Members Present: Darlene Yee-Melichar (San Francisco), Jacinta Amaral (Fresno), Vince Buck (Fullerton), Myron Hood (San Luis Obispo), Rochelle Kellner (Pomona), Marvin Klein (Pomona), Ken Nishita (Monterey Bay), Tapie Rohm (San Bernardino), Steven Stepanek (Northridge), Maria Viera (Long Beach)

Guests Present: Keith Boyum (CSU Chancellor’s Office), Chris Hanson (CSU Chancellor’s Office), Lorie Roth (CSU Chancellor’s Office), Carolyn Bordinaro (Dominguez Hills), Andrea Boyle (San Francisco), Barbara Swerkes (Northridge), Dick Wayne (Long Beach)

1. Welcome from Chair Yee-Melichar to the last committee meeting of the year; regrets from Jim Postma (Chico) who is unable to attend the meeting due to class commitment.

2. Approval of Agenda: Moved by Viera, Seconded by Stepanek, agenda approved unanimously

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes 4/13/07: Moved by Stepanek, Seconded by Viera, minutes approved unanimously. Chair Yee-Melichar thanked Jim Postma for his comprehensive and timely work on these meeting minutes.

4. Chair’s Report: Chair Yee-Melichar reported on the following issues:
   A. ASCSU Newsletter- Academic Affairs Committee will have a report in the next newsletter; committee members are encouraged to submit information for the report
   B. CSU Leader- Informal discussion of newsletter items with committee members (Wang Award recipients, $15M donation to SJSU, etc.)
   C. EVC Reichard’s memo regarding appointment of International Resident Directors
D. EVC Reichard’s memo regarding search for Director of CSU Institute for Teaching and Learning

E. Access to Excellence Summary of Summit Conversations- A copy of the summary of summit conversations was circulated; Chair Yee-Melichar was congratulated on her excellent facilitating work at the systemwide summit

F. Academic Affairs Committee will not meet on Thursday, 5/10/07; the Academic Senate Plenary Session will be held on Thursday (5/10/07) from 9-5 and on Friday (5/11/07) from 8-11 followed immediately by the new organizational meeting and election of new officers.

G. CSU Parking Permits are available from Ann Peacock for the new academic year.

H. Chair Yee-Melichar will write the Academic Affairs Committee Annual Report for the Academic Year 2006-07. This is due within the next 2-3 weeks; committee members should submit editorial comments to Chair Yee-Melichar.

5. Liaison Reports:

A. Academic Technology Advisory Committee (ATAC)- Tapie Rohm gave a brief report on academic transformation, ATI, and noted that a technology summit is planned for 2008.

B. Admission Advisory Council- The 6/1/07 meeting with BOARS will be held at CSU Fullerton. Agenda items should be forwarded to Rochelle Kellner. Chair Yee-Melichar suggested ICAS issue on CAHSEE be included as an agenda item.

C. CSU EdD Faculty Consultation Group- Chris Hanson reported that five campuses have been approved by the CSU Chancellor’s Office; Fresno and Sacramento have been approved by WASC; San Bernadino continues to work with assistance on their program proposal.

D. Disabilities Advisory Committee- Ken Nishita reported that the mandatory five-year review of the CSU disability resources policy is being prepared. In 9/07, this review document will be evaluated by the committee and will then be forwarded to individual campuses for review. An anticipated approval deadline of 1/08 is anticipated.

E. Early Assessment Program Advisory Committee (EAP)- Myron Hood reported on committee meeting and noted that the question of effectiveness of inservices with high school faculty members. Jim Wheeler will write a report to be submitted to the Academic Senate describing the work of this project.

F. Commission on Extended University- Marvin Klein reported that the group met last Friday. No academic issues were discussed.
G. General Education Advisory Committee- Chair Yee-Melichar circulated the minutes from the 5/8/07 meeting to committee members. Chris Hanson responded to reports of campus criticism about a lack of input from individual campuses and noted that these concerns will be addressed.

H. Lower Division Transfer Program Advisory Committee- A new draft resolution will be presented at the Academic Senate Plenary Session on 5/10/07.

6. Report from Associate Vice Chancellor Keith Boyum
   A. Update on the Access to Excellence Summit was presented. Jane Wellman has drafted an initial sketch of the report generated from summit proceedings. Stakeholder meetings will take place in the Fall, 2007 and these meetings will be based on input from the Access to Excellence steering committee.
   B. LDTP- Interactions with community colleges revealed concerns about articulation from community college articulation officers. Associate Vice Chancellor Boyum attended the recent statewide articulation officers meeting where issues and concerns were also addressed.
   C. CSU Task Force on Nursing has been formed, a consultant hired, and Chris Hanson reported that a meeting of the task force is scheduled for May 25, 2007 to address issues related to the study of CSU degree granted independent doctorates in nursing.
   D. Special professional fees for graduate students in business (MBA) task force met and recommended that fees should be levied to allow programs to meet AACSB standards as well as to recruit and retain quality faculty.
   E. Lorie Roth will provide clarification of issues related to:
      1. On-line programs (transforming course design)
      2. Enrollment planning (fewer high school graduates are anticipated in California). The CSU is asked to take the top 1/3 of CA high school graduates. Reports indicate that about 1/3 of the top 1/3 of eligible first time freshman are coming into the CSU.
      3. Many community college graduates do not transfer into the CSU. While the causes of this are unknown, they may be related to a lack of support or a lack of counseling. High school graduates should be encouraged to come to the CSU by completing A-G curriculum.
      4. Focus on recruitment of African American and Hispanic students to increase enrollments of these students within the CSU.
F. Discussion on negotiated regulations by the U.S. Department of Education. Accreditors are being encouraged to mandate items. WASC, for example, wants an open, evolving, continuous improvement process rather than imposed mandates.

