Minutes
Extended Executive Committee
January 19, 2011

Present: Kevin Baaske, Andrea Renwanz Boyle, Tracy Butler, Bernadette Cheyne, Susan Gubernat, Diana Guerin, Tom Krabacher, Jim Postma, John Tarjan, Mark Van Selst, Darlene Yee-Melichar

Called to order at 8:40.

Announcements

Chair Postma reported that he testified at the Assembly Higher Education Committee yesterday in response to a concern about Early Start. His testimony focused on quality and efficiency in higher education. Chancellor Reed and others testified. SB 1440 was also discussed. His impression is that the Committee members believe that we can address the $500 million budget cut through greater efficiency, and that they would like the CSU to admit more students. The DOF is setting up a work group to discuss ways to handle the budget cuts to the CSU and UC. The group will meet this Friday in Sacramento, and membership includes Pat Gant, Lil Taiz, Chris Chavez, Robert Turnage, and Jim Postma. Tom Krabacher was asked to attend in Jim’s stead (as Jim will be in Dallas). The possibility of a resolution on ASCSU’s position on student fees. A review/amalgamation of prior resolutions on student fees was suggested; Darlene reported that she had found seven resolutions since 1996 passed by ASCSU. She was uncertain whether FGA could accomplish this at this time.

Early Start Update: Chair Postma reported that campuses have submitted their plans, which vary in detail and are not yet made public. There are several models across the campuses. The campuses are building on programs already in place. The English Council rep made a compelling case demonstrating that current practices work well. The possibility of targeting the students who are just under the cut-off, rather than all students needing remediation, was raised. Each campus will receive feedback on its plan, probably in mid-February. The issue of student costs for Early Start has not been settled, but the desirability of a single plan across the system is recognized. Jim does not expect strict enforcement for students this year; enforcement will gradually be tightened.

Approval of Agenda

Approved

Faculty Trustee Update

John Tarjan reported that the Committee met yesterday, and Harold Goldwhite will announce the four candidates at the plenary.

Chair Postma reported that the files of the trustee nominees were sent to Governor

Committee Reports
Committee chairs reviewed the agendas of their committees for today’s meetings.

Executive Committee

Jackie Donath (faculty member, Sac State) and Ralph Wolff (WASC President) met with the Executive Committee to discuss WASC Redesign, changes to WASC accreditation process. Ralph referred members to six papers on accreditation that are available on the WASC website, and reviewed a handout distributed to members summarizing the proposed changes. These included faculty engagement in the accreditation process, focus on graduation rates, quality of student learning, transparency of findings, public accountability/advocacy.

Committee members discussed concerns with Ralph and Jackie, who are interested in working with CSU faculty as much as possible. For example, they agreed to offer a webinar for all ASCSU senators or visit ASCSU again this spring. Wolff was asked if WASC had a role in responding to media reports, such as the recent report on the CLA. He said the Commission sees this as an emerging role.

Announcements

Kevin reported that Cal State LA is voting this week on whether or not to move from quarters to semesters.

Approval of Agenda

Approved as amended.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of December 3 and 9, 2010 were approved as submitted.

Legislative Update

Tom discussed legislative calendar. He received a list from Wess Larson of proposed bills:

- AB 2 (Portantino) Accountability
- SB 8 (Yee) Transparency in auxiliaries
- AB 24 (Block) Requesting CPEC Study on university in Chula Vista

CSU bills under consideration tend to be technical (dealing with vendors, etc.). Education Bond on November 2012 ballot and budget proposition on June 2011 special election are also priority items.

