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President's Message: A Year to Remember!

By Elaine Collins

As I am completing my term as your ERFA President, I want to share the highlights of the year. In October we were able to have our first in-person excursion since the pandemic; we toured the San José Buddhist

Temple combined with a visit to the San José Japanese American Historical Museum. I was extremely disappointed that I was unable to attend, but I heard from several people that it was a wonderful experience. In

November, ERFA hosted a virtual presentation on Artificial Intelligence given by SJSU Assistant Professor of Computer Science Fabio de Troia. He gave an informative talk, which generated many questions and a great discussion, focusing on ways AI could be used in academia. Our in-person Holiday Celebration in December was very festive. We were disappointed

that President Teniente-Matson was unable to attend due to a last-minute change to her schedule, but we did have several deans join us. The food was great, and everyone enjoyed chatting with old and new friends.



View from the 8th floor of the ISB; photo by Bauchin Lin.

In the Spring, ERFA jointly hosted two workshops for faculty with Magdalena Barrera, Vice Provost for Faculty Success, on retirement planning. In April, we had a tour of the newly opened Interdisciplinary Science Building

led by Dean Michael Kaufman. He was a great tour guide, and it is a very well-designed building that provides teaching, research, and student collaboration space on every floor. Look at this picture of the beautiful view from the top floor! In May, we had our annual business meeting and lunch at The Villages. The primary order of business was to approve

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Mark Your Calendar!

Larry Gerston will speak to us on Election 2024, Sept. 25, 2:30-4:00.

Details about the on-campus meeting place to follow.

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the slate of officers for next year. The newly elected officers are Bethany Shifflett, Vice President and President Elect; Bill Campsey, Treasurer; Beth Von Till and Karl Toepfer, Members-at-Large; and Chris Jochim, ERFA representative to the Academic Senate. Winifred Schultz-Krohn will become President on July 1, 2024.

Every year an ERFA representative is included in the platform party for each commencement ceremony, to help honor and celebrate the graduates at all of the five fall and ten spring ceremonies. I was able to participate in the College of Science ceremony this spring. It is enormously inspirational to see the graduates, many of them the first in their family to attend college, cross the stage, shake the hands of the president, provost, and dean, and to share the joy of that big accomplishment with them and their family and friends.

In addition to the lively discussions at the monthly virtual meetings of the film group, one of the highlights of the year for me was attending the reception in April for retiring faculty at University House, the home of President Cynthia Teniente-Matson and her husband, Mike. They are both very welcoming and hospitable. The event honored and celebrated the careers of our retiring faculty. The evening started with a reception with appetizers and conversation. Then retirees were honored by their Deans, who briefly highlighted their SJSU career. We really do have amazing faculty at SJSU! Four of our board members attended the event to help welcome the honorees and to provide them with information about ERFA. Fourteen of the honorees had already joined ERFA!

All we have accomplished this year is due to the commitment and hard work of our ERFA Board Members and Committee Members. My deepest gratitude to all of them for everything they have done. It has been a pleasure working with this group of people, who enjoy working together in a warm and supportive environment. There are many ways that you could participate with our board. If you are interested, please click here to contact our incoming president, [Winifred Schultz-Krohn](#).



Honorific plaque ... a memento for retiring faculty; photo by Mary Jo Gorney-Moreno.

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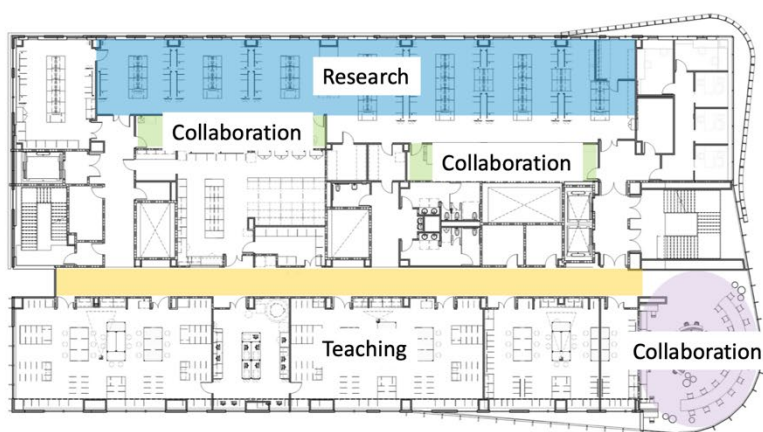
ERFA Tours the New Interdisciplinary Science Building

