

Academic Senate CSU Executive Committee

Conference Call
August 18, 2009

NOTES

1. **Announcements**

Executive Vice Chancellor Jeri Echeverria reported that there is an enrollment management meeting tomorrow at the C.O. The main agenda is to discuss the tools that are permissible to reduce enrollment. For this year and next year, campuses are being told that their enrollment must come in at or below target, otherwise student fees will be surrendered and re-distributed to campuses that come in on target.

She also reported that an application for a Lumina project is being worked on for submission in early September that could possibly bring about \$0.5 million to the system for the next few years. These funds could be used to finance projects already in the pipeline (e.g., Early Start). For Early Start to work effectively, each campus must honor the remediation work done at a sister campus.

Many more students are taking the EAP, and the numbers of students passing (but not the percentages passing) are up. The CSU is engaged in a validity study of the English Placement Test (EPT), the Entry Level Math test (ELM), and the EAP to determine the extent to which students are placed appropriately in remedial or baccalaureate-level classes upon matriculation to CSU. The results of this study will be available in 2010.

On LDTP, currently planning to transition the program (its funding has been reduced dramatically) so that it focuses on the most successful programs.

Regarding the CSU budget, there was a meeting today of the Systemwide Budget Advisory Committee in which the Business and Finance folks in the C.O. shared their work on the CSU's budget request. It asks that the CBA be honored going forward (not retroactively), assumes no furloughs, and includes money for student services and also buy-out of a potential 10% student fee increase.

John Tarjan reported that the student and faculty trustees may be announced in the next day or two.

Bernadette Cheyne announced that she now has cell phone access at her ranch.

Diana was asked to find notes on any discussion Executive Committee had regarding committee assignment replacements for the senator who is appointed Faculty Trustee.

2. **Approval of Agenda**

Approved as submitted.

3. **Approval of Minutes of August 5, 2009**

Approved as amended.

4. **Assigned Time Question**

Executive Committee agreed that senators may use their assigned time for the year grouped together in a term (rather than across terms) as long as their duties to the ASCSU are not compromised.

5. **Senator E-mail/Request**

A Senator believed that she would continue on a particular committee until next year. Executive Committee recommends that she be asked if she would like to switch with another Senator on ATAC and that he be assigned to another committee. Bernadette will follow up with the individual, including explaining the budget context that guided Executive Committee's decision-making when making committee assignments.

6. **LDTP Update (Swerkes)**

Barbara shared a written report, "Plans for Transitions for the Lower Division Transfer Patterns," with the Executive Committee. She described a survey underway to ascertain the extent to which campuses honored LDTP coursework. Executive Vice Chancellor Echeverria will be scheduling meetings in September with CSU representatives and then with community college representatives to discuss the LDTP transition. We will need to come back to the ASCSU with recommendations on how to simplify the process. This topic has been placed on the September 1st ICAS agenda.

7. **CFA Report (Swerkes)**

Barbara gave a report from ASCSU and listened to a report given by John Burton, and then the CFA went into closed session. CFA is currently working on a plan for fall actions, basically focusing on communicating broadly the effects of budget cuts to the CSU

8. **CSSA Report (Tarjan)**

John distributed a written report.

9. **CSSA Liaison September 19 in San Diego**

Diana will attend.

10. **New Senator Orientation**

John asks Executive Committee send him any suggestions for changes. Tracy has an update on page 23 regarding assigned time. Bernadette noticed that the PowerPoint needs to be updated, but otherwise looks good. Catherine requested that the senators be given a presentation outline and/or the link to the presentation about a week in advance so they can read it ahead of time.

11. **Campus Assigned Time Reimbursements (Butler)**

We will have monies deposited into our account today or tomorrow. We have not heard about the effect of the furlough on reimbursements to campuses. John will check with Margie.

12. **Planning for Plenaries/Furloughs**

Furlough plan for ASCSU staff has been adjusted so as not to interfere with ASCSU plenary and interim meetings.

John: On the agenda for the first meeting of extended Executive Committee, add whether or not we need to suspend our bylaws about quorums given that furloughs may affect attendance at ASCSU meetings.

13. **September Plenary Update (Butler)**

Tracy continues to work with John Garamendi's office to arrange for him to speak at our September meeting. Plenary will begin no later than 2:45.

14. **Chancellor's Attendance at Plenaries (Tarjan)**

Chancellor will be invited to speak at each of our plenary meetings. If he is unable to attend in September, we will revisit.

15. **Planning for ICAS**

John has asked that "A Day Without Education" be placed on the ICAS agenda. Also, he suggested that the possibility of advocating to legislators earlier than April be discussed.

16. **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 3:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by *Diana Guerin*