

THE CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY  
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CHANNEL ISLANDS

Open Letter to the San Francisco State University community:

CHICO

During the spring 2006 term, a three-year review of Robert A. Corrigan, President of San Francisco State University (SFSU), was conducted. The review took the form of collecting and summarizing letters from a selection of the campus community, both internal and external. The review concluded on May 16, 2006, with discussion of the review by the Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees and I appreciate the contributions of those who worked with us on this review.

DOMINGUEZ HILLS

EAST BAY

FRESNO

FULLERTON

Criteria established by the Board of Trustees in 1984, and updated in 1994 and 2001, were used to assess the performance of President Corrigan and the progress of the institution. These measures included the overall management of the institution, relations on campus and within the system, educational leadership, community relations, major achievements of the campus and the president, and personal characteristics of the president. Faculty, staff, students, alumni, and community representatives were invited to submit written comments responding to the trustees' criteria.

HUMBOLDT

LONG BEACH

LOS ANGELES

MARITIME ACADEMY

MONTEREY BAY

The review concluded that Robert A. Corrigan is an effective leader for San Francisco State University.

NORTHRIDGE

POMONA

In the last review, President Corrigan was asked to continue the successful strategic planning process, ensure women are included in search pools for administrative positions, strengthen graduate programs, and use presidential communications to mitigate emotionally charged incidents. He has done this.

SACRAMENTO

SAN BERNARDINO

SAN DIEGO

In his time as president, Robert Corrigan improved the diversity of the faculty and, more recently, the administrative staff. The university has hired new faculty committed to scholarship and community service learning. The relationship between the administration and the Academic Senate is far more productive than was the case many years ago.

SAN FRANCISCO

SAN JOSÉ

SAN LUIS OBISPO

Having a small, landlocked campus of 94 acres was a severe limitation. In recent years, there has been an opportunity for the campus or its foundation to purchase land and existing housing units to accommodate immediate and future needs. These purchases were very wise investments for the future and will ease the pressure on recruiting new faculty.

SAN MARCOS

SONOMA

STANISLAUS