Fiscal & Governmental Affairs (FGA) Committee

Minutes
Wednesday, November 4, 2015; 11:00 am-5:00 pm

1. **Call to Order – 11:10**
   Present: Tom Krabacher, Steve Browne, Eileen Klink, David Hood, Diana Guerin, Otto Benavides, Jay Swartz, Jerald Schutte, Ed Sullivan, Erick Eschker, Beth Steffel

2. **Approval of Agenda** – Unanimously approved as amended (addition of new 10.2 - Possible resolution on faculty recruitment plan).

3. **Approval of Minutes October, 2015** – Unanimously approved as published.

4. **Campus and Member Announcements**
   - Northridge completed a Sexual Violence Prevention campus climate student survey program and it is receiving attention from multiple campuses
   - Pomona is not supporting the resolution on presidential surveys. Northridge is working on a version of it.
   - CFA strike authorization vote: 94.4% voted in favor.
   - Jay is a now a cancer survivor!
   - Erick is a proud father of a newborn daughter.

5. **Chair’s Report**
   - Extended Executive Committee Meeting
     - The final version of the sustainability report is being reviewed
     - COERC funding is ending at the end of the year. AB 798 replaces COERC
     - From CTA meeting that CCs are seeking to change accrediting body to full WASC because WASC allows multiple BA degrees.
     - Planning is underway for the next Academic Conference with C/O
     - Exec is going to make an item at the Senate for a fund to remember/celebrate Senator Frehlich.
     - Exec has growing concerns about shared governance.
   - 5.2 Budget Advocacy Meeting
     - Karen YZ office had meeting in September. CFA didn’t participate because of ongoing collective bargaining. ASCSU exe members felt that they were not invited or encouraged to participate. About ten days later another meeting of CSU stakeholders was held and Karen YZ extended invitation to Sen Exec to team up on advocacy. The plan is for Chair Filing and Senators Krabacher and Wheeler to meet with people in the capital and in the C/O in the near future. FGA discussed the issue of external audiences (C/O, Legislature, etc) not understanding the distinction between CFA and ASCSU. It is difficult this year to see the distinction because of the contract negotiations. SBAC meeting was elaboration of the budget proposal.

6. **Reports**
6.1 SBAC meeting report (Krabacher)

6.2 Chancellor’s Office liaison: Ed Sullivan

- Advocacy discussion will be challenging this year. The C/O is doing lots of mandatory reports on Early Start, graduation rates, metrics, etc., and there will be more “rules” created externally by Legislature. Academic Sustainability Plan will be presented, with metrics such as access. PPIC held discussion of degree gaps coming in 2030, and the CSU is going to award over 1 million degrees until then. We would need a plan to step up enrollment substantially in order to meet the need. Department of Finance is concerned more and more with college preparation and they are doing an eligibility study about the numbers of high school students eligible. Legislative Analyst is tasked with citing where there needs to be a university, and they are spending lots of effort on Legislative Reporting. The high school score card form the White House had lots of data, but there needs to be lots of improvements. There will be continued pressure to reduce time to degree, but does this water down standards? FGA discussed how this takes into account the different nature of CSU students (part time, jobs, kids, etc.). CSU admissions up this fall, and degrees earned up too. Grad initiative 2009 is being reported, and CSU went somewhat above targets/expectations.

6.3 Darlene Yee Melechar, Executive Committee Liaison to FGA.

- Sen Exec discussed concerns with the C/O regarding response to ASCSU resolutions.
- Sustainable Financial Model Task Force. The BOT will be given ASCSU feedback.
- Academic Conference is tentatively scheduled for Oct 9-10, 2016 at CSU Maritime Academy
- Sen Exec asked again for Tenure Track Density data, and the C/O has said it will provide data.
- Some campuses have concerns about Administration/Presidents on campus
- Shared governance was discussed.
- They are working on a resolution that speaks to anti bullying practices.
- Quantitative Reasoning Task Force discussed

7. Times Certain:

12:15pm Garrett Ashley, Vice Chancellor, University Relations & Advancement (and Lori Redfearn)

- FGA is seeking advice on recognizing the role of the California Tax payer in funding the CSU. Is there a reason we shouldn’t acknowledge the tax payer? Garrett spoke to naming policy that currently exists. Lori noted the Sonoma State recognized the state on campus. Maybe allow campuses to have a “Funded by taxpayers like you” wall? It may not be a good idea to have a policy requiring something as such, but maybe the C/O can be more assertive in suggesting this to the campuses. Would this offend donors? It is not clear. Perhaps there should also be recognition that State pays for classes, personnel, and other things that go in the building. The beauty of the donor wall is that it isn’t clear exactly where the funds go. Do we really want to directly link donor giving to specific projects. It’s sexy to fund new buildings, but not retrofitting older infrastructure. Garrett and Lori will bring the idea to campus Advancement Officers and provide more feedback or even best practices that campuses have.

