



## **Fiscal and Governmental Affairs (FGA) Committee**

### **MINUTES**

Wednesday, March 16, 2011

10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Coronado Room, CSU Chancellor's Office, Long Beach, CA

**Present:** Darlene Yee-Melichar (Chair), Buckley Barrett (Vice Chair), Edward Aguado, Michael Ault, Jim Meriwether, Dick Montanari, Catherine Nelson, Cezar Ornatowski, Praveen Soni, William Wagner, III.

**Guests:** David Hood (ASCSU Budget Specialist), Thomas Krabacher (ASCSU Executive Committee Liaison), John Travis (CFA Liaison), Jim Blackburn (Student Academic Support), Ken O'Donnell (Academic Programs).

#### **I. Call to Order; Welcome and Introductions**

- Darlene Yee-Melichar, ASCSU FGA Chair called the meeting to order at 10:02am.

#### **II. Announcements and Updates**

- Darlene Yee-Melichar, ASCSU FGA Chair reported that the committee's meeting agenda, minutes, resolutions and Chancellor's Office response to ASCSU resolutions are posted on the ASCSU website.
- After lunch, there will be a committee discussion about the ASCSU budget with Tom Krabacher (Executive Committee Liaison).
- The committee will be sponsoring the ASCSU Social tomorrow evening.
- Senator Ornatowski emphasized the difference between a "cheap" and an "efficient" education at the CSU.

#### **III. Campus Reports; Liaison Reports; Member Items**

- Senator Buckley Barrett reported on reorganization efforts at CSUSB.
- Chair Yee-Melichar reported on the ASCSU Executive Committee discussion about some campuses moving courses from General Fund to Self-Support in Extended University.

#### **IV. Consent Calendar**

- Approval of the February 18, 2011 FGA Minutes – approved.

<http://www.calstate.edu/AcadSen/Committees/fga/meetings.shtml>

- Approval of the March 16, 2011 FGA Agenda – approved.  
<http://www.calstate.edu/AcadSen/Committees/fga/agendas.shtml>

## V. Consultations

- **Tom Krabacher, ASCSU Executive Committee Liaison (1pm)**. Chair Yee-Melichar raised two issues with Senator Tom Krabacher:
  - 1) ASCSU Budget Planning, and 2) ASCSU FGA Lobby Day.
    - 1) The committee discussed FGA lobbying efforts and the FGA advocacy brochure. FGA and the Executive Committee are planning to visit Sacramento on April 12 from 10:00am to 4:00pm. Senator Krabacher discussed several issues related to the FGA brochure. He also claimed the key argument is the CSU is the economic engine in the state.
    - 2) Concerning the budget issue, Senator Krabacher asked the committee to consider the possibility of a 10 percent cut for next year. The committee considered possible ways to cut the ASCSU budget.
- **John Travis, CFA Liaison (11:30am)**. John Travis reported on the current budget situation in Sacramento. Concerning the bargaining over the contract, John Travis reported that this is the first time the Chancellor's Office is putting all contract proposals on the CSU website for transparency. This has raised several issues about the process. He said this really is not helpful because there is context and background information that is not included. He claimed that CSU has misrepresented the CFA's position on separate occasions. Another issue that he raised is workload and class sizes. CFA's proposal tries to deal with this issue. CFA also sponsored a colloquium with faculty from 34 states. As a consequence of this meeting, there is a lot of common ground of what is happening in other states. There is another meeting scheduled in late May in Washington D.C... These meetings are an opportunity for faculty to discuss the future of education. CFA is also sponsoring SB 8 (Transparency among CSU Foundations and Auxiliaries). CFA is concerned that about 1/5<sup>th</sup> of the CSU budget is in the foundations. Also, CFA is supporting SB 483, which is focused on summer education and student fees through extended education. Also, CFA is supporting AB 450, which would require campuses to perform a yearly audit. Lastly, there is AB 1326, which is the Oil and Gas Severance legislation that would create dedicated funding streams for the CSU and the Community Colleges.

