Minutes

Members Present: Darlene Yee-Melichar (San Francisco), Jacinta Amaral (Fresno), Rochelle Kellner (Pomona), Marvin Klein (Pomona), Ken Nishita (Monterey Bay), James Postma (Chico), Steven Stepanek (Northridge), Maria Viera (Long Beach),

1. Welcome: Chair Yee-Melichar reported some regrets from committee members who were not able to attend this meeting. She announced that Jim Postma had been appointed Vice Chair, replacing John Tarjan who had been elected to the Executive Committee. She expressed thanks to John for his effective service (and great minutes) during his Academic Affairs term.

2. Approval of the agenda: It was moved (Stepanek) and seconded (Viera) to approve the Agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Approval of the minutes from the meeting of March 7, 2007: http://www.calstate.edu/AcadSen/Committees/Academic_affairs/aa_minutes_0307.pdf. It was moved (Kellner) and seconded (Amaral) to approve the Minutes from March 7, 2007 (with minor addition of a missing “”). The motion passed unanimously.

4. Time Certain – cancelled: Chair Yee-Melichar reported that Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, Keith Boyum, was not available to meet with the Committee today as he was meeting with Executive Committee (filling in for Vice Chancellor Reichard). University Academic Dean, Christine Hanson, was not available to meet with the Committee today as she had a death in the family. A Thank You card for Senator Tarjan and a Condolence Card for Dean Hanson were circulated to the Committee for notes and signatures.

5. Chair’s Report: Chair Yee-Melichar reported on the following issues:
   - The upcoming Access to Excellence systemwide planning summit on April 24-25 in Newport Beach.
   - A resolution on Sustainability in the CSU from FGA that Academic Affairs may wish to co-sponsor.
   - Patrick Lenz’s presentation on “2007-08 CSU Support Budget” to the Board of Trustees on March 14.
   - A CPEC on university enrollment figures show glaring inequities in access to higher education depending on students’ ethnicity, gender, and the type of neighborhood where the student’s high school is located.
   - The RFP for the Transforming Course Design Initiative.
   - Information on how to access the Daily Clips.

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• Vice Chancellor Gary Reichard’s response to Senate resolutions from the March 8-9, 2007 meeting.
• The appointment of Dr. Beth Ambos as Assistant Vice Chancellor for Research Initiatives and Partnerships. (She formerly held the interim title to this office.)
• A recent publication of a Handbook of Free Speech Issues by the CSU General Counsel’s office.

6. Liaison reports:
   6.1 Academic Technology Advisory Committee (ATAC): Tapie Rohm: no report.
   6.2 Admission Advisory Council: Rochelle Kellner: reported that a meeting with BOARES is scheduled for June and that the committee is open to agenda items. ICAS has raised an issue to the committee: whether the High School Exit Exam is racially/ethnically discriminatory.
   6.3 Articulation System Stimulating Inter-institutional Student Transfer: Ken Nishita: has not met.
   6.4 California Academic Partnership Program Advisory Committee: Jacinta Amaral: An RFP has gone out to high schools with low performance indices and the principals are meeting to discuss projects. She noted that the close contact between the Board and the principals as a key to the success of this project. Amaral will supply a written report at the May meeting (and noted this was a good committee to serve on.)
   6.5 CSU Ed.D. Faculty Consultation Group: Darlene Yee-Melichar: Reported that there are three waves of Ed.D. proposals coming from CSU campuses; the first wave has submitted their proposals, the second and third waves will submit for 2008 and 2009 respectively. The first set of proposals is in the process of being reviewed by WASC, CPEC and CSU CO.
   6.6 Common Management Systems Project (CMS): Steven Stepanek: has not been able to get a response from the chair of this committee.
   6.7 Disabilities Advisory Committee: Ken Nishita: The committee will meet next week and will discuss the renewal of the Disability Resource document at this meeting.
   6.8 Early Assessment Program Advisory Committee (EAP): Myron Hood: no report.
   6.9 English Council: Jacinta Amaral: has had no contact with the English Council.
   6.10 Entry Level Mathematics (ELM) Development Committee: Myron Hood: no report.
   6.11 Commission on Extended University: Marvin Klein: reported that the committee will meet in 2 weeks.
6.12 General Education Advisory Committee: Darlene Yee-Melichar, John Tarjan, Jim Postma, Maria Viera: Yee-Melichar outlined the issues that the committee discussed in its meeting yesterday.