SB 1440

Kevin, Andrea, and Jim are on committees related to SB 1440 implementation. The first two Transfer Model Curriculum Patterns (Psychology and Communications) are approved. There are several others in development. Four or five more TMCs may be approved this spring. Meetings in February 25 (San Jose) and March 11 (Irvine) will launch several new discipline groups. A strong leader is essential for successful completion of TMC, in Jim’s opinion. The structure of the TMC opens new issues (e.g., units may not add to 60 [39 units lower division GE + 18 units in major], and community colleges select the
remaining units; articulation of courses within the transfer degree). The TMCs, once approved, are used by the community colleges to design the transfer degrees. CSU articulation officers will then respond to the proposed transfer degrees. Jim does not believe we will need to change CSU bachelor degrees to incorporate the transfer degree. The CCC are mandated to have some of the transfer degrees developed by fall 2011. TMCs may include non-articulated courses (a course description must be provided), and the CSU view is that those courses will later need to be articulated (CSU does not agree that articulation will be needed, however). Courses on TMCs will include courses listed either in ASSIST, LDTP, or course description).

Executive Vice Chancellor Ephraim Smith

SB 1440: There is a meeting the first week in February. American Ideals requirement is a matter of concern that may eventually affect junior/senior coursework. Working with the community colleges, we need to identify areas of agreement and then distribute that information to our respective systems. Perhaps at the February 3rd meeting, communication should be on the agenda, and we should determine the timeline for disciplines to develop the degrees in the spring.

CLA: EVC Smith was asked to look at the CLA story in the news today. He noted that Marsha would be the one to contact in Academic Affairs regarding CLA data on the CSU campuses.

Visibility of ASCSU/Faculty in the CSU: It seems like the faculty in the UC and CCC are included in more in representing the system. Ephraim said he would try to include faculty in advocacy when he has an opportunity to do so.

Enrollments: EVC Smith reported that CSU has over 75,000 applications for spring. We will know within 10 days about what our enrollment is for the year.

Budget: How are we going to plan to accommodate the budget cuts? Will there be a faculty voice in these conversations? CSU fees are already raised 10% for next year? He said that we can get together to discuss the budget with Robert and Ben. Jim agreed that we should do that. EVC Smith said we need to know this year’s enrollments so that we can make decisions about next year’s enrollment targets.

Graduation Initiative: EVC Smith has visited 12 campuses. We need to do more to improve graduation rates of underrepresented students. We need to initiate programs to close the achievement gap. We have unevenness across the system in high-impact practices, and we need to share this across the system.

Trustee Farrar: EVC Smith asked Jim to send him the date of the March plenary. EVC Smith will check with Chancellor Reed, and if he cannot attend the plenary, then he will ask Trustee Farrar.

Liaison Reports

FGA has not yet set the date for the advocacy day.

APEP endorsed the idea of the Committee of the Whole on the agenda tomorrow. Committee was skeptical of motivation for new WASC model.

FAC: Glen, Steve, and Bernadette are interested in serving in a task force to review the book on the CLA.

McGraw Hill Education Summit

No report.
FDRG Appointees
Recommended appointees for the FDRGs and Discipline Leads were reviewed. The need for training of the faculty serving in this process was noted. Barbara will talk with Karen about this. Job descriptions should be developed.

AAC&U Conference in Vermont (June 2011)
Jim will select from John, Jim, and Darlene.

March Plenary Planning
Gary Rhoades is confirmed for March 17th. EVC Smith suggested Debra Farrar. Chancellor Reed is currently available for March; if Chancellor visits plenary, Trustee Farrar will not be invited. Exec members should plan on a working dinner on Thursday night, because agenda setting will be Friday afternoon.

January Newsletter/Resolution Summary
Chairs should send their reports to senxchairs@lists.calstate.edu, so that Tom and Susan have them as soon as possible. They will ask Jim if he would like to add a chair’s message.

A brief article on the nominees for Faculty Trustee with photo would was suggested for inclusion in the March newsletter. John Tarjan will take individual photos of the candidates/nominees.

Budget Update
Tracy reported on projected plenary and interim meeting costs. Jim and Kevin will work with Tracy to develop strategies to get the travel claims returned from campuses quickly. Executive Committee agreed that Jim should talk with EVC Smith to request additional funding to allow interim face-to-face meetings of the standing committees.

Liaison Reports
Members commented on meetings they attended since the last plenary.

Liaison Planning
ASCSU representatives for the various events coming up in January through March were reviewed.

Respectfully submitted by Diana Guerin