Academic Affairs Committee

MINUTES

Friday, April 10, 2009
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Anacapa Room

Members Present: Caroline Bordinaro (Dominguez Hills); Andrea Boyle (teleconference from San Francisco); Jim LoCascio (San Luis Obispo); J. Ken Nishita (Monterey Bay); Jim Postma, Chair (Chico); C.E. Tapie Rohm (San Bernardino).

Members Absent: Edward Aguado (San Diego); Vince Buck (Fullerton); Paul O’Brien, (Stanislaus)

Guests Present: Ken O’Donnell, (replacing Christine Hanson, Chancellor’s Office); Jeri Echeverria (Associate Vice Chancellor, Chancellor’s Office); Darlene Yee-Melichar (Executive Committee Liaison)

1. Welcome and Call to Order: Jim Postma, Chair, called the committee to order at 10:00 a.m.

2. Approval of the Agenda: Agenda approved by all committee members with the following changes and additions:
   A. Resolution on Founders of Institutes and Centers added to the agenda
   B. Executive Committee has a resolution to make it clear that 1/3 of the Senate body can request a ballot vote on any item
   C. Migration of course from general fund to self-support resolution from FA comes to AA with a request to co-sponsor the resolution
   D. Discussion of the GEAC meeting held on 4/9/09 with a focus on defining Baccalaureate education

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes: Meeting minutes from the March 18, 2009 meeting were unanimously approved

4. Chair’s Report: Jim Postma presented the chair’s report- items for discussion are noted as agenda additions

5. Administrative Reports:
   5.1 Ken O’Donnell reported for Christine Hanson (who is on vacation) on the following items:
       A. GEAC and the Compass Project

   5.2 Jeri Echeverria reported to the committee on the following items:
       A. Comments on the recent BOT meeting:
           1. Issues discussed included the resolving remediation and getting students ready for CSU
           2. Arguments for and against remediation were discussed
           3. Issues related to graduation rates were discussed
           4. Issues to be discussed at the May BOT meeting will focus on the budget and funding
B. Community College Task Force will be meeting soon

5.3 Darlene Yee-Melichar reported to the committee on the following items:
A. EdD Proposal Review Group consists of the following members: C Tapie Rohm, Judith Lighthouse, and Andrea Boyle. Reviewers will work independently for this review cycle.
B. Glen Brodowsky will join the Disability Committee as the third ASCSU representative
C. Associate Vice-Chancellor Jeri Echeverria will get ASCSU budget updates
D. The Chancellor reported on the budget with support for positions up until 5/1/09 and there will be no layoffs through this year. UC is looking at layoffs and furloughs and the CSU may look at a 1 day per month furlough or a 4.6% pay salary reduction
E. MBA fee increase now back on the table for discussion
F. Committee for Scholarship of Community Engagement pilot program looking at formative review of faculty engagement in areas of external funding. The group is working with Dr Amy Driscoll, a national expert. Faculty can nominate themselves for consideration or as reviewers. This would not be part of the RTP process. Indicators regarding what are good services should be tied to campuses and campus autonomy. One suggestion- disseminate best practices to campuses in the form of an electronic journal

6. Liaison Reports:
6.1 Academic Technology Advisory Committee (ATAC): Tapie Rohm noted there will be a phone conference at the end of the month.
A. Issues of intellectual property should be discussed as related to on-line classes
   Should this change teaching assignments?
B. On-line courses—many people think that when faculty put on-line courses together they never change the courses and then there are no additional development costs for these courses
C. Blackboard and Moodle are not set-up for advanced on-line strategies. The model is changing and this needs to be addressed
D. Costs of on-line classes are the same now as for regular classes but on-line classes will need to be connected and costs changed in the future
E. A number of transitions have been noted with lots of changes and lots of questions about quality, lots of questions about on-line texts and journals, and student interest in the costs of these materials.