Senators responded to John Travis with questions concerning the implications of some of the legislative bills.

- **Jim Blackburn, Student Academic Support and Ken O'Donnell, Academic Programs (10:30am)**. Ken O'Donnell reported that the LAO report on Master Plan at 50: Guaranteed Regional Access Needed for State Universities "got very little traction." However, the Chancellor thought it might be important to respond

to it. There was a discussion concerning whether or not to respond and if so, to whom. Jim Blackburn reported that some campuses are going to be negatively affected by the San Diego situation, while Ken O'Donnell suggested that the FGA continue with a resolution. Senator Ornatowski offered to rework the resolution and the rationale. In brief, our resolution in response to the LAO report, AS-3015-11-FGA Statewide Access to California State University, resolves that the mandated regionalization of CSU campuses would diminish the diversity of the CSU campuses, diminish both the quality of the educational experience and the overall university experience for our students and make it more difficult for CSU campuses to meet the difficult fiscal situation facing us.

- **Ken O'Donnell** also responded to a report that he issued at the CPEC meeting in December. There was a discussion concerning this report on Accommodating Growing Enrollment Demand. The gist of his report is that the CSU expects more demand, especially from populations we have had the least success in serving, that there is unreliable funding support for the increased demand, and that the CSU will have to rely on efforts to stabilize funding, improved graduation rates and faster time to graduation. Chair Yee-Melcher suggested the committee address the CPEC report in the form of a resolution focused upon enhancing student success using resource management strategies. Senator Dick Montana agreed to take the lead on the matter with assistance from Senator Praveen Sony.

## **VI. Fiscal Affairs**

- Finalize resolution on Support of the Development of a Consistent Methodology for the Analysis of Student-Faculty Ratio and Intra and Inter Campus Expenditures on Instruction (Montanari)

[http://www.csusm.edu/aa/documents/firms\\_report-augrevise.pdf](http://www.csusm.edu/aa/documents/firms_report-augrevise.pdf)

[http://www.csusm.edu/aa/documents/sfr\\_report\\_08\\_31\\_2010.pdf](http://www.csusm.edu/aa/documents/sfr_report_08_31_2010.pdf)

Changes have been made to the resolution since the February conference call. Chair Yee-Melcher reviewed these changes and asked for additional suggestions.

- FGA discussed CSU's Access to Excellence systemwide strategic plan and recent California Post-Secondary Education Commission (CPEC) meeting report (O'Donnell, Ornatowski). See Consultations above. A resolution will be forthcoming.
- FGA discussed the Master Plan at 50: Guaranteed Regional Access Needed for State Universities. See Consultations above. A resolution will be forthcoming.
- FGA response to Cal Poly Pomona email regarding the CSU budget crisis in relation to the following article:  
<http://thepioneeronline.com/editorials/2011/01/let%E2%80%99s-be-honest-about-the-csu-budget-cuts-started-before-brown%E2%80%99s-budget/>.

Chair Yee-Melichar indicated that Executive Vice Chancellor/Chief Financial Officer Ben Quillian will address this issue at the ASCSU plenary session. There was a discussion concerning FGA's next step in this process, and a discussion concerning the amount of money that will be cut.

