Academic Affairs Committee

Friday, December 11, 2009
10:00 a.m.- 12:15 p.m.

TELECONFERENCE

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

Members Excused: Margaret Costa (Long Beach); Patricia Kalayjian (Dominguez Hills); Jim LoCascio (San Luis Obispo)

Guests:
Jeri Echeverria, Executive Vice-Chancellor
Chris Mallon, Academic Dean
Diana Guerin, ASCSU Executive Committee
John Tarjan, ASCSU Chair

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

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes: Meeting minutes from November 5, 2009 were unanimously approved.

4. Chair’s Report: Jim Postma noted the following:
   A. There is money in the budget to support on-site committee meetings for the rest of the year. AA members will consider teleconference vs. on-site interim meetings as we proceed through the spring of 2010.

5. Administrative Reports:
   A. Jeri Echeverria, Executive Vice-Chancellor reported on the following:
      1. Graduation initiative- designed to take a 6 year look at improving the graduation rates- a brief discussion was provided regarding the meeting held with the Barber team. Presidents and provosts are to launch the initiative and focus on the Obama initiative to take the lead in increasing the number of college graduates in the US; preliminary reports are due in December so that a report can be generated for the BOT.
      2. Focus in the CSU has been on retention rather than graduation and these activities can be viewed as complementary. One question: How can we set
targets in 6-8 weeks? Jeri Echeverria sees this as setting a target and a plan that can be modified in the future. Doubts and misinformation have occurred as the result of the timing of project communication. Jeri Echeverria is planning to present information about the project at the AS meeting in January. There was recognition that there is work to be done regarding the identified communication issues; Jeri Echeverria is thinking of drafting a letter to faculty regarding the project. Conversations have also been held regarding early start programs/issues. Jim Postma, Susan Gubernat, and Paul O’Brien identified problems with the communication process and the view that the AS and the faculty are viewed as an obstacle and also concerns regarding Barber and his theories and work in the UK. Questions regarding the choice of Barber for this project were briefly discussed and Tapie Rohm suggested that Jeri draft a memo to be sent to faculty clarifying this project. Jeri Echeverria stated that she is working on a letter regarding this project.

3. Early start- Jeri Echeverria is not sure what the task force will propose to her regarding this program and noted that work continues in this area.

4. Additional issues for consideration included:
    i. The CLA, working with the chancellor on yearly implementation of this rather than every 3 years.
    ii. Reaching out to campus presidents to ensure that the MBA fee structure is doing what it is designed to do.
    iii. Legislative agenda for 2010 and questions about the timing of doctoral programs.
    iv. Learning Management Systems- campuses may get central support to reduce costs of LMSs; this will be optional for campuses. The changing approach (opt-in rather than mandated use of this programs) should be more helpful.
    v. Faculty are going to be provided with options on on-line materials that faculty do not have to select but can select if they are interested. Testing is being done at some campuses to help students reduce costs while faculty maintain control of text choices- Jerry Hanley is also working on these issues.

5. Jeri Echeverria noted that we need to move toward a place of advocacy in California and communicate the need for higher education. (Note: John has not made a phone call to the governor’s appointment office in the past month regarding the Faculty Trustee, but will make a call again regarding this issue.)

B. Christine Mallon, Academic Dean reported on the following:

1. GE Breadth and IGETC review and approvals have been sent out.
2. Honorary degrees-applications are due on 12/11. BOT and 2 faculty reps (John Tarjan and Bernadette Cheyne) will review the applications in January. The nominations from campuses and trustees will be reviewed by the committee and their decisions will be forwarded by the committee and the BOT.
3. Issues related to EO 802- proposals moved from state to self-support have received very few approvals to date. Some campuses have noted that they will close down programs and then wait and restart in self-support but the approval
and review process is the same for this way of doing things.

4. Closure of programs- Chris Mallon noted that discontinuance processes should be followed on each campus.

5. There is no move to change 802 at this time- Jeri Echeverria also noted that her attempt to clarify this 2 year review of 802 resulted in additional questions.

