Provost holds forum

By Kristin Benquist
The Collegian

A wide range of faculty questions and student concerns were addressed at the Provost’s Forum Wednesday afternoon. The provost and vice president for academic affairs William A. Covino, Ph.D. spoke to over 100 people in attendance. The forum began with Covino providing informational updates and answering questions submitted in advance. The meeting, which stretched for one and a half hours, ended with an open forum for questions from faculty and students.

Covino offered brief details about a student success task force currently working on an initial plan to launch a series of activities that will encourage students to attend and be successful in their courses. He stressed the importance of a system-wide effort for improving graduation rates and student success.

“I will tell you that my overarching priority is student success. This is the mantra that you’re going to hear from me over and over and over again,” Covino said. “I think that our longer-term strategic plan and academic plan needs to reference student success at every turn. And that’s where our focus needs to continue to be.”

In terms of faculty hires, Covino said that Fresno State is only doing five or six faculty searches this year, down drastically from past years. The provost introduced the concept of cohort hiring, explaining that the university might advertise for positions that not only meet the core needs of a department, but also share a common interest to work with colleagues in other departments or educational or research projects. Three faculty members asked for clarification about this process.

Up close and personal

Welty gives exclusive, candid interview

Sculptor dies, leaves legacy of work at Fresno State

The sculptor of prominently displayed art on the California State University, Fresno campus died on Tuesday, Dec. 1, in Fresno. Dr. Paul Beare, the dean of the Kremen School of Education & Human Development, said that a committee would decide how the money would be used. He said that it is rare for the department to be able to use this amount of money.

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The worst of TIME’s?

TIME magazine, the rag that declared “YOU” the person of the year in 2007, has made a similar hyperbolic declaration in its most recent cover story. It is entitled, “The 100: Goodby (at Last) to the Decade From Hell.”

To make their case, TIME trots out the same sad story we’ve all heard before: the 2000 presidential election, 9/11, Afghanistan, Iraq, Katrina, the financial crisis, Bernie Madoff, Guantanamo Bay. All this qualifies this decade as the “worst.”

Pardon my cynicism, but mightn’t this have a bit to do with TIME’s dwindling readership?

Was this decade truly the worst? Worse than the ’40s, when race riots ran rampant, vicious massacres and unlimited drug use became accepted and Vietnam eroded our national confidence?

Worse than the ’60s, when the world opened up to the worst economic crisis in our country’s history, where unemployment in America reached 25 percent and people the world over suffered?

Worse than the ’80s, when brother fought against brother as another brother fought against son in the Civil War, resulting in the death of more than 600,000 Americans?

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Typhena Persis

International Culture Night misrepresented

As a president of APIC, I would like to thank The Collegian for covering us on International Culture Night on Sunday, Nov. 10. We, as a ten member committee (students from different countries) worked for an entire year to make the show happen. International Culture Night is the time when the world comes together as one, and I appreciate all the other countries who performed equally well. It will be great to highlight the cultures as well during the DIU Country Fair.

I was totally disappointed by the way the article shaped up highlighting student’s personal views and not the whole show. In fact, the students who talked about the Indian student club are not even aware of what club does. When the details about one’s country are printed it is very important that we proofread it. The entire description of the event was provided in the brochure given to the reporter who covered us.

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When a manager comes whizzing through the cubicles to see if you need anything from him/her without stopping to listen to your answer. Way for managers to know what his/her people are doing.

Source: UrbanDictionary.com
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  Vultures”: Dave Grohl has formed his own mega
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• John Mayer: “Battle Studies”
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Music Review by Bethany Rangel
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Dandoy, who died on Jan. 31, was a native of the Philippines. She received both her doctorate from Stanford University and her American citizenship in 1952. Dandoy began teaching at Fresno State in 1956, and retired in 1987.

Beare said that the interest from the endowment is very important to the Kremen School of Education & Human Development. “It’s a great benefit,” Beare said. “Especially in these tough times.”

Robert Monke, a retired professor, was a colleague and friend of Dandoy. He used to chaperone her to school events after she retired.

“Maxima was very involved in the school of education, and I think that education was her life,” Monke said.

Monke said that Dandoy was a very good professor who demanded much from her colleagues and students and they respected her for it. She had an interest in teacher preparation, according to Monke.

“Fresno State was good to her, and that’s why she was good to them,” he said about the gift.

RENZI: Campus home to late sculptor’s work

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of the entrance to the Music Building’s Concert Hall. The sculpture was cast in bronze in 1972 in Verona, Italy.

Renzi’s other work, “The Three Rs,” has been outside of the Kremen School of Education and Human Development since 1998. The Fresno County Office of Education sports a twin of “The Three Rs.”

