey said. "This is the primary focus of our mission to serve the Cal U campus community."

To reach the Cal U Police Department, call 724-938-4299; or dial H-E-L-P or *1 from any on-campus phone.



Applications for THIS Due

Tuesday is the last day for undergraduate students to apply for The Harrisburg Internship Semester (THIS), an internship opportunity sponsored by the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education.

THIS interns work in the state capital, where they attend seminars and work with legislators, policy-makers and other professionals in various state government offices. Interns can earn 15 credit hours toward a bachelor's degree, consistent with the policies of Cal U and the student's major department.

Students from all majors may apply. Eligible students must have a minimum grade-point average of 3.0 and have earned at least 45 credits at the time of application. Candidates must submit a completed application form; a letter of application; a three- to five-page writing sample; a resume and transcript; and two letters of recommendation.

For information and application forms, contact Dr. Melanie J. Blumberg in the Department of History and Political Science, Room 440, Manderino Library.

Application materials must be on file in Blumberg's office by 4 p.m. Tuesday. Successful candidates will be notified of their acceptance by Feb. 28.

Free Sports Program Slated Tuesday

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A Gift for Ron, a memoir by former NFL player Everson Walls, who donated a kidney to a former teammate. Blackstone has won awards for sports column writing and for investigative and enterprise reporting. He serves on the board of directors of the Society for Features Journalism Foundation and on the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication's task force on recruiting for academic diversity.

Wimberly has spent four seasons as a senior defensive coach at Liberty University in Virginia. In addition to coaching linebackers for the Liberty Flames, he is director of high school relations, working closely with scholastic football programs in central Virginia and overseeing Liberty's summer football camps. Now an ordained minister as well as a coach, he was a four-year letter winner at Alabama A&M, where a neck injury ended his playing career.

The panel presentation is free; the public is welcome to attend. Visitor parking is available in the Vulcan Garage, near the campus entrance off Third Street in California, Pa.

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Cal U Hosts Officials Recruitment Fair



Alumnus Dale Hamer '60 began his officiating career at the scholastic level and completed his 34th year as an NFL official last fall. Cal U will host a free PIAA/WPIAL Sports Officials Recruitment Fair from 6-9 p.m. Wednesday in Hamer Hall Gymnasium.

Knowledgeable fans of high school and junior high school sports can get into the game as PIAA/WPIAL officials.

Cal U will host a free PIAA/WPIAL Sports Officials Recruitment Fair from 6-9 p.m. Wednesday in Hamer Hall Gymnasium.

The Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association — the governing body for Pennsylvania high school sports — is seeking men and women who are interested in officiating all sports, especially junior high school, junior varsity and varsity games. Candidates must be high school graduates age 18 or older.

"We really need officials," said Bill Sinning, a PIAA District 7 representative and a scholastic basketball official for 28 years. "Frankly, our officiating staff is getting a little bit older, and we need to do a better job of attracting young people."

"Officiating can be very rewarding and a worthwhile part-time job, depending on one's level of commitment."

To become a registered PIAA official, an individual must demonstrate knowledge of sports rules by passing an officials test. The candidate also must

submit background clearances to the PIAA.

The recruitment fair gives men and women an excellent opportunity to discuss officiating with representatives of junior high and high school athletic programs in the region.

Sinning will return to the Cal U campus in March to administer the officials tests.

In western Pennsylvania, about 1,600 registered officials are organized in more than 60 chapters in the Western Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic League and the Pittsburgh City League.

For more information, e-mail one of the following: Bill Sinning, PIAA District 7 male officials representative, wsinning@comcast.net; Dr. Robert Lombardi, PIAA U.S. associate executive director, rlombardi@piaa.org; Norm Hasbrouck, Cal U special assistant to the President and a registered PIAA soccer official, Hasbrouck@calu.edu; or Peggy Neason, PIAA District 7 rules interpreter for soccer, pneason@comcast.net.

Admission to the recruitment fair at Cal U is free. Visitor parking is available in the Vulcan Garage, off Third Street near the campus entrance. Parking rates begin at \$2 for the first hour.

Penguins Online Auction to Boost Scholarship Fund

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Penguins neon clock, featuring the team's original logo. In all, 11 items are up for bid. Details are available at www.pittsburghpenguins.com.

Last year Cal U presented its Corporate Core Values Award to the Pittsburgh Penguins at a ceremony at CONSOL Energy Center. The award honors a corporation, organization or institution that epitomizes Cal U's core values of integrity, civility and responsibility.

Through its continuing partnership with Cal U, the hockey club not only has created scholarships, but also has made internships and other resume-building activities available to Cal U students, and provided unique marketing opportunities for the University.

"This partnership has tangible benefits," Butzine said. "It's a pleasure to work with a corporate partner that support our University's mission of building character and careers."

To place a bid in the online auction, visit www.pittsburghpenguins.com.

