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**Academic Senate CSU Executive Committee**  
**July 9, 2007**  
**Minutes**

**Attendees**

Barry Pasternack, Mark Van Selst, Darlene Yee-Melichar, Rochelle Kellner, Marshelle Thobaben

**Guest**

Ann Peacock, Executive Director

The Executive Committee met with Executive Vice Chancellors Reichard and West and Assistant Vice Chancellor Lenz (by phone) regarding CSU budget priorities

The Executive Committee met with Chancellor Reed and Vice Chancellors to discuss upcoming BOT items

1. Approval of Agenda
2. Approval of Minutes of June 11–12, 2007
3. Announcements
  - 3.1 Immediate Past Chair Thobaben will act as chair during the time the Chair/Vice Chair absent (July 12 to early August)
4. Liaison Reports
  - 4.1 Academic Council Retreat - San José State
    - a. Presentation on Derek Bok's book dealing with reforming education
    - b. CSU online degree seems a priority
    - c. Military contract is continuing re: education provision
    - d. New provost meeting seemed to be a successful orientation
    - e. CLA is an ongoing assessment albeit with known weaknesses in delivery and recruitment as well as a lack of clarity in what useful information is provided back to the university
    - f. PTSC and ATAC appear to have the same agenda and mandate. These two groups ought to be joined to a single group with a coherent function but the provosts do not want to yield control over their own technology initiatives. Although the combined committee would have a stronger voice and provide more effective guidance to the system. No further action at this time.
  - 4.2 Alumni Council
    - a. The Alumni Council would like to be sure that there is alumni participation the *Access to Excellence* regional meetings
  - 4.3 CFA
    - a. August 15 tentative dinner meeting with ASCSU and CFA executive committee
    - b. Collegiality of CFA and CSU relations remains a concern
  - 4.4 Facilitating Graduation
    - a. Discussion with Vice Chancellor Reichard to move towards assessing which actions to facilitate graduation will actual produce desirable outcomes
    - b. Question of how Facilitating Graduation will splice into *Access to Excellence*
    - c. ASCSU will take up a review of Facilitating Graduation work to date and develop recommendations on next steps
  - 4.5 DWIR (Drops, Withdrawals, Incompletes, Repeats) Task Force
    - a. Draft report requested for August 15
    - b. Questions brought up (1) how DWIR task force will be incorporated into *Access to Excellence*, (2) what is the status of the "excess units taskforce" report, and (3) how will it feed into an integrated *Access to Excellence* document
    - c. The task-force report will suggest minimum DWIR requirements with each campus explicitly allowed to establish stronger standards.

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- 4.6 International Education Task Force
  - a. International education is aiming to play a larger role in the overall “university” education; ideally experienced by a higher proportion of CSU students
  - b. Touched on by student discussion with CSSA - concerns about under-preparation of language skills for study abroad when taught in a foreign language
- 4.7 Textbook Task Force
  - a. Strong refocus from meeting discussions in the draft report to instead focus on “digital marketplace” and online books rather than a fuller treatment of other options and a commitment to assess actual learning outcomes
- 4.8 COLD report
  - a. Inflammatory comments regarding the lack of need for hardcopy books may indicate a strong push for the CSU to achieve cost reductions via elimination of hardcopy text and library resources
  - b. May reflect the “Digital Marketplace” initiative
- 4.9 LDTP Advisory Committee will meet July 18. Intersegmental input looking at LDTP issues will be discussed.
5. CSU draft policy on email storage - Much of the content unreasonably constrains information system storage and access.
6. ERFA meeting attendance (October 20, 2007 and April 19, 2008) – Pasternack and Thobaben will attend.
7. Resolutions to be presented at the July Board of Trustees were discussed
8. Orientation for first and second year senators:
  - 8.1 Power-point presentation introducing the ASCSU to incoming senators was reviewed. The revised copy will be posted on the ASCSU website.
  - 8.2 The presentation will be made during a working lunch of the Plenary. The chair will give the vast majority of the presentation, and the Executive Director will talk about travel.
  - 8.3 There will be a communication from the chair that each senator must be aware of the actions of their committee. The senior senator for each committee will be responsible for ensuring that a senator forwards the minutes for each meeting to the senate.
9. Newsletter
  - 9.1 The Secretary will coordinate acquiring content with assistance from Darlene Yee-Melichar, Member-at-Large
  - 9.2 There was discussion of moving to a “theme-based” newsletter
  - 9.3 There was discussion of “letters to the editor” type responses to issues raised
  - 9.4 Target date for the first 2007/08 newsletter is the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of September
10. September Plenary planning
  - 10.1 Request to CO to have various task-force reports available for Aug 15<sup>th</sup>
  - 10.2 Will invite the Governor to speak at plenary. If he is not available we will invite the Lieutenant Governor, or the State Superintendent of Public Instruction
  - 10.3 Will invite Roberta Achtenberg to discuss *Access to Excellence*
  - 10.4 Will plan to invite Trustee Jeffery Bleich to a spring plenary
  - 10.5 Will plan to invite Jane Wellman or other *Access to Excellence* authors to the November Plenary
  - 10.5 Will plan to invite a new trustee to one of the year’s Plenary sessions
11. Roth 403B or Roth 401K
  - 11.1 Response from Jackie McClain suggests that CSU will not be pursuing these options
12. Naming of a facility was noted – CSPU San Louis Obispo
13. Legislative testimony and the relationships between Executive committee and FGA
  - 13.1 Opposition to SB 1548: letter written and sent. Cristy Jensen will testify
  - 13.2 We will hear a presentation in support of the CCC ballot proposition on Sept.5<sup>th</sup>. Representatives from CFA and the CO will be invited to this meeting.
14. Discussion of draft strategic plan
15. Selection of members to the ELM committees - Jim Postma and Laura Wallace were recommended