By Steve Branz

One of my colleagues described the new eight-story Interdisciplinary Science Building (ISB) as a true campus gem, and I couldn't agree more. The ISB is located between Duncan Hall and the Paseo de San Carlos. The ribbon-cutting (official opening)

collaboration lounge (shown in purple), a very heavily used feature requested by students on the design team. Additional collaboration spaces (shown in green) permit research students to eat, converse, and work on data outside their lab spaces. Not visible in the floor plan are the state-of-the-art HVAC

Teaching, Research & Collaboration



took place at the start of the Spring 2024 semester. On April 12, thirty-seven ERFA members and guests, guided by Michael Kaufman, Dean of the College of Science, were treated to an insider's look at the many unique features of this newest campus building. The Dean's preliminary slide show emphasized the many benefits of the building's design, all in support of truly integrated teaching and research. For example, he mentioned the [Wildfire Interdisciplinary Research Center \(WIRC\)](#), now garnering significant external funding.

The exterior view of the building, as shown in the image above, is impressive, but the typical floor plan impressed us even more. Teaching and research labs are quite literally across the hallway from one another. Nearly every floor has a large

system, the complicated ventilation configuration, and back-up power supplies required to meet OSHA standards and deal with power outages, safety, and ADA accessibility. Large glass windows separate instrument rooms from teaching labs, and most collaboration spaces (green) from the associated research labs, all enhancing safety and the ability for faculty and staff to supervise students. Faculty offices are located in the upper right corner of the image.

When I was hired as an Assistant Professor of Chemistry in 1981, the Dean and Chair at that time both assured me that a new science building would be coming soon. ***I waited....*** Then again, in the 1990s and into this century there were at least two iterations of efforts to design, fund, and build a new science

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building, even going so far as architectural drawings in one instance. ***I waited....*** Several other ERFA members on the tour were similarly promised that a “new building” would be coming soon. I can truly say that I am thrilled with the ISB that we now have--

though I am a bit sorry that I never had the opportunity to teach and supervise research students in this wonderful facility.

For

additional information, see the [ISB website](#), including a link to the [Project Overview](#) or the

2021 [Washington Square article](#) anticipating the ISB.

Finally, it is worth noting that the College of Science has recruited many more majors in recent years. The College will continue to occupy space in the Science Building (1957),

MacQuarrie Hall (1965) and Duncan Hall (1972) for less lab-intensive teaching and research as well as faculty and departmental office spaces.

Thank you to the

Program Committee for arranging this wonderful tour!



Dean Michael Kaufman (left, center) shows off a lab in the ISB to his ERFA guests; photo by Mary Jo Gorney-Moreno.



ERFA board at The Villages May luncheon; photo by Bauchin Lin

Chat Room... special news from and about our members.

This column contains news about travels and activities volunteered by the membership. Members are invited to send news about themselves to Nancie Fimbel at fimbeln@gmail.com or by USPS at 23500 Cristo Rey Dr., Unit 508F, Cupertino, CA 95014.

Yudhi Ahuja (Marketing & Business Analytics '18) has been associated with the International Federation of Training and Development Organization for over two decades. In April he was invited to the 50th World Conference in Egypt as a keynote speaker. The conference theme was Redesigning the Future, and he spoke on "Human Resource Development for a Sustainable Tomorrow."

Jill Cody (Recreation and Tourism '06) and husband Jerry Grimes moved to Del Mesa Carmel, close to their previous home and with a beautiful view of Roach Canyon. (Yes, you read that right; it's named Roach Canyon.) Jill laments that "it doesn't matter if you move three miles or 3000 miles, you still have to bend, reach, and squat just the same number of times." Jill also reports that her father, Dr. Arthur Cody, who was a faculty member in the Philosophy Department, passed away on January 8 at age 97.

