

Academic Senate CSU Executive Committee (Conference Call)
October 16, 2009
MINUTES

Announcements

The CSU received \$77 million in federal stimulus funding in the past few days. \$22 million has been distributed to some of the CSU campuses.

Thanks to all who worked on the ASCSU newsletter, which was distributed in the past few days.

Approval of Agenda

Approved as amended.

Approval of Minutes

Approved as amended.

Strengthening Student Success Conference – San Francisco

Barbara Swerkes attended two sessions of this conference, which is organized by community college faculty. The sessions focused on research conducted by community college faculty. One session focused on findings of a statewide study on career/technical education (CTE). The demand for baccalaureate-prepared workers is increasing in several vocational areas. The areas included in CTE are much broader than Barbara expected, encompassing disciplines such as nursing, accounting, engineering, computer engineering, child development.

The second session reported results of the “Transfer Velocity Study.” Factors influencing transfer students success were examined. Identifying transfer students has been a research challenge; once students complete a transferrable math and writing course, they are placed in the transfer student category. Having a “transfer culture” was an important predictor.

Barbara was very impressed with the research efforts of this group.

C-ID Training Conference

John noted that there was unfortunately some confusion in the planning process for this event, which is in Ontario on October 29th. A call for participants was sent directly to past members of IMPACT, although ASCSU appoints its representatives. This resulted in out-of-area volunteers, although the project did not plan on covering travel expenses for large numbers. The group agreed to provide up to \$500 for travel expenses for those needing to travel to the conference. In spite of this, we have numerous appointments made, however.

Barbara asked Executive Committee to support a recommendation to change the name of the existing LDTP Steering Committee to the Transfer Advisory Committee for the CSU to serve as the intermediary between community college and CSU.

LDTP Update

Barbara reported that three meetings of the various groups involved in the LDTP transformation process have taken place. LDTP will be reduced to approximately 15 disciplines (down from 44). She reported that community colleges are very willing to work with CSU. The expertise of CSU faculty is needed to develop descriptors for the courses in the disciplines involved (high transfer disciplines and disciplines where community colleges and CSU have the largest overlap). TCSU courses will continue to be accepted in CSU just like LDTP was still in place.

Request for CCC Reps: Baccalaureate Credit Definition

John reported that representatives have been recommended; Tracy was asked to follow up.

Early Start (STARTS) Task Force

John Tarjan reported that task force members are still scoping out the tasks of the group. They have reviewed programs around the system. A possible outcome is that there will be a policy that (1) requires students needing remediation to be enrolled in a program that can move them to proficiency in math/writing prior to admission and (2) encourages CSU campuses to work with high schools to use the EAP and help students remediate before they graduate high school.

Concerns that early start will disadvantage access of low income students were discussed. John was asked to follow up with a senator who raised this issue.

Meeting Liaisons

Oct 17 ERFA – San Jose: Catherine will attend.

Oct 23-24 Alumni Council – CO: Diana will attend. John asked her to mention to them the ICAS advocacy task forces, and that ICAS is hoping to partner with Alumni Council on advocacy actions this year. We need to be proactive in advocating for CSU budget given the state's budget climate.

Nov 12 Academic Council – San Francisco: John will attend. He described the current groups involved in technology issues (ATSC, ATAC) and reiterated the importance of clarifying the charge of each group.

Nov 13-15 CSSA – CSULA: Tarjan will attend.

Nov 16-18 Agenda Setting/BOT – CO: John, Barbara, and Diana will attend. Bernadette and Catherine plan to attend the January meetings.

Campus Senate Chairs (Tarjan)

John reported that the senate chairs discussed the following topics at their meeting on Oct 15: campus budgets, furloughs, shared governance allocations at campuses, if/how faculty representatives serve on board of directors of campus auxiliaries/foundations, summer 2010 sessions, and online teaching evaluations (was the senate sufficiently involved?).

CSSA Report (Guerin)

Diana reported on the CSSA meeting in San Diego last month. CSSA spent a lot of time discussing advocacy activities to support the CSU, including a proposed theme ("California is made in the CSU"). A contest to develop the best campaign was approved with a deadline of the next CSSA meeting. CSSA wants to focus on improving academic advisement this year.

November Plenary Planning

Tracy reported on her progress in scheduling guest speakers for the November plenary. John reported that he had issued standing invitations to Gail Brooks and Ben Quillian. The Chancellor is not available for the November plenary. Executive Committee agreed with his suggestion to invite Amir Dabirian to speak, if time permits.

Referral on Student Cheating

ASCSU was asked to intervene on a campus action pertaining to student cheating. Executive Committee agreed that he should politely inform the faculty member that this is not an area of jurisdiction for ASCSU.

Multiple Night Hotel Stays

Tracy reviewed the existing ASCSU practice regarding paying hotel stays when senators arrive the night before ASCSU meetings. The ASCSU policy is that members of Executive Committee, standing committee chairs, senators traveling from distant campuses (Chico, Humboldt, Stanislaus), and senators with medical reasons are reimbursed for hotel expenses on the night before ASCSU meetings. Executive Committee delegated working out exceptions on a case-by-case basis to Tracy. Among the remedies she may suggest are sharing a room with another senator or staying at a less expensive hotel so that two nights do not exceed cost of one night at state rate.

Attendance at Interim Meetings

If lack of attendance at virtual interim meetings is observed to be a problem, John will draft a letter of concern to senators and circulate it among Executive Committee members prior to sending it. If senators are given assigned time, it is their responsibility to make time for the interim meetings. Tracy suggested introducing chairs to doodle to use for arranging meeting times. Executive Committee agreed that senators should be able to attend virtual meetings on the dates when interim meetings would have been held in person.

CFA Report

Barbara attended the recent CFA meeting in Los Angeles. She shared our resolution summary with CFA. A major portion of the CFA Board of Directors meeting was spent reviewing the results of recent polls on the governor's race, etc. Collective bargaining begins in spring; CFA is currently developing a strategy for bargaining in such a bad budget environment.

Program Discontinuation

Executive Committee discussed issues arising on various CSU campuses in response to the recent historic budget cuts. The committee agreed that our role as ASCSU is to make sure that collegial governance processes and trustee policies are followed. It was agreed that Bernadette would draft a memo to AA and FA to consider whether further resolutions on process are necessary. She will circulate the draft to Executive Committee members for review.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 10:56 am.

Respectfully submitted by Diana Guerin