

Academic Senate of the California State University

Fiscal & Governmental Affairs Committee

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FGA's 2009-2010 campaign represented a brutal slog through a year whose budget difficulties we and our CSU colleagues and students had never seen in our lifetimes. Indeed, many of us might have called up old tales of woe told us by parents or grandparents of the Great Depression of the 1930's in order to feel a bit better about the present challenges facing us and the CSU.

We labored on a number of resolutions during the year concerning fiscal, governance, legislative, and miscellaneous matters.

FGA items on the system budget included: [CSU Budget Request for 2010-11 - September: AS-2906-09/FGA \(Rev\)](#), [Call for Adequate & Sustainable Funding in Support of Public Higher Education - November/January: AS-2919-09/FGA \(Rev\)](#), [Dealing with the Impact of Funding Shortfalls on Winter/Spring Transfer Students - November/January: AS-2920-09/FGA \(Rev\)](#), and [Support for the Governor's Proposed 2010-11 Higher Education Budget - March/May: AS-2945-10/FGA \(Rev\)](#).

In conjunction with year-long efforts by all committees regarding ASCSU's loss of representation on the Board of Trustees, FGA specifically drafted [Concern Over Delay in Governor's Appointment of CSU Faculty Trustee - September: AS-2911-09/FGA](#).

Our group penned one recommendation on electronic texts for the use of disabled students, [Requesting Modifications in SB 48 \(College Textbooks: Electronic Versions\) - November/January: AS-2921-09/FGA \(Rev\)](#).

Regarding a threat to faculty's responsibility for curricular leadership as per SB1440 (Padilla), FGA constructed [Importance of CSU Faculty Consultation in Development of Legislation Related to Curricular Matters - May: AS-2952-10/FGA](#).

We congratulated former State Senator Jack Scott and others in [Successful Implementation of SB 724 \(Scott\) for the CSU Independent Ed.D Degree - May: AS-2953-10/FGA/AA/APEP](#), but the committee took the opposite tack in [Opposition to AB 2401 \(Block\) and Loss of Statewide Admissions Diversity and Quality - May: AS-2955-10/FGA](#).

Aside from the authorship and co-authorship of these and other various resolutions, FGA communicated, conversed, and debated regularly with a number of entities and individuals. Chief amongst these in the CSU included: Vice-chancellor offices in Long Beach and Sacramento dealing with resources, student affairs, and state budgetary and legislative matters; and colleagues from CFA. Furthermore and outside our academic boundaries, in April of 2010 representatives from FGA and ExCom traveled to Sacramento and conducted budget-centric lobby visits to 46 Assembly and Senate offices to speak with legislators and staff. Such

informational and policy exchanges inside and outside the CSU greatly assisted Fiscal & Governmental Affairs in all of our work. Of course, we also hope the communications assisted these other entities in their own endeavors on behalf of CSU.

The Committee and ASCSU truly faced some discouraging circumstances during the year. Nonetheless, members demonstrated admirable fortitude and acumen similar to many earlier and relatively kinder years. My sincere gratitude for this goes out to colleagues along with my appreciation for the opportunity to serve as Chair for the last two sessions.

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