Howard Combs (Department of Marketing and Decision Sciences '19) continued teaching during Spring 2024 at Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok, Thailand. One of his courses was Marketing Promotion Strategy for the Masters in Global Brand Marketing Program. Howard enjoys working with his colleagues there and promoting international collaboration with other universities.

Anne Fountain (World Languages & Literature '12) gave a talk on "Indigenous America in our Community and in the Spanish Classroom" with Adolfo González, a native speaker of Zapotec, in April at CSU Monterey Bay. She also created a YouTube video named "José Martí's writings about race: A brief overview" for the Centro Cultural Cubano of New York (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=shv4fq9IGwQ>).

Susan Meyers (Special Education '08) and husband Michael just returned from a three-week trip. They visited Amsterdam, flew to Prague, then took the train to Vienna and Budapest. She said she's "feeling lucky that we can still carry our own luggage and stay in bed and breakfast apartments." They hiked, boated, and took in a few fabulous concerts in magnificent settings. They also toured the synagogues and Jewish ghettos, an emotionally draining experience.

Kim Uhlík (Recreation, 2011) has compiled a book of his poetry titled *To Sit at the Edge of the Sun*. He is generously offering ERFA members a complimentary PDF version; email him at kim.uhlik@sjsu.edu to receive a copy.

Dennis L. Wilcox (Journalism '05) and Marianne celebrated their 55th anniversary on May 24 during a one-week cruise of the Seychelles. "There were only 13 of us on the ship so it was a very enjoyable experience," says Dennis. Before arriving in the Seychelles, they spent two weeks visiting Dubai, Abu Dhabi, and Qatar. "The cities and museums are architectural wonders of the 21st century," says Dennis.

More Changes Coming to Faculty Profiles Supported by Elsevier

By Ji-Mei Chang, Joan Merdinger & Jo Bell Whitlatch

The ERFA Biographies Committee has recently received updated information from Elsevier, the service provider for all Faculty Profiles. Elsevier has posted a webpage advising that Selected Works, Impact Dashboard, and Expert Galleries will be permanently removed after December 31, 2024. Details are available at: <https://digitalcommons.elsevier.com/expert-gallery-suite/expert-gallery-suite-retirement-faqs>.

Beginning in March 2024, the ERFA Biographies Committee has begun to incorporate links from the Faculty Profile pages into the 70 or so faculty ERFA ScholarWorks Biographies that have Faculty Profiles. The Biographies Committee will be reviewing each ERFA ScholarWorks Biography with existing links to Faculty Profile pages to determine an alternate source for full-text documents (e.g., articles and other documents) currently available through Faculty Profiles. When other sources for full text have been identified, the links will be incorporated into the appropriate ERFA ScholarWorks Biography, which will replace the existing works.bepress.com links in the Selected Works pages. Immediately following the changes to the links, affected faculty will have an opportunity to review their revised ERFA ScholarWorks Biography pages and suggest any edits.

The project will focus on providing access to full-text documents (when direct access to full-text is available in the works.bepress.com faculty profile record). Much of the other content on the Selected Works pages is already incorporated into the existing biographies or, in the case of summaries of book content, easily available on the web, for example, through searching Amazon.com. If you have any questions about this topic, please email jobellw@gmail.com.

Retiring & Newly Retired Faculty Reception

By Beth Von Till

On April 23rd, a sunny spring evening, SJSU President Cynthia Teniente-Matson and Provost Vincent Del Casino hosted a well-attended reception for retiring and newly retired faculty at the University House. Twenty-six honorees attended, the largest group in several years. All retirees were presented with souvenir apples and congratulated by the Dean of their college. President Teniente-Matson, Provost Del Casino, and ERFA president Elaine Collins made remarks.