Convocations Set Next Week

Cal U President Angelo Armenti, Jr. will host the 2012 spring staff and student convocations next week. Both events will take place in the Performance Center inside the Natali Student Center.

The Staff Convocation will be held at 2 p.m. Feb. 27, and the Student Convocation will be held Feb. 28 during the University's common hour, beginning at 11 a.m.

THE CALIFORNIA UNIVERSITY FORUM

February 21, 2012/4:00 p.m., DIXON Room 327

TENTATIVE AGENDA

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

IV. MINUTES OF JANUARY 31, 2012

- a. (Approved by e-mail ballot – refer to Forum website or Public Folders in Outlook)

V. MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- a. (Informational Only – Minutes February 7, 2012 – Attachment "A")

VI. PRESIDING OFFICER'S REPORT

- i. Miscellaneous Information
ii. President's Response to Motion(s) passed
iii. Notice of Executive Committee Meeting: March 6, 2012 – *University Community Welcome*

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

VIII. INTERPELLATION

IX. Amendment to the Forum Bylaws:

Motion: *Resolved*, That the California University Forum Bylaws be amended by deleting from Article I, Section 1, par. 2, the words "in LRC Auditorium" and inserting in their place the words "on campus."

This paragraph would then read as follows:
Meetings of the California University Forum will be held on campus on Tuesday afternoons, starting at 4:00 P.M., so as to maximize the opportunity for all senators and all members of the University community to attend.

X. Amendment to the Forum Constitution:

Article IX, Section 4

A quorum shall consist of a majority (50% +1) of the filled constituency seats, including the Presiding Officer.

Be amended to read as follows

A quorum shall consist of fifteen (15) voting members of the Forum.

XI. Article X, Section 1

Upon approval of a resolution by the Forum, the Recording Secretary of the Forum will forward the resolution, the vote, and a brief rationale in support of the resolution to the University President for review. The University President shall have 30 days in which to acknowledge, accept, accept in part, or reject in entirety the resolution in question, but with the provision that the Forum be provided reasons for the action taken.

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XII. MOTION:

The Forum adopt the recommendation of the Academic Policy Committee of March 15, 2011, regarding the decision-making process for English Comp. II substitutions.

XIII. MOTION:

The Forum commends Dr. Charles Mance, Vice President for Information Technology, for implementing the capabilities for all faculty members on campus to receive an outside telephone access line on their desk.

XIV. NEW BUSINESS

XV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next FORUM Meeting MARCH 20, 2012

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

THE CALIFORNIA UNIVERSITY FORUM

JANUARY 31, 2012 / 4:00 p.m., DIXON, Room 327

APPROVED MINUTES

The California University Forum met in regular session Tuesday, January 31, 2012, in Dixon, Room 327. Presiding Officer Hoover called the meeting order at 4:05 p.m.

The following senators were in attendance:

Dr. Lenora Angelone
Dr. Angelo Armenti, Jr.
Ms. Cary Banner
Dr. Bill Biddington
Dr. Jane Bonari
Ms. Alexandra Brooks
Ms. Roberta Busha
Mr. Craig Butzine
Dr. John Confer
Ms. Fran Fayish
Ms. Jill Fernandes
Ms. Rhonda Gifford
Mr. Yancey Goshorn
Ms. Autumn Harris
Ms. Geraldine Jones
Dr. Kevin Koury
Dr. Sean Madden
Dr. Charles Mance
Ms. Morgan O'Rourke
Dr. Carrie Rosengart
Dr. Craig Smith
Mr. Jacob Smith
Mr. Robert Thorn
Dr. Brian Wood
Dr. Kimberly Woznack
Ms. Donna Wright

The following were also in attendance:
Mr. Douglas Hoover, Presiding Officer
Mr. Loring Prest, Parliamentarian
Mrs. Dana Turcic, Recording Secretary

The following senators were absent:

Mr. Nicholas Battista
Mr. Rick Bertagnolli
Ms. Janelle Brewer
Ms. Betsy Clark
Ms. Lena Danka
Mr. Todd Edwards
Mr. Shane Fox
Ms. Darla Kurnal
Mr. Donny Marszalek
Mr. Josh Mrosko
Mr. Gary Seelye
Dr. Michael Slavin
Dr. Emily Sweitzer
Mr. Michael Wagner
Dr. Tom Wickham
Dr. Mohamed Yamba

The agenda was presented, approved and the meeting proceeded

Presiding Officer Hoover stated that the approved Forum minutes of December 6, 2011 are available on the Forum website (<http://www.calu.edu/faculty-staff/administration/forum/index.htm>) or Public Folders in the Microsoft Outlook. A copy of the executive committee minutes of January 24, 2012 are also available on the Forum website (<http://www.calu.edu/faculty-staff/administration/forum/index.htm>) or Public Folders in the Microsoft Outlook..