6.2 California Academic Partnership Program (CAPP): No AA member present on this committee at the present time

6.3 Chancellor’s Doctoral Incentive Policy Advisory Committee: No items to report

6.4 CSU Ed.D Advisory Committee: Tapie Rohm, Jim Postma
No items to report

6.4 Disabilities Advisory Committee: Ken Nishita
Ken Nishita reported that the next meeting will be next Friday. The committee is looking for a new member

6.6 English Council: No AA member present on this committee at the present time
6.7 Committee on the Extended University: Tapie Rohm
Tapie Rohm noted that the proposal review is in process and they will meet at the end of the month. No system wide dean has been hired to date

6.8 General Education Advisory Committee: Caroline Bordinaro, Jim Postma
The International Baccalaureate Resolution has been developed GEAC met on 4/9 and the following items were discussed:
A. Which scores are accepted for the International Baccalaureate? Discipline specific input was obtained.
B. Individual campuses can require their own scoring but the system can also set minimal passing scores for GE. It was noted that once the passing scores are set, this can be marketed to high school students.
C. International Baccalaureate courses that require a lab were discussed with questions raised regarding the test scoring for labs. Work will be done with UC regarding score alignment in both systems
D. Compass Project report-Ken O’Donnell found $35,000 for a fund raiser to raise additional money for compass related goals
E. A GE Institute meeting will be held 6/09 and Ken O’Donnell and Kevin Baaske will be attending the meeting
F. Ken O’Donnell also noted that the study of high impact practices or ways in which students learn, especially disadvantaged students is going on. GE might be a good place to begin the study of integrated learning and the Compass Project is looking at these strategies
G. Changes to ASSIST were discussed- this is a CC program to allow CC students who are taking general education courses to count these in the CSU GE program
H. A discussion was held to see if the passing score in AP Psychology can be use to qualify for Area E
I. LEAP Outcomes Assessment- EO1033 was discussed with questions about how campuses review these GE Programs which raises more questions about assessment. This will be discussed next year.

6.9 Institute for Teaching and Learning-Paul O’Brien
No report presented to the committee

6.10 International Programs: No report to the committee

6.11 Library Directors, Council of (COLD): Caroline Bordinaro reported that the virtual library project report has been forwarded to all senators and that the committee will meet at the end of the summer to draft a proposal looking at issues of cost and maintenance of items

6.12 Student Health Services Advisory Committee: Andrea Boyle
No meeting will be scheduled until Fall 2009

6.13 Sustainability Advisory Subcommittee Education and Research: James LoCascio, Paul O’Brien: No report to the committee
6.12 Other: No news to report

7. Old Business:

7.1 AS-2888-09/AA/FGA: Support for Honorary Degrees for Alumnae Interned by Federal Executive Order 9066
   A. Resolution reviewed by committee members and changes proposed for review at the 5/09 meeting

7.2.1 AS-2890-09/AA/APEP: Support for International Baccalaureate Courses for GE and Transfer Credit
   A. APEP is interested in co-sponsoring this resolution and has suggested adding a URL for another university or universities using this system
   B. GEAC list of courses could also be added to the resolved clauses
   C. Resolution reviewed by committee members and changes proposed for review at the 5/09 meeting

7.3 AS-2891-09/AA/FA: Support for Campus Guidelines and Policies on Consultation
   A. Resolution will be co-sponsored by FA
   B. Resolution reviewed by committee members and changes proposed for review at the 5/09 meeting

7.4.1 AS-2870-09/AA: Resolution in Support for Campus Processes for Intellectual Contributions of Faculty- Tapie Rohm explained the changes to this proposed resolution and will make edits to the resolution and bring the edited document to the 5/09 AA meeting

7.4.2 Resolution regarding the Migration of Courses From Self-Support to External education
   A. FA has asked AA to co-sponsor this resolution
   B. Questions were discussed regarding the criteria that will be used
   C. AA will co-sponsor this resolution
   D. AA members discussed the resolution and Caroline Bordinaro will edit the resolution for the 5/09 AA meeting

8. New Items of Business:

8.1 Recent Executive Orders in AA’s Areas of Responsibility
   A. Community College members noted that there are problems associated with defining baccalaureate education
      1. EO 167 (1973) defined baccalaureate education
      2. Senate resolution was written on this issue
      3. Suggestion-AA look at modernizing this document
   B. Community College complaint that members are not treated with respect and not treated collegially
1. Baccalaureate credit definitions should include input from community college faculty and articulation officers
2. Recommendation was made to have a meeting with community college faculty and AA members to discuss these issues

8.3 Executive Committee Resolution on Ballots
   A. Item discussed by committee members - any senator can request a ballot vote with one-third of the senate approval of this request
   B. Vince Buck will have his opinions on this issue solicited

8.4 Other - No additional items for discussion

9. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned by Chair Postma at 3:00 p.m.

Meeting minutes submitted by: Andrea Boyle