6. Fee structure questions have not been resolved and are under review at this time. Jeri Echeverria hopes that the questions about this will be resolved this week. Tapie Rohm asked about the MBA fees and hiring faculty. What is not legitimate; for instance, the use of the financial aid set-aside for anything other than financial aid either in business or other areas in the university. Would funds be considered misused if they are not used for the MBA program but, for instance in the undergraduate business programs?

5. Mark Van Selst asked about PeopleSoft issues and programming limitations regarding course repeats. Jim Postma noted that this will be on the January agenda.

C. John Tarjan, Chair, ASCSU reported on the following:

1. ICAS was held last week and notes have been distributed.
2. John Tarjan also reported on the Master Plan hearings held in Sacramento. The purpose of the hearings was to generate awareness of the need for funding higher education and support for the master plan. John Tarjan gave his testimony; he did not feel that there was any indication of change for the CSU at this time.

6. Liaison Reports:

6.1 Academic Technology Advisory Committee (ATAC): Steven Filling & Tapie Rohm- No report/ no news.

6.2 California Academic Partnership Program (CAPP): No report.

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


6.5 Disabilities Advisory Committee: Ken Nishita- See Ken’s report as attachment

6.6 English Council: Susan Gubernat: No report.

6.7 Committee on the Extended University: No report/no news.

6.8 General Education Advisory Committee: Mark Van Selst, Margaret Costa, Patricia Kalayjian, & Jim Postma: No report.


6.10 International Programs: No AA committee member present in this group.
6.11 Library Directors, Council of (COLD): No member on the committee.

6.12 Student Health Services Advisory Committee: Andrea Boyle: No report.


6.14 Other- No news to report.

7. Old Business:

7.1 Defining Baccalaureate Credit-
Jim is working with Community college faculty and Ken O’Donnell on this project. Andrea Boyle, Mark Van Selst and Jim Postma were appointed as the CSU faculty assigned to the task force. Jim will work on adding a campus articulation officer and a campus undergraduate dean. Chris Mallon and Ken O'Donnell will make suggestions.

7.2 Course Hero- still work in process.

7.3 Items in second reading for January:

7.3.1 Revising Campus-Based Program Suspension and Elimination Policies (AS 2918-09/AA): Mark Van Selst will look at changes as will Paul O'Brien as proposed at the last senate meeting. Susan Gubernat suggested that resolve clauses 1 and 3 be part of the rationale and will work on these changes.

7.3.2 Support of Legislation to Authorize the Offering of the Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) Degree in the CSU (AS 2924-09/APEP/AA/FGA): APEP took the lead on this resolution. The rationale needs to be expanded; Andrea Boyle will work on this and touch base with Chris Mallon regarding the resolution.

7.3.3 Early Start Programs (AS-29296-09/AA/APEP): APEP is working on this and Susan Gubernat has also been working on this resolution. Bob Buckley noted new title “Recommended Conditions Regarding Early Start Programs.” Susan Gubernat also raised questions regarding the committee composition and she will work with Bob Buckley on this resolution.

7.3.4 Support of the ICAS Statement on Competencies in Mathematics (AS-29297-09/AA): Jim Postma sent out revisions for review. Jim Postma and Jim LoCascio will work on this for the January AA meeting.

7.3.5 Shared Governance in enrollment Management and Facilitation Graduation for High Unit Students (AS-2928-09/AA): Mark Van Selst worked on this and noted minor comments from the floor. He will continue to work on for the January meeting.

7.3.6 Continuing Support for Efforts Facilitating Transfers Between Community Colleges and the CSU (AS-2929-09/APEP): APEP is sponsoring this resolution.
supporting facilitation of transfer from CCC to the CSU and AA members were asked if we want to co-sponsor this resolution? The CSU has stopped adding to LDTP but descriptors will be posted and the suggestion was made to have Barbara Swerkes give a report on this at the January meeting. Jim Postma will also send out the CID web address for review. There may be an attempt to continue this work through CID money in the future. (Note: The web site is: http://www.c-id.net/)

7.3.7 Other Items:
1. AA agreed to co-sponsor the presidential enrollment management resolution from APEP, 2925. This connects to many academic issues. John Tarjan noted that the chancellor is in support of this resolution and this is now a work-in-progress.

