

ACADEMIC SENATE CSU

Fiscal & Governmental Affairs Committee

MINUTES

December 9, 2011

Virtual

10:15 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Attendees: Thomas Krabacher (Sacramento), Praveen Soni (Long Beach), Edward Aguado, (San Diego), Steven Browne (Maritime), Reyes Fidalgo (Fullerton), David Hood (Long Beach), Martin Linder (San Francisco), Cezar Ornatowski, (San Diego), John Tarjan (Bakersfield).

Guests: Ron Vogel (CO), Darlene Yee-Melichar (SF)

I. Chair Announcements

- a. AB 645 (Update from Tom and AVC Ron Vogel)
 - i. Originally dealt with mortgages
 - ii. Now would require all CSU graduates to complete two courses in ethnic studies.
 - iii. Will be discussed later in our meeting. Look at VI b.

II. The agenda was amended to incorporate discussion of a proposed resolution on enrollment.

III. The minutes of the November FGA meeting were approved as written.

IV. Senate Budget Discussion

- a. The Senate does not have enough funds to carry out its tasks and duties in spring 2012.
- b. The March 2012 Plenary may have to be a virtual meeting.
- c. The ASCSU will not be able to hold a Legislative Day in Sacramento this year. Instead it may resort to in district local lobbying efforts in April.
- d. The FGA committee chair was encouraged to be open to an invitation to attend ICAS Legislative Day.
- e. There has never been an agreement on a base budget for ASCSU. Budgets have been developed on an ad-hoc annual basis.

- f. Ron Vogel opined that faculty role is essential for the institution, and that the Senate budget has only been cut 2.5%, whereas the graduation initiative has been cut \$1m. No more one-time dollars are available to supplement budget as has been the practice in the past.
- g. The CSU will receive an additional \$100m cut to its base budget on December 14. That might put additional pressure on the ASCSU budget.

V. Old Business

- a. Proposed resolution on faculty compensation – Tom, Reyes, and Martin will work on this together.
 - i. The resolution would be parallel to the presidential compensation resolution sponsored in a previous meeting and be based upon maintaining and enhancing quality.
 - ii. The idea is to recognize and reward talent at every level.
 - iii. Should include the idea of professional development.
 - iv. Senators stated that UC faculty have gotten raises even though the UC has been cut as much as the CSU. Make it part of the rationale.

VI. New Business

- a. Proposed resolution on enrollment – John and Cesar to work on this together.
 - i. Three main points
 - 1. Do not admit more students to the CSU than can be provided a high quality education. Consistency between funding and enrollment.
 - 2. Explore expanding self-support options.
 - 3. Try to “protect” smaller campuses.
 - ii. Perhaps the first resolve needs to be more specific about the number of students. Does it mean “target” numbers?
 - iii. Need concrete data, research and rationale to solidify the resolution and make it more action specific.
 - iv. Senators will seek input from their campus administrations about campus perspectives on this resolution, since campuses approach enrollment management in different ways.
 - v. This resolution deals with system targets and funding.
- b. AB 645
 - i. FGA was asked to draft a resolution in opposition.
 - 1. Executive Committee points
 - a. Would be an intrusion into the curriculum
 - b. Would complicate SB 1440 implementation, etc.
 - c. Would, if implemented, increase the number of units required for graduation.

2. FGA Points

- a. Campuses already have required courses with diversity and ethnicity aspects.
 - b. EO 1033 on General Education addresses diversity.
 - c. The legislature should not be addressing specific curricular requirements.
 - 3. The committee will make a recommendation to oppose and draft a resolution for the January plenary. Tom will work with Ron during the intervening period. Ron will check into sharing the points the Academic Affairs Division shared with the Legislature. AA is also opposed to AB 645.
- c. ASCSU Spring 2012 advocacy planning
 - i. FGA may request time in January to familiarize the senate with our plans for advocacy this year.
 - ii. Time at the March plenary could be used for advocacy training.
 - iii. In-district advocacy efforts.
 - iv. Talking points for advocacy
 - 1. Opposition to AB 645
 - 2. CSU Budget and its impacts
 - v. The brochure may need to be more targeted and directed, perhaps with a local flavor – Praveen will update brochure once the FGA decides how to proceed.
 - vi. Perhaps FGA and Executive Committee members can join with local ASCSU members in conducting local visits.
 - vii. Utilizing a team approach might be best.
 - 1. An experienced FGA or Executive Committee member.
 - 2. Local ASCSU members.
 - 3. Student leaders.
- d. Advocacy directed at current and future CSU parents (Linder)

VII. Executive Committee Liaison – Yee Melichar

- a. Monday December 12 ICAS meets.
 - i. They will share budget information.
 - ii. They will share information about senate operations.
 - iii. They will consider a draft mission statement (they have not had one to date).
- b. The administration is interested in committee input on ‘Access to Excellence’ goals and strategies.
- c. Two faculty representatives needed for an “Affordable Learning Solutions” committee.
- d. Budget
 - i. The Executive Committee is compiling information on campus “backfill” for assigned time.
 - ii. Senate budget is short \$120,000, and there is not enough money for assigned time for spring 2012. Got an additional \$50,000, but that was not enough for regular operations.

- iii. Senators will be polled to see which Senators would be willing and able to continue to fulfill Senate responsibilities with a reduction in assigned time from 0.2 to 0.1.
- iv. Senators will be polled to see if their campuses are willing to “backfill” the assigned time.
- v. There was a question about “borrowing” against next year’s allocation to fund assigned time this year—Darlene will ask the Executive Committee.
- vi. The Executive Committee is compiling a list of Senate accomplishments over the past five years to make a case for the ASCSU budget request.