Presiding Officer's Report

Presiding Officer Hoover noted the next executive committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 7, 2012 in Room 408 of the Manderino Library and the University Community is welcome to attend.

Public Comments

There were no public comments offered at this time.

Interpellation

Senator C. Smith inquired as to the status of the response to the three (3) motions passed at the November 1, 2011. Presiding Officer Hoover noted that the responses to the motions are pending.

Motion: The forum recommends only five categories be allowed to be included in the General Education menu.

Senator Koury moved to withdraw the motion. Senator Koury then raised a point of information as to if the motion to withdraw was debatable. Presiding Officer Hoover noted that the motion to withdraw was not debatable.

Senator Koury moved to respectfully withdraw the motion. Second by Senator Brooks.
Senator Koury requested a roll call vote.

Presiding Officer Hoover asked if there were any objections to a roll call vote; there being no objections, a roll call vote was taken.

Dr. Lenora Angelone	Y
Ms. Cary Banner	Y
Dr. Bill Biddington	Y
Dr. Jane Bonari	Y
Ms. Alexandra Brooks	Y
Ms. Roberta Busha	Y
Mr. Craig Butzine	Y
Dr. John Confer	Y
Ms. Fran Fayish	Y
Ms. Jill Fernandes	Y
Ms. Rhonda Gifford	Y
Mr. Yancey Goshorn	Y
Dr. Kevin Koury	Y
Dr. Sean Madden	Y
Dr. Charles Mance	Y
Ms. Morgan O'Rourke	Y
Dr. Carrie Rosengart	Y
Dr. Craig Smith	Y
Mr. Jacob Smith	Abstain
Dr. Brian Wood	Y
Dr. Kimberly Woznack	Y
Ms. Donna Wright	Y

VOTE: Motion carries. Yeas: 21 Nays: 0
Abstain: 1

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Senator C. Smith, on behalf of the Faculty Senate, moved that the Forum recommends that the administration study and report on the effectiveness of the new linked classrooms, implemented in spring 2012, to

determine how they impact student learning, teaching effectiveness, and course evaluations. Second by Senator Rosengart.

Senator C. Smith noted that the rationale for this motion was that there are numerous studies that indicate a measurably negative impact on course evaluations using "live" and "remote" classrooms linked with two-way communication, and some of these studies likewise offer recommendations for improvement of student learning and teaching effectiveness. None of these studies, however, involve the unique setting of Cal U, where linked classrooms are in such close proximity to one another. Therefore, Cal U has an opportunity to contribute to the existing scholarship and take a leading role in presenting research findings to improve the use of this type of technology on college campuses.

Following a brief discussion a vote was taken on the presented motion.
VOTE: Motion carries unanimously.

Senator C. Smith moved that the Forum adopt the recommendation of the Academic Policy Committee of March 15, 2011, regarding the decision-making process for English Comp. II substitutions. Senator C. Smith stated that the rationale for this is to have the Forum follow Robert's Rules, which state that when a committee reports on a resolution previously referred to it, then the resolution becomes automatically pending. There is no motion necessary to bring it before the assembly again. The Forum failed to either accept or reject the recommendation of the Academic Policy Committee, and the resolution needs to be decided. Second by Senator Busha: (from the Forum Approved Minutes of March 15, 2011):
Academic Policy Committee's Review/Recommendation regarding Decision Making Process for English Composition
John Cencich, Chair of the Academic Policy Committee, presented the following response regarding the decision making process for English composition:

The Academic Policy Committee of the University Forum acknowledges the concerns addressed in the Senate resolution and expresses its gratitude to the Faculty Senate for its sincere consideration of the writing curriculum. However, since there are ongoing efforts currently underway to address the writing curriculum by different university groups, the Committee believes it is unnecessary at this time to make any statements concerning the temporary substitutions, other than such substitutions are an appropriate means of fulfilling the General Education requirements until permanent changes are made to the writing curriculum by way of a collaborative process. The Committee commends the ongoing efforts currently underway to address the writing curriculum, believing they represent collaborative decision-making processes, including: (1) the current review of the process of making curriculum changes by the University Curriculum Committee; and (2) the present efforts of the dean of the College of Liberal Arts in working collaboratively with the English Department on the issue relating directly with English Composition. In the event the concerns have not been adequately addressed after these two processes have run their course, the Committee is of the view that the Faculty Senate should renew their concerns through the governance process.

Senator Madden moved to postpone Senator's Smith's motion to the February 2012 meeting. Second by Senator Koury.
VOTE: Unanimously passed.

Announcements/Adjournment

Presiding Officer Hoover noted the next Forum meeting will be held on February 21, 2012. There being no further business, Presiding Officer Hoover adjourned the meeting at 4:45 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Mrs. Dana Turcic, Recording Secretary.

MINUTES APPROVED BY MAJORITY VIA E-MAIL BALLOT.

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