G. Associate Vice Chancellor Boyum is an alternate to the meetings exploring negotiated rule making teams; the final session is scheduled for 6/1/07. The U.S. Department of Education is expected to promulgate rules and this may come back to Academic Affairs Committee in the Fall, 2007. The future of accreditation is under review at the regional level.

H. Work will take place during the Summer, 2007 on remediation and efficiency in CSU Academic Affairs (with input from the ASCSU Executive Committee). The English Council is interested in moving toward giving students college credit and university work to get to proficiency within the first year of college study. Exploration will also take place to see whether EAP work will be helpful in this area.

I. Request for Academic Council meeting minutes was made. At this time, no minutes are currently available for review.

7. LDTP Discussion with Barbara Swerkes
   A. Transfer capabilities within the CSU were discussed.
   B. CSU campuses do not have identical programs. Review teams are looking at courses, giving people the opportunity to submit course offerings and obtain a CSU number for ease of transfer.
   C. Academic Affairs Committee members discussed articulation issues and reviewed the LDTP resolution as well as sponsorship of the resolution.
   D. Motion to approve and sponsor the resolution- Steven Stepanek; seconded- Maria Viera. The motion was approved unanimously.

8. Resolutions
   A. Chair Yee-Melichar has incorporated input from committee members and re-crafted “Response to the Place of Graduate Education in the California State University (CSU)” AS-2790-07 AA
      1. Resolution now includes four resolved clauses;
      2. Discussion by committee members included the following changes:
         a. Specify ASCSU/CSU Academic Council Task Force on Graduate Education in the CSU in resolved clause 3;
         b. change title to: Graduate Education Development in the California State University (CSU)
   B. Resolution on “Enhancing the Doctoral Culture in the CSU” AS-2792-07 TEKR
1. Discussion of proposed resolution by committee members
2. Committee members voted not to co-sponsor the resolution with TEKR

C. Resolution on “Establish an EdD Advisory Committee” AS-2793-06
   TEKR
   1. Discussion of proposed resolution by committee members
   2. Committee members voted not to co-sponsor the resolution with TEKR

D. Resolution on “Sustainability in the California State University”
   1. Chair Yee-Melichar provided an update on changes in the draft resolution
   2. Discussion of changes to Resolved Clause 2- “consider making” was substituted for make
   3. Discussion of changes to Resolved Clause 4- delete the word “may” and reference the “Talloires Declaration”
   4. Discussion and recommendation by committee members to possibly change the title to Sustainable Development in the CSU
   5. Committee members agreed to co-sponsor this resolution with FGA

E. Resolution on “Protection of the Autonomy of Individual Institutions as a Board Responsibility in the Governance of a Multiversity”
   1. No discussion of this resolution because of uncertainty regarding FGA’s work on the resolution

F. Resolution on “Providing Equal Access to Programs and Services for Individuals with Disabilities”
   1. Wayne Dick was present to discuss this resolution from ATAC
   2. He recommended that web service be changed to web-based services throughout the resolution
   3. He recommended that CSU be changed to Chancellor’s Office throughout the resolution
   4. He noted that the resolution is designed to track priorities for resources and is an attempt to address this in a rational way—making educational materials accessible to disabled students on time and also addresses the importance of procurement within the CSU
   5. He noted that the CSU spends $400/year on each disabled student and disabled students take around 12 units/semester. This proposal is designed to bring the most difficult problems for exploration.
6. Priorities will be established for web sites so everything will be reviewed and gradually the system will be reviewed.

7. Changes to the resolved clause on distribution of the resolution to campus senates were made.

8. Chair Yee-Melichar noted that the Faculty Affairs Committee was interested in co-sponsoring this resolution.

9. A change to reference past work was recommended for Resolved Clause 1.

10 Motion to approve sponsorship of this resolution was made by Tapie Rohm and seconded by Steven Stepanek. Motion was approved unanimously.

G. Resolution on “The Proper Use of the California High School Exit Exam”

1. Discussion by committee members of ICAS CAHSEE draft resolution. Resolution was approved by both the UC and CC systems.

2. Questions to be addressed:
   a. should the CSU study questions about exit exams?
   b. should the CSU consider proper use of test scores?
   c. should the committee use this opportunity to provide council to Academic Senate Executive Committee about these issues?

3. Suggestion made to support the “Whereas #9” and the committee held a lengthy discussion of the draft resolution. No decision was made to support the draft resolution in its entirety. This item may return for further discussion in early Fall 2007.

9. Senator Fred Hornbeck notified the Academic Affairs Committee that FGA would support all recommended changes to the resolution on Sustainability in the CSU. AAC and FGA chairs agreed that resolution title would be left unchanged to confirm with other CSU committee work.

Respectfully submitted,

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