Elaine Collins, Joan Merdinger, Beth Von Till, Susan McClory, Mary Jo Gorney-Moreno, and Winifred Schultz-Krohn worked with the University Special Events Team to contact each eligible honoree. It was well worth the effort. Special thanks to James Lee, Senior Director of Faculty Affairs, for his assistance in locating and identifying retiring faculty. We are grateful to Adam Hermann, Event Planner for University Advancement, and Khristine Lugo, Acting Director of Special Events, for their superb assistance at every step of the planning and execution of an event acknowledging the contributions of our retiring and newly retired faculty.



Newly retiring faculty enjoy a reception at University House in their honor; photo by Robert Bain.

Joan Merdinger, Co-Chair of the ERFA Membership Committee, noted that 15 of the current honorees are already ERFA members and five joined right after the event. It goes without saying that we are deeply grateful to President Teniente-Matson and her husband Mike for opening their home for the event.

ERFA Adds Record Number of New Biographies

By Jo Bell Whitlatch

Most of the new biographies were created from information available in Faculty Profiles (to be discontinued by the publisher Elsevier after 2024). The biographies preserve the most significant information in the Faculty Profiles: https://scholarworks.sjsu.edu/sw_gallery.html. In converting the information previously available in the Faculty Profiles to ERFA Biographies, the ERFA Biography Committee has very much appreciated the advice and support from the SJSU Library. These added biographies bring the total ERFA biographies to 389.

The latest biographies are:

Daryl L. Canham

https://scholarworks.sjsu.edu/erfa_bios/371/

Stephanie J. Coopman

https://scholarworks.sjsu.edu/erfa_bios/381/

Paul Kauppila

https://scholarworks.sjsu.edu/erfa_bios/372/

Alison L. McKee

https://scholarworks.sjsu.edu/erfa_bios/382/

Mary F. Calegari

https://scholarworks.sjsu.edu/erfa_bios/373/

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https://scholarworks.sjsu.edu/erfa_bios/383/

Rosemary C. Henze

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Shailaja Venkatsubramanian

https://scholarworks.sjsu.edu/erfa_bios/384/

Aharon Hibshoosh

https://scholarworks.sjsu.edu/erfa_bios/375/

Christine M. Di Salvo

https://scholarworks.sjsu.edu/erfa_bios/385/

Patricia Evridge Hill

https://scholarworks.sjsu.edu/erfa_bios/376/

Frances L. Edwards

https://scholarworks.sjsu.edu/erfa_bios/386/

Kathryn J. Lindholm-Leary

https://scholarworks.sjsu.edu/erfa_bios/377/

Daryl K. Eggers

https://scholarworks.sjsu.edu/erfa_bios/387/

Reginald J. Murray

https://scholarworks.sjsu.edu/erfa_bios/378/

Burford J. Furman

https://scholarworks.sjsu.edu/erfa_bios/388/

Robert P. Vitale

https://scholarworks.sjsu.edu/erfa_bios/379/

Timothy Hendrick

https://scholarworks.sjsu.edu/erfa_bios/389/

Diane Stuenkel

https://scholarworks.sjsu.edu/erfa_bios/380/

Hidefumi Katsuura

https://scholarworks.sjsu.edu/erfa_bios/390/

ERFA members who are interested in creating a biography or updating their current biography should contact Jo Bell Whitlatch via email at jobellw@gmail.com or phone at 650-326-0505.

Tribute to William J. Venuti (Aug 1924-April 2024)

By Thalia Anagnos

William J. Venuti joined the Civil Engineering faculty at SJSU in 1955. He had recently earned his MS in Civil Engineering at the University of Colorado, Boulder, and was teaching part-time while he also worked full-time for the Bureau of Reclamation when he was asked to join the Division of Engineering faculty at San José State College.

