

Academic Senate CSU Executive Committee
Wednesday, May 7, 2008
MINUTES

Attendees

Barry Pasternack, John Tarjan, Mark Van Selst, Darlene Yee-Melichar, Catherine Nelson, and Marshelle Thobaben

Guests

Ann Peacock, Executive Director; Craig Smith, Faculty Trustee; Gary Reichard, Executive Vice Chancellor and Chief Academic Officer

Executive committee and Standing Committee Chairs

Fiscal and Governmental Affairs (FGA) Chair Fred Hornbeck

- FGA has no second reading items.
- FGA will need to advocate for an ASCSU response to address Lieutenant Governor Garamendi and Governor Schwarzenegger's proposals regarding freezing student fees.
- The committee will review the successes and weakness of the ASCSU legislative visits.
- The loyalty oath issue will be discussed. It was noted that there is pending legislation (SB1322 (Lowenthal) Loyalty Oath) regarding the California loyalty oath. There is an unfolding resolution supporting the ERFA Loyalty resolution and the Lowenthal bill.
- There is likely to be a resolution on student fees.
- FGA will review the Board of Trustees legislative report and the positions taken by the CSU.

Faculty Affairs (FA) Chair, Bernadette Cheyne

- Loyalty Oath – support for ERFA resolution and the Lowenthal bill is included in an unfolding resolution (now incorporated via FGA resolution).
 - FA will review the review processes for online courses to see if future Academic Senate CSU action is warranted to ensure appropriate oversight.
 - FA had previously investigated the frequency, constraints, and concerns when faculty is hired at a level above that which is advertised. It was decided that there would be no Academic Senate CSU action at this time since there is an active CO task-force investigating and collecting data and information around this item.
 - Search Committee processes – no action at this time (MPP hires & how search committees are constituted).
 - Online degree programs: principles to guide online degree programs; no action (deferred to 08/09).
 - Study of online evaluations – deferred to 08/09.
 - AB1548 (textbook prices) – no action at this time (sufficiently covered).
 - Budget and quality preservation – no action at this time (sufficiently covered).
 - Faculty engagement: strategies for gauging faculty satisfaction: Senator Glenn Brodowsky has been the lead person on this. Deferred to 08/09 (note: with high interest from the chancellor's office).
- (Information Policies was referred to Faculty Affairs from the Executive Committee)

Academic Affairs (AA) Chair Jim Postma

- Online course quality
- There will be a new resolution in support of the virtual library (with waiver).
- There are potential resolutions around the international programs report; further action may be taken.
- ACIP had asked for staff voting rights – no action at this time given lack of context.
- Teaching effectiveness: no response at this time (deferred to 08/09 for response).
- LDTP – AA not in favor of self-certification for community colleges. Extra information relayed to the LDTP review committees for decisions re: TCSU descriptors were deemed to be acceptable (and, in fact, desirable) if sought and authorized by the review committee.

Academic Preparation and Education Programs (APEP) Chair Bob Buckley

- EAP success
- ICAS IGETC approval
- Remediation resolution
- Resolution on Bylaw change re: APEP
- Career Technology bill (from legislative report)
- Waiver for National Guard (AB 1758)
- Much discussion on referrals for next year: includes liaison with Admissions Advisory, enrollment data for programs offered by colleges and schools of education, California P-16 Council “closing the achievement gap”

Executive Committee

Approval of Agenda and Minutes of April 3, 4, 2008

Liaison Reports

1. Academic Council
 - notes were sent out previously reporting on this meeting
2. Alumni Council
 - Alumni Council is sending representatives to the ASCSU plenary
 - notes were sent out previously reporting on this meeting
3. ASSIST
 - CO staff reports suggest the “success” of ASSIST
 - Governance structure is exceptionally poorly matched to required capabilities
 - Operational structure appears to be largely lacking
 - Senator Tarjan is the ASCSU representative to the ASSIST steering committee that has not met and has no apparent plans to meet.
4. ATAC
 - Notes on ATAC as sent (Pasternack)
 - Serious concerns re: policies and standards re: information use on campuses. There is a proposal to adopt a single learning management system for the CSU.
 - Use of common learning management systems across the system were discussed.
5. Campus Senate Chairs
 - There was extensive discussion on unfunded mandates without assessment.
 - Chancellor Reed responded negatively to the list of non-assessed projects largely generated during the Senate Chairs meeting, as shared with Trustee Carter.
 - There was support for follow up on the EAP.
6. CFA
 - CFA did not discuss the issues surrounding patents and intellectual property at the most recent CFA meeting
7. CSSA
 - Dues and membership were discussed.
 - April and May Meetings were discussed.
8. ICAS
 - Notes on the ICAS meeting were sent out previously.
 - Next meeting is June 3.
 - Thank you note to be sent to ICAS Chair Mark Lieu and CCC Executive Director Julie Adams.
 - The IGETC review was discussed
9. LDTP
 - Chair Pasternack’s suggestion for CCC-only adoption of TCSU descriptor compliance will be considered for possible follow up by Academic Affairs (it was rejected by AA – Ed.).
 - There was a joint meeting of Academic Senate CSU Exec Committee and CCC Exec Committee re: LDTP and transfer AA degree. LDTP Advisory Committee met May 6. The

transfer admissions memo and the transfer AA degree were both surprising to the community colleges. The AA degree pilot project raised suspicions that the transfer AA degree would produce legislation. The CCC representative to the ICC transfer meeting indicated great resistance to a “statewide” transfer AA-type degree. CCC asks for the CSU to indicate benefit for the CCC for compliance with LDTP.

