Executive Committee Notes for April 7, 2006

8:30-10:15 am: Executive Committee and Standing Committee Chairs, Munitz Room
10:15am-1:30 pm: Executive Committee, Munitz Room
1:30-2:00pm: Executive Committee and Academic Affairs Committee, Munitz Room


Visitors: Ann Peacock (ASCSU Executive Director), Gary Reichard (Executive Vice Chancellor), Keith Boyum (Associate Vice Chancellor), Marshall Cates (LDTP Faculty Project Director), Academic Affairs Committee

Executive Committee with Standing Committee Chairs

1. Announcements
   a. The CO would like to have a meeting with a small group to discuss the meetings with community groups that have taken place to date and develop a strategy for approaching internal communications this year.

2. Reminder: TEKR will host the May social

3. Committee reports
   a. TEKR (Jim Wheeler)
      i. AVC Young will brief us on a new teaching initiative
      ii. We are finishing our resolution on support for teacher preparation
      iii. Bill Wilson and David Wright will visit the committee
      iv. We are working on Education Deans Council—TEKR coordination
      v. We are following legislation—no developments to report
   b. Faculty Affairs (Jan Gregory)
      i. Vice Chancellor McClain is working on a response to our resolution on support for new faculty
      ii. We have several resolutions in process
         1. External security
         2. Support for lecture faculty
         3. Academic conference
         4. Cost of academic textbooks
         5. Tax increases
         6. Salary structure
         7. Retention of junior faculty
            a. The group discussed the issues of salary inversion and potential approaches
8. Relationship/communications with campus senates. Perhaps this can be discussed at the next academic conference. The constitution of ASCSU has a section on this relationship. We should have this relationship and communications as an agenda item for committees for the rest of the year.

c. Academic Affairs (Mark Van Selst)
   i. We will be discussing our first reading items
   ii. We will break up into groups to work on the 21st Century Report revision
   iii. We will discuss the ESL report and MOU
   iv. In the remaining time, we have a number of other issues

d. FGA (Marshelle Thobaben for Tom Krabacher)
   i. Legislative staff award will be made at Leg Day
   ii. Legislative Day will take place on April 18
   iii. The Higher Ed Committee will be hearing AB 2168 (the GE bill) on that day

4. We discussed revisions to the senator service and committee assignment preference sheets
5. We discussed potential changes to Bylaw 2
   a. Duties of at-large members

Executive Committee Meeting
1. The agenda was approved with several additions
2. The minutes of March 8-10 were approved
3. Senate budget update—we are awaiting the outcome of the constitutional referendum
4. Liaison Reports
   a. Academic Council—Executive Vice Chancellor Reichard reported that the meeting will begin at 2:00 pm the first day and end after a working lunch on the second day. There will be a focused discussion on a current issue of importance on the first day. The first topic will be graduate education and its role in the CSU. The expectation is that there will be broad, conceptual discussions on these issues. Documents will be posted in lieu of announcements but members will be able to ask questions on the documents/issues.
   b. Alumni Council—Tom Krabacher and Cristy Jensen attended Alumni Days in Sacramento. The priorities include
      i. Supporting the bond issue.
      ii. Supporting the compact funding plus $7m for outreach
   c. ATAC—Thobaben reported that the committee is developing plans to deal with state and federal law for accommodating students with disabilities (and other persons). Several campuses have been the subject of inquiries by federal agencies and will be implementing remedies to problems, which have been uncovered. Issues for faculty:
      i. Compliance of faculty web sites
      ii. Earlier textbook selection
      iii. Perhaps committee text selection for sections that are scheduled at the last minute
   d. Campus Senate Chairs—Junior faculty issues were discussed. The question was raised as to whether certain campus chairs tend not to attend. Perhaps we should investigate and take appropriate steps.
i. The issue of balancing growth across campuses was raised in Executive Committee. Executive Vice Chancellor Reichard indicated that strategic planning for enrollment management will increase and there will be more conversations across campuses. He also indicated that we hope to increase participation so that capacity is the problem rather than meeting growth targets.

e. CFA—David McNeil indicated that they were buoyed by the rallies/demonstrations through the state. They are interested in increasing lecturer participation in faculty governance.

f. CSSA—Hank Reichman will be attending the next meeting in Fresno.