He was one of the pioneers who helped build the civil engineering undergraduate and graduate programs, as well as laboratories and research programs. These were the days when the California State Colleges were fighting with the UCs for the right to offer accredited engineering programs. He and his colleagues, Norm Gunderson, Jorge Barriga, Bill Lorell, George Sicular, Len Bushnell, and Bill Blythe, worked tirelessly to improve the curriculum as well as change the California state regulations. They succeeded, and in 1959 the civil engineering program at San José State College became the first engineering program in the state college system to earn accreditation. He was a scholar, an outstanding teacher, a mentor to many, and a kind and caring colleague. He was an expert in prestressed concrete and performed research and consulting all over the world, from Mexico to Algeria to China. Bill helped design the prestressed concrete breakwaters at Pier 39 and consulted for BART on their railroad ties.

During WWII, serving on the crew of the battleship USS North Carolina in the Fifth Fleet under the command of Admiral Nimitz, Bill engaged in multiple major battles in the Pacific. After the war he returned to his home in Philadelphia and earned a BA in Mathematics at the University of Pennsylvania. As the son of Italian immigrants, he was the first person in his family to attend college. While teaching full-time at SJSU and raising his family, he completed his PhD at Stanford in 1963.

Bill was a man of many talents. He made a mean pizza and showered his guests with delicious pizzas at his renowned Super Bowl parties. He loved all kinds of music and played the drums with passion. At his 95th birthday party, he was still knocking out awe-inspiring solos on the drums. He also was an avid adventurer. For example, in 1964 with six small children in tow, he moved to Bangkok and taught for two years at the Asian Institute of Technology. At the age of 61 he went trekking in the Himalayan Mountains in Nepal. Bill was an important contributor to creating the highly regarded Civil Engineering program and the College of Engineering. We were lucky he said “yes” when he was asked to join our faculty!

In Memoriam

Dolores Drobot, wife of Vladimir Drobot
(Math/Computer Science 2007)

Dana T. Elmore
(Education, 1967-1992)

Maynard “Dick” Dixon Stewart
(Art, 30+ years)

Patricia “Patty” Evans Swanson
(Teacher Education, 26 years)

William “Bill” J. Venuti
(Civil Engineering, 1955-1987)
https://scholarworks.sjsu.edu/erfa_bios/246/

Ruth P. Yaffe
(Chemistry, 1958-1990)
https://scholarworks.sjsu.edu/erfa_bios/263/

Campus Academic Senate News

By Chris Jochim

Since the Spring *ERFA Newsletter*, there have been three Academic Senate meetings, those on March 18, April 15, and May 6.

At the March 18 meeting there was a number of “First Readings” of policy proposals, followed by questions from Senators but not by debate or voting. These included AS 1867 on Policy S14-6, regarding Humane Care and Use of Animals at San José State University; AS 1868 on Policy F17-4, regarding Priority Registration; AS 1869 on Policy S15-10, Revisions to SJSU Library Policy; and AS 1866, a Sense of the Senate Resolution regarding Support of Campus Culture of Collegial Curriculum Decision in Response to CSU Chancellor’s Office and CSU Trustees Impending Plans to Changes to General Education. The Curriculum and Research Committee proposed the amendment to University Policy S14-6 in order to add specificity in certain parts and to make sure the policy complies with federal law. As explained in whereas clauses, “the policy should indicate clearly how animal activities are to be organized and conducted, what procedures are to be followed, what individual responsibilities are with regard to the care and use of animals, and what University committee oversees the humane care and use of animals.” This proposal was approved at the April 15 Senate meeting.

The Instruction and Student Affairs Committee proposed changes to Policy F17-4 to enhance clarity and to make changes related to an update of the California Education Code, which specifically calls for priority treatment of Homeless and Formerly Homeless Youth. Approval is pending.

The Library Board proposed changes to Policy S15-10, especially Section 7 (Evaluation of

the General Print Collection), to clarify the roles of librarians, faculty, and others as well as to streamline the process which may lead to the withdrawal of materials from the print collection, such as underutilized or duplicate books. This proposal was approved at the April 15 Senate meeting.

