

Academic Senate CSU Executive Committee
November 5-6, 2009

MINUTES

Executive Committee and Standing Committee Chairs

Announcements

- Dr. Echeverria will not be at the plenary due to family vacation.
- John suggested forming a Task Force on Senate Travel/Meeting Times consisting of Barbara, Catherine (Chair), Kevin, Tracy, and any other senators who are interested. Charge is to examine travel policy and meeting times and make recommendations.
- Faculty Trustee not appointed by Governor yet. Should Executive Committee try to come up with a solution for when this happens, like the UC has? Example: ASCSU appoint an observer. A resolution should be drafted by Executive Committee. John suggests that we have a second trustee like the students have (trustee/trustee-in-training). Should be clear that we are concerned about lack of appointment of faculty trustee in the first resolved. Senators should contact John
- Twenty MPPs were laid off yesterday (in IT) here at the CO.
- Budget update: Tracy reported that all release time funds have gone out to campuses, as well as half of the travel funds. There will not be any carryover for next year. With the December meeting as virtual, we should have enough funds for three three-day plenary meetings and face-to-face interims.
- Using Elluminate for virtual meetings should be considered by committee chairs. Bob will share the information he gets from Gerry Hanley with us.
- Committee chairs encouraged to set aside the time for the interim meetings to avoid scheduling conflicts. Two two-hour teleconferences might be a good idea.
- A side effect of the virtual meetings is less contact with CO administrators. Fridays are difficult for CO staff, because of the furlough plan.
- Some campuses are pooling assigned time funds at the school level, resulting in the possibility that assigned time will not flow back to the departments of faculty earning the assigned time. Catherine reported that senators at 4-6 campuses have reported a similar problem. She suggested the policy at Stanislaus is a good model. John noted that we should be sure that senators are getting assigned time that ASCSU funds. Whether senators' departments get the funding is a separate issue. Tracy noted that travel money sent to campuses is CO travel money and not part of their budget. This issue (and Mark Van Selst's email) is referred to Faculty Affairs for review.

Committee Reports

Academic Affairs (Postma)

AA has two resolutions from the last plenary (teaching and service in times of budget restraints and also Early Start). First reading items on program discontinuance, ICAS draft statement on math competency, enrollment issues of super seniors, Early Start. He wanted to talk with Jeri about sending message to faculty about Course Hero issues. John suggested he (John) should also sign the letter.

APEP (Buckley)

APEP working on (1) the new CTE legislation requiring CSU to put together criteria for course review (deferred to next meeting), (2) effective use of EAP, (3) support for authorization of CSU to offer doctorate in physical therapy (following model of DNP), (4) establishment of campus-level enrollment advisory committee as called for by CSU policy; (5) implementation of Early Start programs; (6) consultation and oversight regarding implementation of Executive Orders (unfunded mandates; FGA?).

On item 3, Bob is encouraged to work with AA and FGA; also the ICAS Task Force on the Master Plan (email from Barbara) was referred to AA

FA (Baaske)

FA is meeting with several administrators and John Tarjan. Resolutions forthcoming on reinstating RSCA funding, delaying program reviews, furlough implementation and faculty rights; perhaps on self-support summers; ASCSU activities during interims; assigned time for senators who are lecturers; faculty role in managing budget cuts; faculty research and CSU mission; review of department chairs; joint task force report on student opinions. Also, FA is bringing a resolution of Appreciation for Trustee Bleich.

FGA (Barrett)

FGA will meet with John Travis and Karen Yelverton Zamarripa. FGA is forwarding the following resolutions: adequate and sustainable funding in support of public higher education; a day without the CSU on March 2, 2010; modification in SB 48; impact of funding shortfall on transfer students.

Release Time – Conditions of Use

Referred to FA. Assigned time granted to senators who are lecturer faculty is creating concerns about effects on entitlement.

Executive Committee

Announcements

None.

Approval of Agenda

Approved as amended.

Approval of Minutes of October 16, 2009

Approved as submitted.

November Agenda Review

Reviewed Plenary Agenda for November. Eliminated 7.6 Guest speaker.

Requests for Outside Speakers (Tarjan)

Travel funds at the CO limited, so CO has asked that we limit outside speakers. John agreed to discuss with the Executive Committee that we limit visits from BOT members to two per year. The chairs' group will discuss inviting one BOT member per year. The Chancellor does not count toward the limit in either group. An additional concern is that BOT members have many demands on their time (graduations, search committees, etc.), and the Chancellor does not want to ask too much of them as volunteers. Third concern is that guest speakers might take time from ASCSU plenary for business.

Issues raised: How does the ASCSU compare in priority to BOT members visiting campuses? Meeting directly with BOT members gives us a chance to communicate directly the faculty point of view.

Members agreed to communicate that we heard concerns expressed and we will take them into account as we make our requests.

Equity across Quarter/Semester Campus Assigned Time (*Tarjan, Butler*)

Executive Committee discussed over the summer. At this time, all second-year and beyond senators receive two courses of assigned time. Suggested that John explain practice in his report or announcements.

Budget update – January & March Plenary/Interim Committee meetings

No additional report.

January Plenary Planning

We believe the Chancellor will attend. We have a list of guest speakers, so Tracy should continue with that list for additional speakers.