10. G.E. Advisory Committee
 - The memorandum of understanding with the University of Maryland, University College was, or is being, drafted without any input by the chair of GEAC. This seems inappropriate given the impact of the MOU.
 - The role of the GE affinity group seems to overlap with GEAC. Structurally this is a problem for governance procedures.
11. Ed.D. Advisory Committee
 - This committee has not met although a meeting is imminent.

ASCSU 2008-09 budget

1. Assigned time and campus allocations were discussed.
2. There are ten new senators so for this next year the budget may be in stronger shape as a result of this larger-than-anticipated turn-over of senate seats.

Summer advocacy

1. There is a memo re: commencement and requiring legislative advocacy.
2. FGA committee chair (and committee) has asked Senators to report local legislative efforts taken on behalf of the Academic Senate or campus senates.

Academic Senate newsletter

1. The request for committee reports has been placed.
2. There may be a special topic component focused on the May revise (likely authored by Senator David Hood).

Access to Excellence update

1. See Executive Vice Chancellor Reichard’s comments
2. Review of AS-2830-08/EX (second reading)

ACIP resolution

The ACIP resolution to have international officers as voting members on ACIP was forwarded as a referral to Academic Affairs

Faculty Trustee policy

1. There is a change to the implementation / interpretation of the BOT policy re: faculty representative appointment term duration.
2. There is no limit as to how many times the same faculty member can be recommend to be confirmed as Faculty Trustee.
3. The Faculty Trustee two year terms ends on June 30. The term does not extend past this date, even if another Faculty.

Naming an Academic Entity

1. CSU Fullerton
2. Cal Poly University, San Luis Obispo

May/July BOT

1. The committee broadly supported for a request to the BOT staff for a second bound copy of the BOT agenda to facilitate discussion.
2. It was noted that BOT notes on “joint advocacy efforts” again fail to mention the Academic Senate as a contributing member.

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3. Chair Pasternack will give a brief report to the BOT on recent ASCSU action.

June Retreat

1. Committee Chair orientation
2. The new executive committee will meet after the June 3 ICAS meeting and with the new standing committee chairs on June 4.

Thank you gifts /acknowledgement for service for departing senators

1. CSU mugs have been purchased for departing senators
2. There will be a special acknowledgement for Senator Kegley

Executive Vice-Chancellor Reichard

1. ATAC – the proposed information systems policies (information security, acceptable use) were noted to generate some serious faculty concerns; there will be further consultation before they are finalized.
2. ASSIST – further discussion will occur with Associate Vice Chancellor Boyum
3. *Access to Excellence* Implementation
 - The May BOT item (approval of the new strategic plan) includes a resolution outlining an implementation process, to include indicators, metrics and timetables. The hope is to have a limited set of indicators and metrics, without massive bureaucratic reporting requirements (by the end of the fall). In addition, a limited number of "strategic white-papers" are envisioned, that would tie together planning in specific areas with goals ("CSU Commitments") in the new strategic plan. The international program committee report could be seen as a model.
 - It is anticipated that there be white papers on topics such as:
 - √ Technology
 - √ Faculty Professional Development
 - There was a suggestion to involve ITL
 - √ Student Engagement (research, civic engagement, service learning, etc.)
4. Doctorate in nursing practice [DNP] (Scott) – Legislation that would authorize the CSU to offer an independent DNP is still pending, and favorable action is still expected; even though the CSU would not propose to initiate programs unless funding were available, there is some concern in the Legislature about possible costs.
5. Doctorate of Audiology (AuD) joint programs- Negotiations between the CSU and UC have not produced agreement on programs that the CSU would consider "affordable" for students; additional joint AuD programs (beyond the existing program in San Diego) therefore seem unlikely. It was noted that the UC Academic Senate is pursuing developing a statement of conditions for when UC ought to exert its "doctorate" prerogative and a statement indicating where the UC believes the CSU does and does not have the resource demands required to offer the degrees. There is some developing resistance in the legislature to the phenomenon of accrediting agencies' "upping of the ante" to the doctorate for licensure in some professional fields.
6. Ed.D. – the advisory committee is scheduled to meet. CPEC is seems to continue to be unhappy with the CSU offering the Ed.D. University Dean Christine Hanson has carried an exemplary role in facilitating the approval process for campus Ed.D. proposals.
7. MBA fee – the fee proposal was held off of the May BOT agenda, largely to avoid confusion of the issues with issues related to the proposed general increase in student fees and changes to the procedures and policies for campus-based fees, which are both in the agenda. The MBA fee proposal is likely to go to the BOT in September.
8. Lumina Foundation "Opportunity Grant Program" (OPG). The California proposal that was originally submitted (December) focused on an inter-segmental statewide effort focused mainly on improvement of transfer rates (also including EAP and remediation). The OPG consultants who met with the California team in March expressed strong preference for a more focused program on increasing the number of CSU degree awardees, and the California proposal is being reshaped accordingly. There will be a two-day Opportunity Grant Academy in early June, where the California team will begin its planning, beginning with a state "policy audit."

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9. University of Maryland, University College (re: Troops to College). An articulation agreement is being developed with the University of Maryland, University College (UMUC), which has long and successful experience in offering higher education to the military. The procedures used were stated to be consistent with the Executive Order re: articulation.

Craig Smith (Faculty Trustee) — Items discussed:

1. Student Fee Freeze
2. Loyalty Oath
3. *Access to Excellence*; the latest revisions include workload, innovation, and other moves forward.
4. Chancellor's Doctoral Incentive Program — questions regarding efficacy and assessment.
5. Questions were raised about the BOT interpretation of the term of the Faculty Trustee
6. Trustee Garamendi has proposed a student fee freeze
7. Campus fee procedures are to be amended (BOT packet; committee on finance).
8. Course repeat limit policy

Efforts to facilitating giving a report from the Academic Senate CSU Chair during the open session of the BOT were appreciated.