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Cal State Where?

CSUH PRESIDENT Rees proposes a change in the university name. She should put all her cards on the table, all the evidence for and against. She admits that Associated Students wanted to be consulted and that they were not. Did you receive an invitation to participate in any study, focus group, forum?

I suspect that the name change proposal says more about Rees and her advisers than it does about Cal State Hayward. They make a better case for changing their names than the university's.

The minutes, transcripts, records of "a year of studies, focus groups and forums" should be made public for all to read and evaluate. They are public records and should be made available under the California Public Records Act. This is the only way that students, staff, faculty and Hayward residents can evaluate the hypotheses and methodologies employed and the conclusions drawn from their use. Two hallmarks of research: it stands up to scrutiny and it is replicable. Or, is it the kind of research that led to floodlights for the stadium? Or proposing an electronic data storage hotel and faculty/public employee housing near Pioneer Heights? Or locating a proposed Business and Technology Building on the high, splendid lawn between Fine Arts and Science? No research for any of the four was presented to the CSUH community. No public evaluation nor participation. At best, only comment was invited, and that without any promises!

The other 22 CSUs, many similarly decentralized and regional, are in larger and smaller communities than Hayward. Each has an "expanded vision and a role as a regional institution with international reach." Have they changed their names in order to accomplish their goals? They have not.

CSUH ought to learn from their experiences and honor "Hayward" in its name. If CSU Hayward has really done its homework, then make it public. Why the secrecy? "Where's CSUEB?" "It's in Hayward!" "Why don't you say so?"

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