His other pieces include a 7-foot bronze statue called “The Visit” in the Fulton Mall, as well as work at the University of Virginia, the University of Notre Dame and the Penn Academy of the Fine Arts.

He is survived by Professor Emeritus Dorothy Renzi, his wife, who was on the faculty at Fresno State from 1968-84.

FORUM: Covino said mood has changed

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cess and expressed apprehension about the idea.

Covino responded by identifying the advantages of cohort hiring, stating that it would help the diversity mission of the university and attract faculty to California State University, Fresno.

Political science lecturer Michael Becker said the lack of funding contradicts the premise that teaching and research are the main purpose of the university when faculty cannot even attend conferences in their field.

Becker asked Covino if he would support a policy that would rescind administrative travel to provide money for faculty travel. Covino explained that tenure faculty travel is supported, although not to the degree that he would like.

“I’d add that administrative travel is engaged in for the good of the institution and we are as sensitive as any... one is to budget restraints,” Covino said.

Covino informed the audience that the Blackboard upgrade scheduled for January was postponed until June. He also announced that additional fixes to the e-mail and calendar system, Zimbra, would be performed over the winter break, hoping to have it run faster by the start of the spring semester.

After the meeting, Covino told The Collegian that the mood on Wednesday was very different compared to a similar forum held in October.

“It had a different atmosphere today,” he said. “I think that education was her life,” Monke said. “It’s unusual,” Beare said. “Most gifts that come in are usually tied to scholarships or to a building.”

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COLD AS ICE

Ice hockey skates on after 18 years

By Mallory Plant
The Collegian

The Fresno Falcons may have left, but one hockey team exists in Pajaro that has been around for 18 years. Fresno State has its own hockey club team and it has been a part of campus life at Fresno State since 1991. The club team joined the Pacific Collegiate Hockey Association (PCHA) that same year.

Recruiting

The majority of the members of the team come from California with the exception of three players. Senior goaltender Joe Ricupero (inset photo) is from South Central, Pennsylvania. "I came here to play hockey," Ricupero said.

Ricupero, who has played hockey since the age of ten, came to Fresno to play hockey. He learned about the team through a pre-season trip to Fresno to play hockey. "I kind of already had it payed for," Ricupero said.

The team does not require previous experience to play the game, but players are only allowed to play for a maximum of five years.

Expense

Unlike the university-sanctioned sports on campus, the team on the hockey team have to pay for their time on the ice. Each year, the members of the team pay $2,500 to play hockey. "We pay for pretty much everything," Bybee said.

"I was involved in travel and didn’t need help from Bourdase. "I kind of already had it planned out that I was coming here," Bybee said.

"People around here don’t know that we have a team and are really interested in supporting us and helping us out any way they can," McCormick said.

Club, sailing and school

Each team in the PCHA has a representative go to a meeting to write rules and schedules. The Fresno club has a minimum number of units and maintain a grade point average of 2.0.

"If it wasn’t for my academically, I wouldn’t be allowed to play," Lamberty said.

No. 1 Florida and No. 2 Alabama preparing for a fourth-quarter fight

By Joseph Goodman
 McClatchy Tribune

The most important 15 minutes of football for the national champion Florida Gators came in the fourth quarter of last season's Southeastern Conference title game.

Florida trailed Alabama 20-17 after the third quarter, but the Gators dominated when it mattered most. Quarterback Tim Tebow made good on his promise and the Gators' defense bullied and embarrassed Nick Saban and his Crimson Tide in the fourth quarter. Florida outscored Alabama 14-0 in the final period and the Gators defeated the unbeaten SEC Western Division champion, 31-20.

The rematch is at 4 p.m. EST on Saturday at the Georgia Dome. The winner goes to New Orleans for the BCS National Championship Game. Both No. 1 Florida (12-0) and No. 2 Alabama (12-0) — so evenly matched in nearly every aspect — know that to expect an old-fashioned battle of wills and desire in the fourth quarter. "It’s a year-long preparation for fourth quarters and it will very likely will come down to that," Florida assistant head coach Dan McCarney said. "We have to make sure we play harder, longer than Alabama does and make more plays when the game is on the line." We sure hope so.

"THEY WILL STEP UP"

Florida’s defense will be missed, the Gators still have trend-setter Jermaine Cunningham, son (of a close game is what makes his job cherished, where you get to grab the team after being pushed around during the third quarter. Florida’s defense held Alabama to one yard on six plays in the fourth quarter last year. Florida would like to see the Gators score two unanswered touchdowns and cornerback Joe Haden ended any remaining suspense with 1:39 to play when he intercepted Alabama’s Wilson for an 11-yard loss on a critical third down.

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"People around here don’t know that we have a team and are really interested in supporting us and helping us out any way they can," McCormick said.

