ACADEMIC SENATE CSU
Fiscal & Governmental Affairs Committee
Virtual Meeting Minutes
Friday, April 13, 2012
12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Participants:
Thomas Krabacher (Chair) Sacramento (Geography)
Praveen Soni (Vice Chair) Long Beach (Marketing)
Edward Aguado San Diego (Geography)
Steven Browne Maritime (Marine Transportation)
Reyes Fidalgo Fullerton (Spanish Linguistics)
David Hood Long Beach (History)
Martin Linder San Francisco (Design and Industry)
Cezar Ornatowski San Diego (Rhetoric & Writing Studies)
John Tarjan Bakersfield (Management/Manage.Info.Sys.)

Visitor: Darlene Yee

1. The minutes from March 2012 were approved.

2. Announcements
   a. Tom thanked the Committee members for their flexibility in changing the meeting time.

3. Reports
   a. Tom reported that the Chancellor received an offensive e-mail from an SFSU faculty member. The Chancellor has asked the Executive Committee what the ASCSU would do in response to the e-mail. The committee provided input on the issue to Darlene, the Executive Committee liaison.
   b. John reported on the progress of the 50th anniversary celebration—looking at a one day event in conjunction with ASCSU plenary and making it a “mini Academic Conference” at CSULB or CSUDH.
   c. John also reported on the Northridge Conference. The attendance was light and some legislators and local politicians were there. President Alexander talked about Federal and State policies. Anyone interested may request a report from the Academic Senate chair at Northridge.

4. Darlene Yee-Melichar, Ex. Comm. liaison
   a. Executive Committee discussed next year’s calendar—looking for input about increasing the number of interim virtual meetings to two between the plenaries while cutting meeting times.
   b. Paperless Senate
      i. The committee recommended putting everything online as a first step/experiment except for the resolutions themselves. The Committee was not in favor of using yet another new and different software.
   c. Graduate SUGs
      i. The Executive Committee will meet with AA leadership next week and share the campus resolutions.
The Executive Council will meet on April 18-19 to discuss

Many campuses have passed resolutions opposing the discontinuation of graduate SUGs.

d. ICAS will be having Legislative Advocacy on April 23-24. May 1st there will be an Intersegmental Advocacy Day. Postma, Krabacher and Miller will represent the ASCSU at that event.

5. Interim Meetings
   a. The committee was supportive of 2 interim, 2 hour virtual meetings between plenary sessions on an experimental basis.
   b. It may be beneficial to FGA to have multiple meetings.
   c. The committees should have flexibility in scheduling at least the first if not both of the interim meetings.

6. Legislative Updates:
   a. SB 1052 and SB 1053 (Steinberg) – development of digital open source textbooks
      i. These were discussed in committee—Tom thanked the authors and testified but indicated that the ASCSU had not taken a stance on the current version of the bills, although the ASCSU is committed to affordable textbooks.
      ii. Most who testified were generally supportive.
      iii. The bills have been sent to appropriations.
   b. SB 960 (Rubio) – Mandatory student fees
      i. Passed out of committee.
      ii. Tom was not authorized to speak on the bill.
   c. AB 1561 (Hernandez) – Compensation bill
      i. It may not come out of committee.
   d. AB 1564 (Lara) – Mandatory reporting of child abuse by volunteers
      i. Is coming up for a hearing in the next week or so.
      ii. It may be in trouble since the hearing has been postponed.
   e. AB 2497 (Solario) — Early Start
      i. This bill is about mandating that Early Start not be implemented until there is a line item budget for it. Also CSU to report on the results.
      ii. The FGA might consider a resolution in opposition highlighting the interference in CSU internal operations if the bill moves forward.
   f. AB 2132 (Lara) — Tenure Policy (to include service in CSU policies)
      i. The Committee will wait and see what happens but will draft a resolution in opposition if it moves forward
         1. Bill is unnecessary since service already considered for tenure and promotion.
         2. Interference in CSU professional standards.

7. In-District Advocacy Update
   a. The materials went out a little late—folks should receive them shortly.
   b. There is a request to have the individual follow-up reports sent to FGA so a summary report can be prepared.

8. Old Business—Second readings:
   a. AS-3070-12: Support for Accessible and Affordable Open Source Textbooks
      i. AA may be interested in co-sponsoring
      ii. Some technical questions are still being raised by Tom and others
      iii. Tom expressed concerns about mandatory adoption—the author indicated that this is not the intent of the bill. Idea is to provide more options for faculty and students.
      iv. FGA will develop a resolution commending the involvement of the faculty in the development of the bill as a model legislative process.
b. AS-3071-12: Concerns Regarding AB 1564 (Lara) Child Abuse Reporting
   i. FGA will put this on hold pending developments on the progress of the bill.

9. New Business
   a. Suggested resolutions for May 2012 plenary
      i. Perhaps three new resolutions: One on AB 2497, one on AB 2132, and one commendation as was discussed in 8 iv. above.
      ii. May also consider a resolution commending the Funding the Future of the CSU conference at Northridge and encouraging further discussions across the CSU.
   b. Possible spring advocacy date in Sacramento by FGA (May 17th)
      i. FGA recommends the visit since it will be valuable and the May revise would have been published by then. It would not be mandatory.
   c. Hosting the May Social reception
      i. Reyes volunteered to be involved and is willing to do food preparation. She will bring garlic shrimp or chicken and bruschetta.
      ii. Praveen will bring some Indian food and verify the budget and supplies already available in the office.
      iii. Ed and John will go to Trader Joe’s to supplement the supplies, food and drink.
      iv. Dave and Cesar will be responsible for the wine.