2. Diana Guerin noted that at the ICAS meeting, Assembly member Ruskin revealed the issue of improving transfer from CCC to the CSU and possibly standardizing curricula. Diana Guerin noted that transfer is an issue and wonders where the data is to support this. Jim Postma noted that the articulation pathways are easy to find. Chris Mallon noted that we have information on this issue and noted that CSU GE Breadth and IGETC (1300 new courses approved each year) work well and most students transfer using GE Breadth and that students are most successful in graduating on time if they are full time freshman as opposed to transfer students who work and go to school part time. CCC students view their degrees as terminal degrees rather than a transfer to the CSU. The GE packages are different in each of the CCC campuses. Chris Mallon also stated that the CCC are not rewarded for transfer, especially as related to GE. Diana Guerin noted that there is a ICAS group working on a white paper on these issues with Assembly member Ruskin inviting the CSU to develop a 3-4 page statement regarding transfer issues.

3. AB 440: proposal to amend the master plan through changes in CCC major course requirements. The bill would waive 6 courses for transfer students. ICAS opposes this because faculty should be in charge of curricula. Chris Mallon asked to be involved in any senate work on transfer, especially as related to GE offerings in the CSU and CCC. These issues will be placed on the January agenda. Mark Van Selst suggests a resolution commending CCC for transfer of courses and Chris Mallon stated that Chancellor Reed has always supported the idea that too much GE is required but supports faculty decisions in this area.

4. Chris Mallon informed AA members that no requests have been made to the provosts to date for program discontinuance and thus no documentation from the CO is available to date on this issue.

5. Mark Van Selst suggested a $600 course fee for courses repeated 3 times or more. Chris Mallon will follow up on this because she notes that Chancellor Reed states no new fees will be approved at this time.

8. New Items of Business:

8.1 Post Graduation Grade Changes: This item was discussed by AA members and no further action will be taken at this time.
8.2 MBA fees: Tapie Rohm will bring in information for the January meeting.

8.3 Enrollment in Extended Ed and General Fund Issues: Students can take state support and self support at the same time BUT they cannot take open enrollment courses and state support courses at the same time because Open University is only for non-matriculated students. Chris Mallon is asking the question to see if we can make that work also noting that a resolution on this would be a good idea. Tapie Rohm will draft a resolution on this issue and Chris Mallon will work on this with him.

8.4 College-Level Examination Program (CLEP): Credit for non-university courses and exams (CLEP) are going to be explored in GE in January according to Mark. Jim Postma provided background on this issue; information on CLEP work authorized on each campus has been provided. The exams and articulations mechanisms already exist. This is a likely mechanism for troops returning to college and may be something that is used for all CSU campuses in terms of transfers. The second question is, will we give GE credit for this? Chris Mallon stated that the CO staff do much of the background work on this but everything else is left to the campuses Mark Van Selst questioned whether courses meet course requirements, GE requirements and what should a statewide policy regarding this issue? Mark Van Selst will give AA a report on this at our next meeting.

8.5 Other
8.5.1 CLA- Jeri noted that we are going to do this every year and this is a change from current practice. A resolution on CLA from last year was in place. Issues related to this annual assessment include fiscal aspects as well as reliability and validity issues. Steven will work on a resolution and Mark and Andrea will also provide assistance on the resolution.

8.5.2 Closing the Gap: Jim Postma brought this forward for discussion by AA members. Susan Gubernat stated that the goal is ill defined. Jim Postma commented that the goals for this can be applied to lots of arenas and bears little connection to the proposed goals and target setting. Susan Gubernat will send Barber links to everyone on the committee. Tapie Rohm proposed a resolution on this, addressing issues of shrinking faculty numbers, the students in the system, fee policies and graduation rates.

8.5.3 Troops to College: Paul O'Brien asked for this discussion to bring up issues related to returning vets into our system and the need of counseling for vets who need re-integration. He will be doing some research on this issues and Jim has been asked to contact FGA regarding this resolution.

9. Other: Jim Postma notes that we will meet again on January 20 and 21, 2010.

10. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned by Chair Postma at 12:15 p.m.

Meeting minutes submitted by: Andrea Boyle