g. EdD Oversight Committee—Cristy Jensen reported that the committee has been working consistently and diligently. The major issues, things like advisement, workload, governance structures, etc., have been the impetus for a variety of suggestions/advice in materials that are being made available to campuses. There are continuing concerns about the shortness of the timelines for approval of new independent EdD programs. There will be limited time for feedback from campuses to get back to the committee on the proposed principles and guidelines. It is likely that not all of the work of the committee will not be available before our last plenary.

h. Joint Meeting with Academic Affairs on the Independent EdD.

i. The work of the new oversight committee built on the foundation of the work chaired by David McNeil.

ii. Areas of interest that were identified:
   1. statewide oversight/governance
   2. resources
   3. academic rigor
   4. faculty control of exams, dissertations, admissions, etc. related to rigor

iii. The oversight committee has been meeting for several months and has drafted a number of proposals and guidelines.

iv. There is a desire to inform AAC and get their input on the process utilized to develop the guidelines.

v. We have developed guidelines on the following areas
   1. Implementation timelines
   2. Core curricular concepts
   3. Admissions
   4. Time to degree
   5. Advising
   6. Exams and dissertations
   7. Faculty qualifications

vi. The recommendations come with the following ratings:
   1. A—a systemwide mandate
   2. B—a good idea that we recommend
   3. C—a good idea that should be considered

vii. Our relationship with our partners (CCC and school districts) is a key issue.

viii. The appropriate role of AAC in developing/ratifying policy was discussed.

ix. Jensen, McNeil, and Mark Van Selst will distill the recommendations into generic issues and bring them forward to the Senate for action.
i. G.E.—Tarjan, others
   i. AB 2168/Discussion with Mary Gill
      1. There is no apparent compelling reason for this legislation
      2. We have a pending resolution in opposition
      3. We have other curricular initiatives underway
      4. We discussed area-by-area and course-by-course certification and the
         problems with transfer evaluations.
      5. Strategy for the hearing in Assembly Higher Education was discussed
         a. We do not have a formal position
         b. Perhaps ICAS could send forward a joint statement. The input of CCC
            faculty could be particularly important.
            a. We will discuss the bill at ICAS next week
            b. The ASCSU representative will not speak at the hearing on April 18.
   ii. 15 of the 23 campuses have participated in the campus GE survey
   iii. SciGETC was discussed

j. Facilitating Graduation – Accreditation-style visits—Ted Anagnoson reported on
   the Northridge visit. The schedule for next year’s visits is being developed.

k. ICC Transfer subcommittee – John Tarjan gave a report on the first data-
   gathering visit to Mendocino.

l. LDTP Advisory Committee
   i. Referral to Executive Committee
      1. Discipline leaders
      2. Letters to contact persons on campuses
      3. The Executive Committee is awaiting recommendations from the
         LDTP Executive Committee.
   ii. Marshall Cates gave an update on the progress of the various disciplines.
      1. Most local patterns are in
      2. Several disciplines still do not have their course descriptors
         submitted
      3. Keith Boyum will send a letter to the discipline facilitators who have
         not responded to calls and their provost
      4. An update was given on the status of course approvals. Marshall
         Cates will draft a more detailed status report to Barbara Swerkes
         on this and other aspects of the project.

m. PTSC—accommodations for students with disabilities will be on their agenda. It
   is hoped that this group will refer issues to ATAC that they uncover while
   implementing policy.

5. ESL Task Force report—referred to AA, Faculty Affairs and TEKR.

6. Coordination of legislative agendas/strategy for communication with Academic Affairs
   was discussed.

7. LDTP, GEAC chairs attendance at Executive Committee was discussed along with
   potential assigned time for the LDTP chair.

8. Potential bylaw 2 revision
   a. Bylaw 2 b. (4)
      i. Members-at-Large
         1. External Relations
         2. Internal communications
9. Faculty Trustee – BOT Trustees’ Agenda
10. Appointments
   a. ELM—m/s/p to appoint Magnhild Lien and Mohammad Oskoorouchi
11. AB 2581 (pre-censorship of student newspapers) was referred to FGA.
12. May Plenary—Invitees
   a. Chancellor
   b. Trustee—Herbert Carter