Minutes

10:05 Meeting called to order.

Participants: Praveen Soni (chair), Steve Browne (vice chair), Otto Benavides, Erick Eschker, Kate Fawver, Cezar Ornatowski, Eileen Klink, Tom Krabacher; Guests: Nichole Murillo, Andy Merrifield

1. Approval of the agenda – Meeting of April 11, 2014 approved unanimously.

2. Approval of the minutes – Meeting of March 19, 2014 approved unanimously.

3. Chair’s report
   • Steve Stambaugh has resigned from the ASCSU.
   • The executive committee will meet with the Chancellor next week to discuss shared governance.
   • The author of SB 850 (Block) is planning to amend the bill in response to some of the CSU’s concerns.
   • Any action regarding academic freedom will likely be deferred until the fall.

   Call commenced at 10:15 am
   • Senator Yee and two others have been suspended from the Senate for corruption. As a result, the Democrats have lost their 2/3 majority.
   • Assemblywoman Atkins has taken over as leader of the Assembly.
   • May 2nd is the policy committee deadline.
   • Their office is thankful for ASCSU advocacy.
   • They are hopeful regarding getting an increase to the proposed CSU budget.
   • The subcommittees on Education and Finance will meet April 23. That is an important meeting for the CSU.
   • Senator Hernandez has introduced a bill to request a ballot measure to reverse Prop 209 (Affirmative Action in Admissions). It will likely die in the Assembly. The CSU does not have a position on the measure.
   • Praveen asked if a room can be reserved in the capital building for April 22. Nichole will ask someone in her office to work with Praveen.
   • AB 2324 (Williams / Faculty Trustee) – It is moving smoothly.
• AB 1989 (Chesbro / Underage Drinking) – No update but no objections have been raised.
• SB 1210 (Laura / Loan program for undocumented students) – It is progressing well.
• AB 1953 (Skinner / Higher ed energy efficiency) – Would provide energy efficiency funds to the CSU / UC.
• AB 2235 (Buchanan / K-12 Bond Bill) – CSU supports.
• SB 850 (Block) – No amendments have been made yet. Karen YZ is working with him.
• AB 2092 (Chavez / 4-year BA degree) – CSU is concerned.
• Question: What attitude should we adopt on April 22 during advocacy day? Answer: Give a quick reminder of where we've been (i.e. $1 billion budget cut) and what we would do with additional funds: access, affordability, completion and quality. Discuss the need for more tenure track faculty.
• Question: Has the diversity document been distributed to every senator and assembly member? Answer: Not yet. It has just been finished. Some key members have received it. Feel free to hand it out on April 22.

Call completed 11:55.

5. CFA Report – Andy Merrifield
Call commenced 11:15
• CFA legislative committee will meet later today. Andy will send the CFA positions on bills to Praveen later.
• CFA participated in lobby days April 1-2. Spoke with legislators regarding bills including AB 2153 (Grey – D) Postsecondary Education.
• With the Leland Yee scandal, the Democrats don't have a 2/3 majority, so it may be difficult to gain the extra $95 million. Perhaps a smaller amount will be possible. CFA will be working directly with the Governor to advocate for an increased budget.
• The state revenue is up significantly this year.
• Bargaining is going well. Yesterday was very productive and several issues have been resolved.
• Question: The CCC pays faculty much more than CSU and the workload is less. Can the CFA do a study of this issue? Answer: We'll consider it.

Call completed 11:35

6. Executive Committee Liaison – Steve Filling
Commenced 11:40
• Executive committee reviewed previous resolutions to see what actions have been completed.
• Please submit committee preferences in May.
• EC will meet with the Chancellor next week to talk regarding shared governance. It is driven by 120-unit reduction and other things that have
been implemented without faculty consultation. They hope it will be a positive conversation.
Called ended at 11:55

7. Planning for ASCSU/FGA Advocacy on April 22, 2014
   • Praveen, Steve, Kate, Tom, Erick, Cezar, Otto, Diana, Darlene and Susan will attend.
   • Tom provided a list of 44 members. Praveen requested meetings with them all. So far, 21 appointments have been made.
   • Each meeting will be 15 to 20 minutes.
   • After each talk, the team will complete a visit summary feedback form.
   • Praveen will send instructions before April 22.
   • We will consider whether to distribute the diversity document. We should have it with us for reference.
   • Dress in business attire (coat and tie, etc.)
   • Praveen will distribute a preliminary schedule next week.

8. Positions on new legislative bills, such as AB 1548, AB 2235, AB 1953, etc.
   • AB 1548 (Mullin / Standardized tests) – Allows CSU to use invalid scores on tests if it is not the student's fault. CSU is concerned by the “may accept” language. Recommended ASCSU position: no position / watch.
   • AB 2235 – no action at this time
   • AB 1953 – no action at this time

9. Changes in positions, if any, in prior legislative bills
   • SB 850 – We will defer to AA. Our position will stay the same.
   • AB 2092 – The bill has been gutted, but we still oppose it.

10. Planning for the May Social
    • Cezar and Otto will select the wine and beer.
    • Praveen will provide some Indian food.
    • Eileen will go be asked to go to Costco or Trader Joes to get the standard fare. Steve and Erick will go with her.
    • Praveen will contact Tracy regarding the budget.

12:35 meeting adjourned.