Academic Senate CSU Executive Committee
March 16-17, 2011
MINUTES

Extended Executive Committee

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

Announcements
Liaisons will visit committees to have a discussion about the ASCSU budget. The goal is to provide information about the budget is structured in the event that the ASCSU budget is cut.

The April plenary will be via conference call. Committees will meet from 10 to noon and then from 1 to 2 (liaisons). Extended Exec will meet from 9 to 10 and 2 to 3.

Senator Tarjan reported that an issue came up at GEAC yesterday regarding 1440. Students who transfer under 1440 might be able to sidestep local campus requirements for minimum 2.0 GPA and 2.0 in the “Golden Four.” Senator Boyle believed there was agreement that those requirements would be in place for transfer. AA has a resolution that can be modified to meet this. Jim believes that 1440 does not allow these additional requirements. Senator Boyle will share the resolution with APEP.

Approval of Agenda
Approved.

Faculty Trustee Update
Governor Brown will not appoint a trustee to finish out the current Faculty Trustee term. We had a resolution calling for a second faculty trustee at a meeting last year; the resolution will be reviewed by Senator Gubernat for possible introduction at this plenary.

Committee Reports
Chairs reviewed the agenda of each respective committee.

Executive Committee

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Announcements
50th anniversary of the inception of the ASCSU is April 2011. At the September 2011 plenary, perhaps we could invite the past chairs to celebrate. Senate office Director Butler and Senator Tarjan will work out some logistics and a possible budget.
Approval of Agenda
Add resolution on adding a second trustee and request from Karen Yelverton-Zamarippa. Approved as amended.

Approval of Minutes – March 4, 2011
Approved as submitted.

Legislative update – Tom Krabacher
All bills are in and now being heard in committee. Senator Krabacher stopped by Assemblymember Block’s office and left his and Chair Postma’s names in case the legislator would like information about the CSU.

SB 1440 Implementation
The informal structure of the C-ID has been a challenge in this process. The community college FDRG leads should provide updates following the recent meetings. Senator Tarjan encouraged more communication on the process and schedule.

Completed TMCs (Sociology, Psychology, Comm) have been sent to campuses. Most were accepted, but San Diego State rejected all three. The question: Can you make this work (student earn degree) within 60 units? Based on the approved Transfer Model Curriculum (TMC), the community colleges will develop the transfer degree, which should then be acceptable to the CSU campuses. The TMCs are built using course descriptors.

The unit limits in the transfer degree will be quite challenging for some majors. For example, in chemistry, the first year sequence at community colleges is typically two 5-unit courses.

The Oversight Group is watching for details (course descriptors, subject content, etc.) when the TMCs come forward; when issues are discovered, the TMC is returned for more work. Math and Administration of Justice are in good shape; Kinesiology was returned.

Early Start
Progress at the Office of the Chancellor (CO) is slow. The campus plans have been reviewed, but letters from the review at the CO have not gone out to campuses yet. The fee is the same ($160, approximately), and all campuses must have a 1-unit summer option available.

On the curriculum side, the Math and English Councils are taking the lead. It is great to have the English Council working on this.

FDRG appointees
We still need to fill a few spots.
Faculty Trustee
Exec Comm will bring back the resolution on asking for a second faculty trustee to the BOT (Senators Tarjan and Gubernat).

March agenda review
ASCSU 2011-12 calendar resolution: The observation of Veteran’s Day conflicts with holding the November plenary the week before the BOT, so the plenary will be held two weeks prior to the BOT.

AA second reading items will be taken up Friday morning.

John Travis must leave by 3:00 Thursday.

May Plenary Planning
Richard Katz (head of firm doing market analysis for CSU on distance education). Any documents or reports in advance would be useful.
Dr. Reed’s attendance: Not available in May.
Additional speakers for May? Bill Hauck, Ben Quillian or Bob Turnage, Karen Yelverton Zamarippa.

January Newsletter/Resolution Summary
A final draft will be available after the plenary.

Chair Postma would like this done within two weeks of the meeting in the future. At this meeting, Senators Krabacher and Gubernat will write the summaries during the plenary and check them with the committee Chairs.

Budget update
Suggestions from standing committees re: ASCSU budget 2011-12 were reviewed by the liaisons. No update; we are still quite close to balancing.

Liaison reports
March 9-10 ATAC, Academic Council (LAX) – Chair Postma
The group discussed SB 1440, Early Start, graduation initiative, and super seniors. The idea of charging super seniors higher fees was discussed. Sheila Thomas talked about extended education. The need to clean up transfers between extended education and state-funded education was discussed. Chair Postma brought the distance education resolution passed in January to the attention of ATAC via Jerry Hanley.

March 15 GEAC (CO) – Senator Tarjan, Chair Postma
The numerous issues addressed at the meeting were discussed.
Executive Vice Chancellor Ephraim Smith
Dr. Smith has now visited 20 of the 23 campuses for Graduation Initiative. We are improving the graduation rate, but not closing the achievement gap. To close the gap, best practices on campuses that are scalable will be shared. There will be a retreat to write a strategic plan for next year on closing the gap. This will be presented to the Board of Trustee’s (BOT) at the May meeting. The approach of focusing efforts on underrepresented students to narrow the gap will be the strategy next year; campuses will be asked which of the successful practices they will implement to close the gap.

On SB 1440, the committee has met twice. The list of challenges is growing, and the plan is to have the chancellors meet to work out some issues. One issue has to do with priority admissions; a second has to do with American Ideals requirement. The “C” or better requirement in the “golden four” has been accepted by the California Community Colleges (CCC); this would be a major change from past practice. American Ideals may be optional, determined by campuses; this would put us in line with UC. Three TMC programs are out at campuses; 16 to 19 campuses have said YES. Business is 25% of the transfer students, so this would be an excellent one to finish. The remaining work is for the two Academic Senates to work out the curriculum.

The feedback to campuses on their Early Start plans is going out to campuses. They are being asked to respond briefly to the feedback letter in a few weeks. The plan is to ask community colleges to follow the CSU lead on the Early Start programs. The English Council is now working on Expository reading and writing courses (ERWC) and Early Start; that is going well. The Math Council has been quite receptive. An infrastructure to share information across campuses has been set up. Jim pointed out that an articulation plan between CSU and CCC on Early Start remediation needs to be developed. The outreach to high schools is the next step. The training for the high school teachers on the ERWC is important.

Respectfully submitted by Diana Guerin