In addition, a group of Senators proposed a Sense of the Senate Resolution in response to the Chancellor’s and Trustees’ impending plans to make changes to General Education. The resolution expressed alarm at the lack of faculty participation in a process in which faculty have historically had a central role. The final resolved clause offers an expression of their feeling of alarm: “Resolved that the Academic Senate of San José State University unites with the other CSU campuses in voicing grave concern over the process by which changes to GE com[e] down from the Board of Trustees, and the potential detrimental effects to campus collegiality and faculty authority on curriculum.” Senators approved this resolution.

At the April 15 meeting, in addition to final action on certain proposals, as noted above, there were several new proposals (“First Readings”), as follows: AS 1870, Modification to S94-5/F95-1, Board of Academic Freedom and Professional Responsibility; AS 1872, Amendment A to S17-1, Culminating Activities and Final Examinations Policy; and AS 1873, Student Advising and Holistic Student Support Services Policy. Finally, Associated Students President Sarab Multani presented a Sense of the Senate Resolution, AS 1871, “Reaffirming Freedom of Speech and Expression, Promoting Respectful and Civil Dialogue in our Campus Community.” Senators asked questions regarding the three

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policy proposals, but no action was taken to approve them until the May 6 Senate meeting, at which Senators approved the three policy proposals. As for the Sense of the Senate Resolution, it occasioned a range of questions and proposed amendments, specifically about whether to keep the resolution generic or to mention (in a whereas clause) that “a serious incident arose [on February 19] in Sweeney Hall between an SJSU professor and Pro-Palestinian protestors.” The meeting was adjourned before the matter was settled. However, on May 6, a majority of Senators voted in favor of the resolution, which maintained language about the February 19 incident, with the wording slightly amended.

Finally, at the May 6 meeting, Senators were

able to see a draft of the results of work done by the Committee on Senate Representation and to ask questions of committee leaders. Will there be an increase in staff representation? Will there be changes in faculty and administration representation? These are matters that Senators will further discuss and decide at meetings in Fall 2024.

On May 6, in addition to the final Senate meeting of 2023-24, at which the matters just discussed were handled, the first Senate meeting on the 2024-25 calendar took place. As usual, the main business was the election of Senators to key offices, such as Policy Committee Chair positions and the CSU Statewide Representative to the Executive Committee.

Notes From the CSU-ERFSA State Council Meeting, 20 April 2024

The three SJSU delegates to CSU ERFSA, Joan Merdinger, Chris Jochim, and Nancie Fimbel, attended the spring Zoom meeting. Also in attendance from SJSU were Bethany Shifflett, the secretary and archivist of the organization, and Jonathan Karpf, who serves on the Pre- and Post-Retirement Committee.

Treasurer David Speak (Cal Poly Pomona) reported that the organization’s fiscal situation is sound, with our income and expenses in reasonable balance. He also reported that dues are down a bit, while some costs for key items (newsletter, travel, salaries, office supplies, etc.) are up, and some are down. Predictably, meeting costs are down due to having remote rather than in-person meetings.

Merry Pawlowski, Executive Director, reported on her ongoing plans to visit all the retired faculty and staff associations around the CSU. (She visited the 2023 SJSU ERFA annual meeting). Visits planned for spring include those to three affiliates: Fresno, Cal Poly Pomona, and Sacramento. News of affiliate activities is planned for each copy of *The Reporter*. (See submission instructions below.) After her presentation, members suggested inviting the new chancellor to the next council meeting, ideally an in-person meeting at the Chancellor’s Office or a nearby campus.

Mark Shapiro (Fullerton) outgoing website administrator, reported on behalf of the new administrator, Stephanie Coopman (SJSU), on the refresh for the CSU-ERFSA website, hosted by Vilocity. A key part of the refresh will be to remove all references to AMBA,

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former benefits partner of CSU-ERFSA. Members expressed thanks to Mark for his years of service managing the CSU-ERFSA website and for his help with the transition to the new website administrator.

Similarly, the outgoing Health Benefits Committee Chair, David Wagner (Sacramento), was praised and thanked, as he reported the new chair would be Tom Krabacher (Sacramento).

Chair of the Grants Committee, Marshelle Tobaben (Humboldt), reported that the grant applications of seven faculty at various campuses had been approved, including one from Patricia Stroh, Curator of the Beethoven Center at SJSU.

