Academic Affairs

MINUTES

Friday, April 9, 2010
10:00 a.m. – 12:p.m.

Via Teleconference

Members Present: Andrea Boyle, Vice Chair (San Francisco); Margaret Costa (Long Beach); Susan Gubernat (East Bay); Steven Filling (Stanislaus); Jim LoCascio (San Luis Obispo); J. Ken Nishita (Monterey Bay); Paul O’Brien (Stanislaus); Jim Postma, Chair (Chico); C.E. Tapie Rohm (San Bernardino); and Mark Van Selst (San Jose)

Members Excused: Patricia Kalayjian, Dominguez Hills

Guests: Chris Mallon, State Academic Dean
        Shelia Thomas, Dean, Extended Learning
        John Tarjan, Chair, ASCSU

1. Welcome and Call to Order: James Postma, Chair

2. Approval of the Agenda - Agenda Approved with the following additions:
   a. Review of the APEP Resolution
   b. Discussion of the proposed Troops to College Resolution

3. Approval of the Minutes from the Meeting of March 10, 2010 - Minutes approved as submitted.

4. Chair’s report: Jim Postma- There is no news to report at today’s meeting regarding the faculty trustee position.

5. Administrative Reports

   5.1 Jeri Echeverria, Executive Vice Chancellor and Chief Academic Officer - Not present at today’s meeting

   5.2 Christine Mallon, State University Dean- Dean Mallon was represented at the first part of the meeting by Shelia Thomas, Dean of Extended Learning.

   The following items were discussed:

   (1) AB1295. Andrea Boyle presented information from the Nursing Education Work Group that is comprised of nursing faculty and chairs from both the CCC and the CSU as well as representatives from both the CCC and the CSU Chancellor’s Offices and the CCC and CSU Academic Senates. Chris Mallon represents the CSU Chancellor’s Office and Andrea Boyle represents the CSU Academic Senate. The group recently completed a survey of nursing deans and directors across California regarding selected collaborative CCC and CSU models. The work group has planned an all day meeting early in April to continue discussions regarding these collaborative efforts.

   (2) A discussion was held regarding the discontinuance proposals at Humboldt State University. The Humboldt AS was involved in this process and has presented a proposal to their president regarding the discontinuance of several programs, including their nursing program.
(3) Questions were raised about the Executive Vice Chancellor search. Chris Mallon noted that there is no information available to date regarding the status of the search.

5.3 Other- No items for discussion.

6. Liaison Reports:

6.1 Academic Technology Advisory Committee (ATAC): Steven Filling, Tapie Rohm (http://www.calstate.edu/ATAC/) Course Hero - Members will ask ATAC if our suggested approach is a good idea. Jim Postma asked Gerry Hanley about Course Hero. Tapie Rohm wants to focus on integration rather than a CSU mandate in the future. Issue: faculty should have an awareness of Course Hero and Paul O'Brien suggests that faculty should check the site content in their discipline. Tapie Rohm also suggests that faculty begin the use of copyrights for course syllabi and materials as a form of protection. Next step is to make sure that ATAC agrees with the AA stand on Course Hero. Tapie Rohm also suggests the development of a white paper and Jim Postma will ask the ATAC chair for the development of this paper on behalf of AA members. A system security information policy will be placed on the May AA agenda for further discussion.


6.3 Chancellor’s Doctoral Incentive Policy Advisory Committee: (http://www.calstate.edu/HR/CDIP/) No report.


6.5 Disabilities Advisory Committee: Ken Nishita reported that there will be a meeting in 2 weeks. (http://www.calstate.edu/SAS/SSWD.shtml)

6.6 English Council: Susan Gubernat (http://csuenglishcouncil.wordpress.com/) Meeting of the English Council is scheduled for next week.


6.8 (http://www.calstate.edu/AcadSen/Committees/geac/index.shtml)

Jim Postma, Mark Van Selst: GEAC met yesterday. There is a GE conference next month in Fullerton and some AA members will attend that meeting. Other items were discussed including:

(1) President’s Task Force- report given to the Senate Chairs and the Senate Chairs sent the message that faculty control the curriculum;

(2) Report on articulation- path through articulation is a process that determines the adequacy of courses taken at other universities. This was deemed to be a AA issue rather than a GE issue; and

(3) CLEP resolution coming forward and the AP changes will be placed into the resolution rationale.

