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Academic Senate CSU Executive Committee
January 16, 2008
Minutes

Attendees

Barry Pasternack, John Tarjan, Mark Van Selst, Darlene Yee-Melichar, Rochelle Kellner, Marshelle Thobaben, James Postma, Fred Hornbeck , Bernadette Cheyne, and Bob Buckley

Guests

Ann Peacock, Executive Director; Craig Smith, Faculty Trustee, Gary Reichard, Executive Vice Chancellor and Chief Executive Officer; David Ernst, Assistant Vice Chancellor, ITS; Janice Lim, Senior Director, Information Security, ITS; Patrick Lenz, Assistant Vice Chancellor for the Budget; Keith Boyum, Associate Vice Chancellor, Academic Affairs

9:00 AM meeting called to order

Janice Lim, Senior Director, Information Security, ITS

Ms. Lim gave a heads-up on policy development processes taking place.

- (1) Plan
- (2) Policies
- (3) Training and best practice procedures

Information security in the CSU was discussed as well as the use of Social Security Numbers.

Patrick Lenz, Assistant Vice Chancellor for the Budget, gave an update to all members of the standing committees.

Governor's Budget — the state of the state is that CA income is predicted to be 14.5 Billion dollar shortfall. The LAO recommends that in response to the budget shortfall that both additional revenue and cutting programs ought to both be considered. LAO will be presenting to both senate and house over the next week. There are no mid-year budget reductions proposed for UC and CSU at this time. Next year's budget is less certain and no guarantees for this year. The "crisis" 45 day process has started at state government.

For the CSU, the 2008/9 budget is confusing in that it does provide the money to fund the compact, but then reduced the CSU budget. This was done as a "work load" budget with the addition of an unallocated reduction (also assumes 10% increase in student fees). Funding at minimum compact request; then added an unallocated decrease. In budget bill language the state will hold the CSU harmless for enrollment growth. Academic infrastructure will not be funded. 1/3 set aside for student aide.

The legislature has not indicated that they intend to buy-out student fee increases. This is a longer process so unwise to be premature about action on this.

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There is a net reduction in the budget of 112M. There is confusion since an amount of 213M was added to the budget, then 312M was eliminated (thus the “work load” budget). Strangely, the budget assumed fee revenue from FTES growth (which we are not being held to) and from a fee increase (compounded with the additional supplement to the fees for the added FTES we are not expected to take).

Legislative members are still focused on 07/08 rather than 08/09 thus it may be premature for the CSU to respond to potential budget cuts at this point.

James Wheeler, Chair, General Education Advisory Committee

EO 595 revisions were referred to Academic Affairs; and Academic Affairs has asked for local senate feedback. Academic Affairs committee anticipates an ASCSU resolution with first reading for March re: EO595 revision.

Dr. Wheeler commented that the possibility of a second language requirement for transfer students (a second language is required for freshmen admissions, but is not currently required for transfer admission) was referred to TEKR.

Barbara Swerkes, Chair, Lower Division Transfer Pattern (LDTP) Project

The appointment process for LDTP TCSU numbers to CSU based courses was referred to Academic Affairs committee.

Craig Smith, Faculty Trustee

The Governor’s budget funding shortfalls could jeopardize contract provisions

Department chair training was discussed.

The *Access to Excellence* document consists of a six page needs statement, two pages on the strengths of the CSU, then three and one half pages on strategic challenges (for a total of just over nine pages of needs). It is only then that strategic goals are discussed. Among these, the recruitment and retention of faculty is mentioned, but workload is still not mentioned in the document.

Board of Trustees Agenda:

1. There is a potentially large item on compensation and hiring practices which includes both the state auditor’s recommendations and the CSU response.
2. The leading tension seems to be that all transactions be monitored at system level rather than at the campus level.
3. There is a recommendation that we consider all compensation (Mercer report vs. CPEC)
4. There is an item examining outside income – at time there is no requirement to report income if it does not conflict.
5. It appears that hiring practices for management and staff seem to be ripe for revision to ensure that thorough and fair practices are adopted.
6. There seems to be little concern over the interaction with any of the federal programs.