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Cherished moments

Heroes are made in the fourth quarter. Trophies are won. Money is lost. Action in the third quarter ends, players hold up four fingers out of respect. Photographs are framed of game-winning plays, memories never fade. In Alabama, artists paint portraits of Crimson Tide fourth-quarter triumphs. For Florida’s Meyer, the requirement of a close game is what makes his job special.

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**WEEK 12 PREVIEW**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4, AT 9:30 A.M., MEMORIAL STADIUM (CHAMPAIGN, ILL.)**

**Bulldog Game Day**

**Fresno State Bulldogs**

(7-4, 6-2 WAC)

*at*

**Illinois Fighting Illini**

(3-8, 2-6 Big Ten)

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**Breakdown: Bulldogs**

The Fresno State Bulldogs have a chance to win their 15th game against a Bowl Championship Series (BCS) team this decade, good enough for second best among non-automatic qualifiers.

From the Bulldogs’ perspective, this game feels a lot like their matchup against Kansas State at the end of the 2007 season. In that game, the ‘Dogs were set for the end of the 2007 season. In that game, they had to travel more than 2,000 miles and the temperature at kickoff was 34 degrees. If Fresno State can overcome the elements, its second hurdle will be trying to stop dual-threat quarterback Juice Williams. The Bulldogs haven’t won a game in the Midwest this year, losing to Wisconsin and Cincinnati. If the Bulldogs can take down the Illini, they will finish the season 4-3 on the road and will be on a two-game winning streak going into the bowl game.

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**Breakdown: Fighting Illini**

To say Illinois’ 2009 season was a disappointment would be a gross understatement. The Fighting Illini had huge hopes and seemed to have enough talent lined up for another run at a major bowl game. But even with a senior quarterback and talent at the skill positions, Illinois has sputtered this year, going 3-8 in its first eleven games and winning only two conference games.

The Illini do not lead the Big Ten in a single major statistical category and have had some very disappointing losses along the way.

Head coach Ron Zook is in his fifth season in Champaigne, Ill., and has been assured by the university that he will be back for a sixth season next year. So his players, all his recruits now in his fifth year, won’t have the burden of playing for their head coach’s job. But what will the Illini have to play for? If the Illini must up all the fight they have left in them and play like the Big Ten team they are, then quarterback Juice Williams and the offense could put up 40 points on Fresno State’s suspect defense. If they are already thinking about how to spend their Christmas break, then the Bulldogs have a chance to win their first ever matchup with the Illini.

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**No popping “Champaign” this year for Illini...**

**Wins against:** Illinois State, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio State, Penn State, Northwestern, Cincinnati, Utah, Wisconsin

**Losses to:** North Carolina, Ohio State, Penn State, Michigan State, Indiana, Purdue, Northwestern, Cincinnati

**Head coach:** Ron Zook (Fifth season, 21-38)

**Offense:** Multiple

**Defense:** Multiple 8-man front

**Key players:** WR Amlous Benn, RB Mikel Leshoure, RB Jason Ford, LB Ian Thomas, CB Garrett Edwards

**Series record:** First meeting

**Last meeting:** First meeting

**Point Spread:** Illinois is favored by 3 points

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**Position matchups**

When Fresno State runs:

**Advantage Fresno State**

Ryan Mathews is back and healthy. He has a few records to break before he takes off for the League.

When Illinois runs:

**Advantage Illinois**

Juice Williams can make plays with his legs, which doesn’t bode well for Randy Stewart’s defense. The Bulldogs have struggled all season with mobile quarterbacks.

When Fresno State passes:

**Advantage Fresno State**

The Illini allow 254.82 yards per game through the air, which ranks 107th in the Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS). Look for Ryan Colburn to pick on the secondary.

When Illinois passes:

**Advantage Illinois**

When Williams gets outside of the pocket on play-action and waggles he is far more accurate. Last week he threw three touchdown passes against No. 5 Cincinnati.

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**Special teams**

**Advantage Illinois**

Fresno State has excelled in this area lately, but with near-freezing temperatures, a hostile crowd and travel as a distraction, the Illini get the nod here.

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**Student-athlete of the week**

Middle blocker Kelly Leonardo

The senior middle blocker won the volleyball team’s postseason individual “Fighting Spirit Award,” an award that was first award last season.

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**Brianna Campbell / Collegian File Photo**

**Player to watch:**

Ryan Mathews, tailback

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**The Collegian’s Keys to Victory**

1. **Contain the dual-threat QB**

Illinois signal-caller Juice Williams averages 187.2 all-purpose yards per game. Running quarterbacks have given the ‘Dogs trouble.

2. **Pack an extra pair of socks.**

It will only be 34 degrees at the time of kickoff. The Bulldogs will need to stay warm and not let weather affect the outcome.

3. **Play to the strengths.**

The offense is the best unit on the team and it should do all it can to keep the defense on the sidelines.

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