6.9 Institute for Teaching and Learning: Paul O’Brien (http://www.calstate.edu/itl/) Next meeting will be held on May 6, 2010.

6.10 International Programs: (http://www.calstate.edu/IP/) No report.

6.11 Library Directors, Council of (COLD): (http://seir.calstate.edu/protected/cold/)- Mark Van Selst noted a recent lawsuit related to electronic reserves and suggests that AA get involved in informing faculty about some of these issues surrounding electronic reserves.
Tapie Rohm suggests that this come forward to ATAC for discussion. Jim Postma will contact faculty affairs regarding this issue.

6.12 Student Health Services Advisory Committee: Andrea Renwanz-Boyle (http://www.calstate.edu/eo/EQ-943.html) The committee met in March. The mental health services survey will be presented to the Board of Trustees in May. A survey of student health care services was discussed and data will be collected in the future.


6.14 Other: Susan Gubernat reported on Early Start in the CSU noting that the project is slated to begin in early 2010. Current budget cuts were not identified as part of this process that is designed to have programs on all campuses in 2012.

7. Old Business

7.1 Defining Baccalaureate Credit – Update – Jim Postma noted agreement with the information provided by Ken O’Donnell and will ask the CO to work with AA and the CCC on these issues. Mark Van Selst asked if a resolution is needed here. AA members felt that a resolution was not required at this time. Jim Postma will report to ASCSU on this work as part of his AA report at the May plenary session.

7.2 AS-2942-10/AA College-Level Examination Program (CLEP) – The resolution has been discussed by AA members and is ready for the May plenary session.

7.3 Other- The Troops to College Resolution was again discussed. Paul O'Brien and Andrea Boyle will continue to obtain data for a future resolution early next year.

8. New Items of Business

8.1 Possible Co-Sponsor of AS-2947-10/APEP: Consultation on Decisions Regarding Academic Information Technology-Edits on the resolution were discussed by AA members and will be forwarded to APEP later today for their review.

8.2 Possible Co-Sponsor of AS-2950-10/APEP: Facilitating Students’ Academic and Career Goals in a Time of Economic Constraints - Mark Van Selst noted that this is very similar to the AA resolution passed in March, 2010 by the ASCSU. AA members did not want to co-sponsor this resolution because our previous resolution covered this content. AA members did express an interest in the review of new resolutions in this area.

8.3 Closing the Gap & The Graduation Initiative – Susan Gubernat noted that there are groups meeting on campuses to discuss and share plans for graduation initiatives. Jim Postma will bring this information to John Tarjan's attention.

8.4 College Credit for 9th Graders- Jim Postma will ask APEP to look into the benefits of high school scholar programs in general. Andrea Boyle spoke briefly with the SFSU Dean of the College of Education who noted that SFSU is not offering college credit to 9th graders and has not done so in the past. Andrea Boyle will continue to collect data on high school scholar programs at SFSU for future discussion by AA members.

8.5 “Changing the Subject” (attachment) - Discussion regarding the letter sent by Steve Hicks regarding GE and graduation facilitation. Chris Mallon asked if anyone has been approached to speak to the Senate about the topic of curriculum re-engineering. At this point AA members have no ideas about this. Finney would be able to speak to senate members. Chris Mallon indicated that she will send this to EVC Echeverria for follow-up.

8.6 Other Discussion Items: None
8.7 APEP Resolution 2948- The question was raised about AA's co-sponsorship of the resolution on enrollment management. AA members indicated the need for document review regarding this resolution. The resolution will be discussed at the May AA meeting.

8.8 Second trustee resolution brought forward for discussion by Mark Van Selst and AA members indicated that a resolution on this issue was not warranted at this time.

8.9 John Tarjan reported to AA members on the status of the EVC search. The next search committee meeting is scheduled on 4/20/10 to determine the candidates coming for interviews in mid-May. John Tarjan also reported that Chancellor Reed has suggested that one of the authors of the Penn letter come to the CSU to discuss ideas on curricular re-engineering. This was discussed by AA members and John Tarjan and other EXEC members will decide if this is feasible for the May plenary meeting.

9. Other - No other items for discussion.

10. Adjournment - Meeting Adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Andrea Boyle.