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7. There is an agenda item examining remediation, with the potential to reassess the Board of Trustees 90% goal.

Gary Reichard, Executive Vice Chancellor and Chief Academic Officer

Personnel announcement: Center for Teacher Quality – Assistant Vice Chancellor Bill Wilson retired and will not be replaced at that level.

1. ATAC: transforming course design initiative. Selection of two "high impact" courses that the greatest number of CSU's think to be strong candidates for transformation has taken place: Developmental math is number one and Chemistry number two. Faculty to be selected for the Design Teams for each of the two courses, with involvement in the selection process of faculty members on ATAC.
2. Due to the State's budget difficulties, the \$30M for technology that had been anticipated for '08-09 is no longer expected.
3. Online degrees: We want to see continuous forward movement on offering greater numbers of courses and ultimately degrees online-- particularly at the undergraduate level. There has been little visible progress to date, although discussions have begun with CSU East Bay about a potential lead role. CSUEB looks to be a leader here, having developed an online program business plan that includes significant online student support mechanisms.
4. Ed.D: seven programs are currently active; four additional programs will come online in 2008-2009, and another four in 2009-2010.
5. Experimental pilot programs that will embed LDTP into AA degrees with "areas of emphasis" are envisioned at two CSU's, working with two or three feeder community colleges each; the hope is to show success and then be able to "scale up" such pilots. Negotiations are underway with the two potential CSU participating institutions.
6. The newly established Education Doctorate Advisory Committee has been established; its first meeting will be scheduled soon.
7. MBA professional fee: Data are now available from an extensive survey of student viewpoints. AA and CSSA had requested that such information from students be obtained before a final decision is reached on the proposed fee. The importance of the program being accredited, the "reality" of doubling the fees, etc. were among the issues included in the survey. Findings indicate that most students would have enrolled in their CSU even had such a fee been in effect.
9. The current ASCSU budget is an approximately \$670,000 base budget plus a \$212,750 priority funds allocation, and an augmentation of \$125,000 (from Academic Affairs). At the moment, in FY 2007-08, it is not certain that there will be carry over funds in Academic Affairs from which an augmentation of that magnitude could be derived.

Questions and comments further addressed:

1. The importance of the ASCSU to the CSU
2. ASSIST
3. International travel insurance requirement
4. Potential impacts of ASCSU Bylaw revisions

Liaison Reports

1. **Academic Transformation** – General discussion regarding General Chemistry and remedial mathematics
2. **CFA** – Questions were raised about lecturer voting in departmental elections
3. **CSSA**
4. **ICAS**
 - Joint statement on higher education budget
 - Funding mechanism for higher education (prop 13)
5. **LDTP**
 - Transfer
 - TCSU numbers for CSU courses
 - Faculty need to be involved in the hiring of LDTP staffing
 - Articulation seems to be working
 - Strategy
 - focus on CSU (fewer Inter-segmental meetings)
 - focus on articulation
 - reinforce faculty role

Executive Committee Actions:

- Approval of the agenda
- Approval of the Minutes from December 7.
- Committee issues
 - A lengthy list of items of potential interest to the standing committees is being developed to assist the committees in identifying issues and developments that may warrant their further attention. This will be distributed to and discussed with the committee chairs prior to the interim meetings.
- Budget
 - The Executive committee, including Executive Director Ann Peacock met with Executive Vice Chancellor Reichard to examine budget contingencies and approaches. The ASCSU budget and operations are the Committee's highest priority at the current time. Preliminary action on resolution-based responses to the potential for CSU (FGA) and ASCSU (Exec) budget reductions are ongoing.
- By-laws revisions
 - The Committee put forward a resolution which would fine-tune standing committee responsibilities and improve the parallelism and language contained in the by-laws. The standing committees and the ASCSU as a whole are being solicited for any other potential changes to be considered.
- Guidelines for statewide fees
 - The Committee also put forward a resolution containing potential guidelines for consideration by the Board of Trustees when looking at fee differentials. This was partially in response to our resolution on the graduate business fee proposal.