## **VII. Governmental Affairs**

- Planning for ASCSU's FGA Lobby Day  
Confirm FGA, Executive Committee and ASCSU-Sacramento State University participants: Yee-Melichar  
Review logistics (Tuesday, April 12, 2011; 10am-4pm; Sacramento Capitol): Barrett (attached)  
Review legislative matrix and identify bills of interest: Hood, Krabacher (attached)  
Review and finalize FGA advocacy brochure: Soni, Aguado (attached)
- FGA discussion and resolution regarding SB 8 (Yee): Public Records: Auxiliary Organizations and/or bill on Auxiliary Transparency and Accountability sponsored by the CSU BOT (Nelson)  
<http://www.aroundthecapitol.com/billtrack/text.html?bvid=20110SB899INT>
- FGA discussion and possible resolution on SB 736 (Cannella): CSU Trustees on Annual Audits  
<http://www.aroundthecapitol.com/billtrack/text.html?bvid=20110SB73699INT>  
FGA will also review AB 450 (Wieckowski): CSU Audits.
- FGA discussion and resolution on SB 483 (Calderon): UC and CSU: Summer Session Fees (Meriwether)  
<http://www.aroundthecapitol.com/billtrack/text.html?bvid=20110SB48399INT>
- FGA discussion and resolution on AB 130 (Cedillo): Student financial aid: Eligibility: California Dream Act of 2011 (Nelson)  
<http://www.aroundthecapitol.com/billtrack/text.html?bvid=20110AB13099INT>
- FGA discussion and possible resolution on the Oil Severance Tax (Ault, Nelson)  
FGA will review AB 1326 (Furutani): Oil and Gas Severance Tax
- FGA discussion and resolution on the LAO report "The Master Plan at 50: Guaranteed Regional Access Needed for State Universities: Aguado, Ornatowski

## **VIII. Collaboration with Other Committees**

- Academic Affairs  
(we will co-sponsor AS-3000-10/AA and AS-3007-10/AA)
- Faculty Affairs  
(we will participate in discussion and/or resolution on: 1) Extended University: State vs. Self-Support Programs (Senator Meriwether will serve as FGA liaison), and 2) Support for Idaho State University Faculty Senate (Senator Nelson will serve as FGA liaison)

**IX. Action Items (assignments for writing resolutions, summaries, etc)**

- AS-3006-10/FGA, Support of the Development of a Consistent Methodology for the Analysis of Student-Faculty Ratio and Intra and Inter Campus Expenditures on Instruction: Montanari, Aguado
- Resolution on CSU's Access to Excellence systemwide strategic plan in relation to recent CPEC meeting report: Montanari, Soni
- FGA response to Cal Poly Pomona email: not required at this time
- Legislative Matrix and bills of interest: Hood, Krabacher, Yee-Melichar
- FGA advocacy brochure: Soni, Aguado
- Resolution regarding SB 8 (Yee): Public Records: Auxiliary Organizations and/or CSU BOT sponsored bill on same topic: Nelson, Wagner. Senator Nelson reported on this resolution and the legislative bill. The committee discussed the implications of the bill and whether or not to support it.
- Resolution on SB 736 (Cannella): CSU Trustees on Annual Audits: Yee-Melichar, Montanari. Chair Yee-Melichar discussed the background of this resolution. The committee will also review AB 450 (Wieckowski).
- Resolution on SB 483 (Calderon): UC and CSU Summer Session Fees: Meriwether, Wagner. Senator Meriwether reported on the resolution and the committee discussed the implications of this resolution.
- Resolution on AB 130 (Cedillo): Student financial aid: Eligibility: California Dream Act of 2011: Nelson, Ault
- Resolution on Oil Severance Tax: Ault, Nelson
- Co-sponsor Support for Adequate Resources for CSU Libraries (AS-3000-10/AA/FGA): Barrett, Yee-Melichar
- Co-sponsor Support for the CSSA Resolution Calling for the Standardization of Student Response Systems (AS-3007-10/AA): Ornatowski, Yee-Melichar
- Co-sponsor Support the Idaho State University Faculty Senate: Nelson, Soni
- Action on the LAO report "The Master Plan at 50: Guaranteed Regional Access Needed for State Universities: Aguado, Ornatowski

**X. New Business**

- Preparation for FGA hosting of ASCSU March social
- Schedule of legislative visits: Barrett, Krabacher, Yee-Melichar

**XI. Adjournment**

- The Committee adjourned at 4:00pm.

--- Submitted by Michael Ault.