I. The meeting was called to order at 11:10 am on March 14th and 9:20am on March 15th.

II. The minutes from February 2012 meeting were approved.

III. Announcements
   a. There will be a general meeting of the shared governance group with all senators at noon on Wednesday.
   b. FGA will be hosting the May Social.
   c. Committee liaisons, including AVC Vogel, are at Academic Council and cannot attend the committee.

IV. Reports
   1. Chair
      a. CSSA is taking a support stance on AB 970 to keep tuition down.
b. Chair Postma pointed out that SB 1564 (reporting of child abuse) has complex legal implications and that we may wish to discuss with AVC Yelverton-Zamarripa.

c. Legislative Update – Hood and Krabacher
   i. There is relatively little action right now.
   ii. The budget is dominating current discussions.
   iii. Of the 18 bills that are being tracked, there is neither a lot of movement nor any bills that would have a dramatic impact on the CSU. There is a bill on Veterans Priority registration.
   iv. There is some movement towards establishing a new body under the Superintendent of Education to oversee higher education to replace CPEC.
   v. There are several bills on presidential compensation.
   vi. Some bills are likely to be placeholders and may change significantly in April and May.
   vii. The BOT – Governmental Relations is likely to have both active and priority bills. Perhaps, FGA should look into them for appropriate ASCSU action.

2. John Tarjan (member of the shared governance task force)
   a. There are three resolutions coming forward.
      i. Tracking and follow-up on ASCSU resolutions by at least one standing committee.
      ii. Requesting appropriate responses from the administration and/or Board of Trustees to ASCSU resolutions.
      iii. Board of Trustees response to potential votes of no confidence in Presidents and the Chancellor.
   b. Perhaps the ASCSU needs to produce important and carefully crafted and documented resolutions. Fewer resolutions may be better.

3. Darlene Yee-Melichar, Ex. Comm. liaison
   a. Discussed campus processes on AI waivers—no requests have been received in the CO to date.
   b. The Executive Committee requests that each committee look at the affordable learning solutions issue. Faculty should consider authoring e-textbooks. There is a CSU committee looking at affordable learning solutions that is separate from Cal State On-Line. This group is supported by CSSA.
   c. There is a CSU affinity group looking at health care access disparities. This may be an opportunity for the ASCSU to contribute.
   d. First year senators will learn more about standing committees at lunch tomorrow.
e. The ASCSU budget is for next year only. Keeping a current list of Senate accomplishments may be valuable in future ASCSU budget negotiations.

f. The Executive Committee is sponsoring 4 resolutions.

4. John Travis (CFA)
   a. John shared the CFA legislative agenda. CFA is supporting bills which:
      i. Would change composition of Board of Trustees to include more faculty, staff, and students since these constituents know more about the functioning of the CSU.
      ii. Allow designees to attend and participate at the Board meetings
      iii. Expand open meeting safeguards – Bagley Keene Act.
      iv. Limits on the use of extended education/containment of costs for required courses. Students should not be charged more than state support fee for a course. Faculty pay is an issue as well.
     v. Sunset requirement on mandatory early start programs and report back to legislature if they are restarted. Not as effective as remediation in the past.
     vi. Protections and guarantees for students’ right to protest under freedom of speech

5. Robert Turnage (Asst. VC for Budget) (via conference call)
   a. The Governor and a teachers’ labor group have just compromised on a joint sales tax and millionaires income tax initiative for November.
      i. This may significantly increase the chances that the voters will approve a tax initiative.
      ii. More popular features – sales tax increase down from 0.5 to 0.25 and increased rate for high-income citizens – of both were adopted and may result in about a $1b more in revenue being collected.
     iii. Additionally, the compromise adds two years (5 to 7) of enhanced revenue. This may make it more likely that a stable funding agreement with the Governor for the CSU can be developed.
      iv. The Molly Munger initiative still exists and is also likely to be on the ballot. Not likely to do well since it raises taxes on everyone.

b. The legislature voted down the Governor’s proposal to cut Cal Grants by $300m and voted against health and welfare cuts. They seem to be taking votes to assure voters rather than to make serious efforts to balance the budget. Perhaps waiting until after the May Revise and the June primaries to “get serious” about the budget. There may be a “mad scramble” to balance the budget in June.

c. There will be a hearing in Sacramento tomorrow on the CSU budget. PERS contributions are an important issue. The CSU will likely be facing additional costs ($35m) in 2012-13 as PERS contributions are increased in response to a
reduction in interest rates (0.25%)—unless the state reimburses the CSU for the increases. The LAO estimates lower tax receipts.

V. Old Business
1. The Committee quickly reviewed resolutions in second reading.
   a. AS-3053-12/FGA (Managing Enrollment) received some comment from the floor at the last plenary.
      i. Opposition to use of self-support for access—approved a wording change in committee as supplementary to state support.
      ii. Potential opposition to singling out smaller campuses.
      iii. Perhaps add a resolved clause on more predictable targets
   b. AS-3054-12/FGA/FA -- Faculty Compensation
      i. Local senate chairs added to the distribution list.
   c. AS-3055-12/FGA – Legislation Limiting Presidential Compensation
      i. Oppose since the CSU BOT is the legally authorized body.

VI. New Business
1. Improved legislative reporting by FGA – Work more closely with Ron Vogel.
2. Possible Resolutions
   a. Affordable textbook material (SB1052 & SB 1053)
      i. Tom will take the lead in drafting a response.
      ii. Draft discussed on Thursday.
      1. It reaffirms our commitment to affordable materials.
      2. It commends the authors.
      3. It expresses appreciation for features of the bill.
      4. It reasserts the role of faculty in course material selection.
      5. The Committee will attempt to address accessibility during the perfection and attempt to communicate these concerns to the authors through the ASCSU chair.
      6. Made minor editorial changes to the draft.
   b. AB 970 (Fong) (fees)
      i. Accepted a few changes to the rationale.
   c. AB 1564 (Lara) (child abuse reporting)
      i. Tom will develop a draft resolution.
      ii. Draft discussed on Thursday morning.
      1. The bill deals with volunteers.
      2. Draft resolution asks for clarification of the role of faculty and is concerned about being an unfunded mandate.
      3. The resolution may be removed after a follow up with depending VC Gail Brooks on details of the bill.
   d. Pasternack request for consideration – Resolution on smoking ban on campus.
      i. There may by legislation already. The Committee will investigate further regarding the FGA charge before considering a resolution. Also, it is not clear how much support such a resolution may have in ASCSU.

VII. Advocacy Planning for Spring 2012,
a. District visits.
   i. The campus packet should include
      1. Brochures
      2. A talking point script
      3. A list of, and contact information for, and background information about their representatives
      4. Thank you notes
      5. A report form.
   ii. Delegations should report back to FGA on their visits.

b. ASCSU training for District visits at Plenary
   i. Advocacy presentation from Karen
   ii. Outline packet contents
   iii. Request to include ASI representatives on the team
   iv. The Committee discussed ways to make the visits more effective.
      1. Involve ASI
      2. Explore the representatives’ interests
      3. Build a relationship, not just deliver a message
      4. Try to find a common vision, ways to work together.
      5. Try to have a conversation, not just deliver a message—start with a question about what the representative would like from the CSU.

c. Brochure
   i. Thanks to Praveen Soni for compiling and updating the substance and content of the brochure, and to Marty Linder for assisting in enhancing the appearance of the brochure.
   ii. Minor editorial changes were made.

d. Talking Points
   i. Thanks to Praveen Soni for developing the Talking Points script with some feedback from John Tarjan and Tom Krabacher.

VIII. The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 on March 14th and 9:50 on March 15th.