Membership Committee Chair Edward Aubert (Stanislaus) reported that the organization's recruitment effort still faces obstacles. The demise of members continues to outpace recruitment of active members, now at 1,841. He provided a list of key recruiting needs, as follows:

- Identification of, and training for, additional proactive Campus Membership Recruitment Coordinators;
- Contact information for retired staff from the CSU or from campuses;
- Focused recruitment of retired Lecturers;
- Marketing video to promote the value and benefits of both CSU-ERFSA and Affiliate memberships;
- Council Reps to submit verifications of their current phone numbers and email addresses to the CSU-ERFSA Office.

Jonathan Karpf (San José) gave a Pre- and Post-Retirement Committee update on the effort to get gubernatorial action on the pandemic compensation that should have been provided to FERP faculty. CFA pursued

changes to specific codes that would allow for the compensation. The Governor declined to act on it given budget concerns.

Liaison to the CSU Academic Senate Jerald Schutte (Northridge) reported on a wide range of Senate business from the Senate's March 2024 meeting, including important notes on budget matters. Due to a budget deficit, the compact expectations will not be met this year, and future budgets are expected to be constrained as well, despite planned enrollment growth. Also, growth will be uneven across campuses and, as a result, eight campuses will have enrollment targets reduced by 3% next year, and those funds will be redistributed to nine other campuses.

Of news reported by CFA Liaison James Swartz (Pomona), the most interesting concerned legislation to make changes to the CSU Board of Trustees, as follows:

- AB 2516: Add bargaining representative to the Board of Trustees.
- AB 2775: Add a second faculty trustee to the Board of Trustees. (When asked if one might possibly be a retired faculty member, the response was yes.)
- AB 2275: Develop broader diversity to the Board of Trustees

The final item of important business was the approval by those present of the slate of nominees for various CSU-ERFSA positions. These number over a dozen and will not be listed here. Having been approved, the names and positions will soon be listed at the CSU-ERFSA website: <https://www.csuerfesa.org>.

NOTE: Merry Pawlowski, executive director, requested news from the campuses for *The Reporter*, the ERFSA newsletter. Email information to mpawlowski@scub.edu.

Submitted by Chris Jochim, using the notes of Bethany Shifflett.

Did You Know?

By Tim Hegstrom

Travelers! You qualify for a free subscription to Chris Elliott's *Elliott Advocacy Newsletter*. In addition to the newsletter, the website is well worth browsing. Recently included were articles about getting money back after canceling airline tickets, ending a timeshare, and tipping while traveling. Even an ad for no-cost internet for seniors caught my eye. We know Chris Elliott because he did a webinar for ERFA members in February 2021. A summary of that webinar, entitled "Be a Smart Traveler" by Chris Jochim, appeared in the Spring 2021 *ERFA Newsletter*, and in the Spring 2023 issue Arlene Okerlund reported on how successful Mr. Elliott was in solving her travel insurance problems. (Past issues of the newsletter can be found at [ScholarWorks.sjsu.edu](https://www.scholarworks.sjsu.edu).) If you like to travel, this might be right for you. Use this online address, <https://www.elliott.org/>, to let Mr. Elliott know you are interested. You can also pay for the "premium" service if that looks good to you. With that service, Elliott's firm agrees to negotiate with your travel vendor when things go wrong.



It's time to obtain or renew your campus parking pass. Emeritus status will get you free parking for that occasional trip to campus. The permit must be renewed every year by June 30. Requesting a permit can now be done by email. So, contact the parking office and apply for a permit or ask to have your permit renewed. A parking permit can come in handy. Just email parking@sjsu.edu and send:

- Your name
- Your SJSU ID number
- The make(s)/model(s) of your car(s)
- The license plate number(s) for your car(s)
- What you are requesting: Annual Emeritus Virtual Permit

If you are just renewing your permit and have received a notice, you can simply copy and paste the notice in an email to parking@sjsu.edu and request that your permit be renewed.