Travel Policy

Some senators want to come in the night before. Our travel policies cannot conflict with CSU policy. Our budget planning does not anticipate every senator flying in the night before our meetings. We currently allow Executive Committee and standing committee chairs to arrive the night before due to their workload. The CSU policy allows for exceptions due to medical conditions. Allowing senators to arrive the night before would add \$10,000 to \$15,000 for the remaining three plenary meetings. A subcommittee chaired by Catherine will review and make recommendations.

Senate/Committee Activity During Interim Periods

Five senators did not participate in the interim. Attendance was at least as high as face-to-face. We will ask standing committee chairs to hold their interim meetings on a day other than Friday, and to set two meetings in the interim.

Newsletter

We agreed that the summary of the resolutions were well received. In addition, there will be a Chair's Report and any other articles of interest (e.g., Early Start).

Appointment Process

Bernadette wanted to see if the recent problem with appointments to the C-ID would be helpful to discuss with respect to the work they are doing on the appointment process. It was agreed that any appointment of faculty to statewide committees as representatives of the faculty shall be made by the ASCSU. John mentioned that another issue to consider is whether or not geography should be considered in making appointments. Bernadette suggested that it would be more appropriate to think in terms of capping the budget per person (this is when outside groups request appointees). For ASCSU appointments to statewide committees, we have not taken geography into account when making assignments (use interest, expertise).

Draft Resolution on Chancellor's Attendance at ASCSU Plenary

A draft was prepared by Bernadette. Members discussed two versions varying in strength. They agreed to put this on hold until finding out if the Chancellor attends the January plenary.

Liaison Reports

Standing Committees

AA (Diana): Three queries from AA: (1) CSU place on ICAS agenda the topic of whether or not a white paper showing that GE transfer works well; (2) A member requested that Exec Comm ask FGA to communicate ASCSU position on AB 656; (3) A member suggested that John write a letter to Trustee Bleich asking him to write a letter to the Governor requesting that the Governor appoint the Faculty Trustee.

APEP (Barbara): No items forwarded from APEP.

FA (Bernadette): Members liked the plan to ask Jeri for Exec Comm members to participate in the regular phone calls with Jeri. FA would like more regular reports from Exec. FA members also asked what they can expect from Exec Comm this year. Bernadette replied that we are still trying to find a way to find consensus on issues. She will draft a message to FA for Exec Comm to review.

FGA (Catherine): A member wondered if the CSU has sufficient representation on the ICAS Task Force on the Master Plan. Also, a member was concerned that our budget is not transparent.

ICAS Advocacy Task Force (Tarjan)

Materials are being developed that focus on workforce. Consideration of having ICAS meetings in Sacramento for the rest of the year, so can lobby at the same time. The task force has asked CSSA to work with students.

ICAS Master Plan Task Force (Swerkes)

Met this week for the first time. Dan Simmons prepared a document guiding our discussion of the Master Plan. Barbara sent a written report on the request for input on the granting of the doctoral degrees.

LDTP (Swerkes)

See comments given at the Plenary on 11/5/09.

GEAC (Swerkws, Tarjan)

See comments given at the Plenary on 11/5/09.

ERFA (Nelson)

Catherine sent a written report following the meeting. Major issues were concern about CalPERS making changes to healthcare benefits. A motion was sent to the BOT encouraging a Golden Handshake.

Early Start Task Force (Tarjan)

John is worried about upcoming January deadlines and a lack of concrete proposals.

Alumni Council (Guerin)

Diana sent a written report following the meeting. Alumni Council is considering how to fund alumni programs. The affinity card programs are not yielding as much revenue as in the past.

Academic Council (Tarjan)

Next Thursday will be the first face-to-face meeting of this group. ATSC meets that day, as well. John is working on clarifying the roles of ATAC and ATSC.

Campus Senate Chairs (Tarjan)

This group is functioning well and providing support to each other. Kevin and Praveen did great work leading the group last year and Praveen has continued to help make the group a success.

CSSA (Tarjan)

See John's written report. Steven Dixon will be meeting with ICAS in December.

Meeting Liaisons

Nov. 12 Academic Council – (San Francisco) - *Tarjan*

Nov 16 (Agenda Setting) 17-18 BOT (Chancellor's Office) – *Tarjan, Swerkes, Guerin*

Nov 13-15 CSSA (CSULA) - *Tarjan*

Dec 10 Academic Council – (Virtual) - *Tarjan*

Jan 25 (Agenda Setting) 26-27 BOT (Chancellor's Office) – *Tarjan, Cheyne, Nelson*

December 4-5 CFA (Los Angeles) - *Guerin*

December 11-13 CSSA (SFSU) - *Cheyne*

Ham Shirvani article (Guerin)

Discussion as to whether Exec Comm would want to respond. Members were encouraged to draft points and bring back to the group if interested.

Posting Plenary Draft Minutes on Website

It was agreed to continue posting the draft minutes.

Posting ASCSU Budget on Website

Tracy will check with Jeri to see if a general budget can be distributed via email. It was agreed that senators should be able to access the budget.

****Reminder:** November 16th, 2:00 p.m., Room 639 - Academic Senate CSU Executive Committee meets with Chancellor and Vice Chancellors

November 16th, 4:00 p.m., Room 210 – Academic Senate CSU Executive Committee meets with CSSA Executive Committee