

Property Acquisition Up-date William Hagan

Recently the Academic Senate requested an update on two property-related acquisition projects currently underway: the relocation of the Irvine Campus and the potential acquisition of the Hope International University adjacent to the main campus in Fullerton. In addition to presenting an update on both projects at the September 17 Senate meeting, information regarding the current status of both projects is provided below.

Regarding the **Irvine Campus**, the lease on the current facility on Trabuco Road is set to expire August 31, 2010. A task force including Senate representatives has been formed by Vice Presidents Willie Hagan and Ephraim Smith. The task force is scheduled to report to President Gordon by the end of the year and will examine the vision and mission of the Irvine Campus, its near-term and ultimate enrollment, and various operational issues. The conclusions of the task force will assist in determining the extent of university commitments to the Irvine Campus for the coming fiscal year and beyond.

Active discussions are underway regarding the possible purchase of the **Hope International University** property of approximately eleven acres. The campus has contracted for an appraisal which has been completed. Discussions and negotiations with Hope administrators are moving forward. Hope is exploring several alternatives for a new home for their institution. It is anticipated that it will be two to three years before Hope can acquire and move to a new site. As such, even if the university acquires Hope in the near future, Hope would continue to remain in place for a few years. This and other issues would be part of the negotiation process. Any effort to acquire Hope will ultimately require approval by the CSU Board of Trustees.

Despite current budget difficulties, the university is moving forward with efforts to acquire Hope in light of the clear benefit to the campus of acquisition of additional property, its central location, and its existing facilities. Acquisition of Hope together with College Park would round out the extension of the campus south of Nutwood and offer the possibility for imaginative development for the future. In addition, this opportunity for property purchase is one that will not be repeated and will have a significant impact on campus. Related to the prospect of acquiring Hope, the campus and the City have been collaborating on a long-range development plan for the area south of Nutwood encompassing the Hope property as well as College Park.

Additional updates will be provided to the Academic Senate as the two projects progress.



Dr. Willie Hagan joined Cal State

Fullerton as Vice President for Administration in August 1996. From July 2000 through 2003, he also served as Interim Vice President of University Advancement and was instrumental in the reorganization of that division.

Effective April 1, 2005, Dr. Hagan assumed responsibility for University financial operations, serving as the Chief Financial Officer for the University. Dr. Hagan holds a doctorate in psychology from the University of Connecticut and a master of fine arts degree from UCLA. Before coming to Cal State Fullerton, he served as Associate Vice President for Administration at the University of Connecticut. Prior to this, Dr. Hagan served as a lobbyist for the University of Connecticut and the Connecticut Board of Governors for Higher Education at the state and federal level.