6.13 Intersegmental Major Preparation Articulated Curriculum: Darlene Yee-Melichar: has not met and does not expect to meet again.

6.14 Intersegmental Coordinating Committee (ICC): Rochelle Kellner, John Tarjan: will meet on May 1.

6.15 Lower Division Transfer Program Advisory Committee: Jim Postma, John Tarjan: has not met since the last Academic Affairs meeting.

6.16 Systemwide Acquisition of Technology (SWAT): Tapie Rohm, Steven Stepanek: has not met. Steven has not been able to get a response from the committee chair.

6.17 International Programs Planning Group: Jacinta Amaral: will meet as part of the Access to Excellence systemwide planning summit.

7. Items of business

7.1 Finalize resolution on “Response to the Place of Graduate Education in the California State University (CSU)” (AS-2790-07/AA): Chair Yee-Melichar produced an updated version of the resolution which incorporated suggestions from the March plenary and statewide senators. Committee members expressed concern about the process by which the paper was produced and questioned the wisdom of Senate support/endorsement/acceptance. It was suggested that a new resolved clause be added expressing concern about the lack of faculty involvement in the development of the report. It was suggested that the 1st resolved clause be split into two: one which thanked the Academic Council for the report (and noted that it endorses policies that have been promulgated by the ASCSU) and a second resolved clause noting the Senate’s eagerness to work with the provosts on the issues that were addressed.

Consensus developed around a resolution with 4 clauses:
1. Acknowledging the report and noticing that it reinforces past ASCSU recommendations.
2. Recognizing that further study is needed on the recommendations which address state and campus issues.
3. Suggesting a task force be formed that follows the basic principle that faculty are primarily responsible for curriculum development.
4. Statement of who to send copies to.

7.2 Finalize resolution on “Support for AB 178 (Coto): High Schools: Curriculum and Enrollment: College Readiness and Equity Program” (AS-2794-07/AA): Committee members expressed concern about Academic Affairs’ ability to fully understand the context of this bill and its possible transformations. Concerns were also expressed about FGA’s lack of interest in this bill and cosponsorship of this resolution. It was agreed that Academic Affairs will co-sponsor this resolution if FGA takes lead on it or co-sponsors it.
7.3 Review resolution on “Sustainability in the California State University (CSU)”: Committee members expressed concerns about the scope and implications of this resolution. The budgetary implications of the resolution's recommendations were unknown. Questions were raised about why the resolution had circulated to campuses prior to ASCSU action. Other members raised issues of: ambiguous language, lack of consultation, incursions on the curriculum, and costs. Members felt that this resolution was not needed to have the issues of sustainability become part of the Access to Excellence systemwide planning summit. It was unanimously decided not to go forward with this resolution as it is written.

7.4 Consider co-sponsorship of resolution on “Enhancing the Doctoral Culture in the CSU” with TEKR (AS-2792-07/TEKR): Committee members were concerned about the role of the Chancellor that was being called for in the 1st resolved clause. Members questioned the purpose of this resolution, i.e. what problem are we trying to solve? After TEKR joined AA for a discussion, a new draft was distributed and the origin of the “doctoral culture” term was discussed. Academic Affairs decided to revisit this resolution in May after an “aspirational version” has been submitted by TEKR, and then decide whether to co-sponsor.

7.5 Consider co-sponsorship of resolution on “Establish an Ed.D. Advisory Committee” with TEKR (AS-2793-06/TEKR): Committee members discussed the implications of an Ed.D.-only committee versus a Graduate Council or a Doctoral Committee. This discussion continued after TEKR joined AA for discussion. The two committees seemed to have opposite views on this issue with AA favoring a Graduate Council to oversee Masters and Doctoral programs and FGA generally favored an Ed.D. group. Since AA no longer had a quorum, the issue of co-sponsorship and the specifics of the proposal will be decided in May.

7.6 New business (please identify and bring new items for action—discussion, referral, resolution— for planning our May 2007 meeting agenda): The issue of racial/ethnic discrimination in the California High School Exit Examination (CAHSEE) was briefly revisited. Committee members believe that this issue has been adjudicated and that it doesn’t affect the CSU directly so AA does not need to re-visit the topic in May.

8. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m. (PDT.)

Respectfully Submitted,

Jim Postma