1:30 pm Jason Constantouros, Legislative Analyst Office
• How does the LAO see higher education budget conversations going? What is political landscape for additional funding requests this year? Sunsetting of Prop 30 and what does it mean? Jason says there are some conversations to expand new revenues. Summary of 15-16 budget (focused on CSU): Very active year. With over $200K in funding increases. Strings included not raising tuition. This included funding for enrollment growth and infrastructure, funding for health benefits, etc. Trailer bill legislation requires LAO to have new reporting requirements. Governor extended the budget update plan with base increases through 2020 and authorizing CSU raise tuition starting 2017. Also this includes investing authority on where it can invest. Enrollment questions will be contentious. They recommend that the state should prioritize role of CSU—regional or statewide. How do we measure the learning outcomes better? Denied Eligibles—this is a huge issue with the Legislature. If CSU is admitting beyond Master Plan, are those students really “eligible?” Should CSU develop a stronger Redirection Policy?

3:30 pm Lori Lamb, Vice Chancellor, Human Resources and Margie Merryfield
• FGA asked about Presidential compensation, and Lori spoke to recent data list on salaries. For full professors the wage gap is worst, the lag is about 17% compared to comparable institutions. There is no systemwide number for tenure track density. Campuses are coming up with their own plans. The Chancellor makes a priority more tenure track density. How is that message delivered to the campus presidents? There were lots of questions from FGA about SFR and reading the reports. Lori offered to meet with ASCSU and moving the needle on tenure track density. FGA discussed presenting to Human Resources some basic numbers that show how much faculty hirings are needed in order to raise density. How can ASCSU educate the BOT about how many faculty needed to raise density?

8. Legislative Updates
  8.1 Final Disposition of 2015 Legislative Priorities
  8.2 2016 legislative calendars

9. Old Business
  9.1 Resolution of Commendation for Ron Vogel
  9.2 Resolution on 2016-2017 support budget request
  • FGA discussed edits made to the resolution. Steve Brown suggested mentioning the study on how instruction rather than student services has a bigger impact on outcomes. The plenary wanted us to focus on a broader array of issues, and the revised resolution doesn’t focus on specific percentages. FGA decided to move it forward with edits.

10. New Business
  10.1 Resolution on CSU acknowledgement of donors
  • FGA discussed drafting a resolution. ASCSU should perhaps encourage the campus Senates and campus Advancement Offices to find ways to acknowledge the role of the taxpayer. FGA decided to draft a resolution and introduce it as a first reading.
  10.2 Resolution on Faculty Recruitment
  • FGS discussed how we have lost many, many faculty and continue to lose them. We need a plan to hire substantially more faculty. We will draft a resolution about the vision plan for ongoing tenure track faculty recruitment system wide. Discussion continued after the visit from Lori Lamb.
  10.3 Other resolutions?
11. **Advocacy Planning**
   11.1 Advocacy Calendar
   11.2 In-district advocacy & possible January plenary orientation
   - Chair Krabacher discussed how to increase ASCSU advocacy in districts. What do faculty need? Would help scheduling meeting be useful? The committee discussed needing the “message.” It may be that campus administrations want to more tightly control access to local officials. We discussed how to differentiate the faculty senate so that people understand the distinction. There was discussion about the need to bring students, and whether or not campus chairs should participate as well. FGA discussed which assembly people and senators to visit.

12. **Review**
   12.1 **Chancellor’s Office response to ASCSU resolutions**
   12.2 September, 2015 Report of the Board of Trustees Committee of University and Faculty Personnel
       [http://calstate.edu/bot/agendas/sep15/ufp.pdf](http://calstate.edu/bot/agendas/sep15/ufp.pdf)
   12.3 Board of Trustees, November 2015 Agenda, Report of the Committee on Governmental Relations (if available)

13. **Adjournment**
Meeting adjourned Thursday, November 04, 2015, at 4:45 p.m.

Minutes taken by Steve Browne/Erick Eschker