ACADEMIC SENATE CSU
Fiscal & Governmental Affairs Committee
Minutes
Feb. 17, 2012
Virtual Meeting

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

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

I. The minutes of the January meeting were approved.

II. The agenda was approved with the addition of an FGA legislative agenda item.

III. Chair Announcements
   a. KYZ will join us in person for our March Meeting.
   b. Chair Krabacher related what had occurred this morning with the extended Executive Committee.
      i. Cal State On-Line is just beginning to get organized – The focus will be on self-support programs initially.
      ii. There is an effort to have all committees use Elluminate for the April meetings.
      iii. The presidential task forces—only the committee on increasing flexibility has asked for a faculty representative. Andrea Boyle was appointed.

IV. Other Announcements/Reports
   a. John Tarjan reported that the Shared Governance Task force is likely to present a resolution urging committees to follow up on resolutions they have passed to make sure appropriate follow-up takes place.
   b. David Hood reported that the LAO has recommended that the state retain control of bond financing and repayment.
c. Ron Vogel reported that the Commission on Extended Education wondered if Title 5 language dealing with supplanting of state support programs with self-support programs might be changed. Such a change will not be sought at this time. However, we will wait to see what comes out of the aforementioned presidential task force.

d. Reyes Fidalgo reported that a consortium of campuses to offer an on-line degree in French is being organized. Ron reported that any new consortiums formed by campuses would have to offer state support programs.

e. Otto Benavides reported that the Online Board passed a resolution that would establish Calstate On-Line as an auxiliary organization.

V. Executive Committee Liaison – Darlene Yee Melichar

a. Presidential Workgroups
   i. Presidential Task Force on Increased Flexibility in Extended Education -- Senator Andrea Boyle to serve as the senate rep. She received a draft report from President Karen Haynes. The report focused on the following areas:
      1. Problem- Decreasing state revenues, need for increasing access for students to CSU Programs, facilitation of students time to degree, and become creative in enhancing revenue streams.
      2. Recommendations
         a. Supplant or change Ed Code
         b. Use of CERF funds
         c. Faculty Compensation
         d. Number of units earned in non-matriculated status
         e. Enhancing clarity and transparency for Extended Education policies

b. ASCSU Budget
   i. The new Executive Committee will need to implement next year's budget.
ii. Campuses with three senators are asking advice about funding for their third senator. Other campuses are asking about funding for first year senators. There is currently funding for 2 senators per campus in the base budget. First year senators should have travel covered. Senate leadership assigned time will likely be maintained.

iii. Proposal to be discussed
   1. Up to 2 senators would be funded per campus with assigned time.
   2. If funds remain in the assigned time budget, first year senators would be funded.
   3. If funds remain, perhaps a third campus senator would be funded.

c. Darlene indicated that she would forward materials from last year’s advocacy to the committee.

d. FGA will host the Senate social in March.

VI. Legislative Updates
   a. New bills are still being introduced. Approximately 14 new bills were introduced in the past two days. By the deadline next Friday, we expect a flood of new bills.

   b. SB 1052 and SB 1053 (Steinberg)—Development of digital open source textbooks
      i. Chair Postma and the ASCCC President and ASUC Chair have been involved in discussions with the author
      ii. The bills do not support academic freedom in selecting the appropriate textbook. This is the main concern of Chairs Postma and Krabacher.
      iii. Often bills start as a suggestion and end up on a mandate for higher education.
      iv. The bills will be referred to Academic Affairs Committee and Faculty Affairs Committee to obtain their input.

   c. AB 970 (Fong, Block)
i. Mandates the use of the term fees rather than tuition
ii. Codifies the 1/3 CSU state university grant set-aside for new fees
iii. Committee recommends opposition
iv. Ed and John will draft a resolution.
d. AB 960 (Rubio) – Student fees
   i. CSSA has a support position
   ii. Discussed the implications – Would supercede alternative consultation for all mandatory campus-based fees, requiring a student referendum for raising or repurposing fees.
e. AB 1564 (Lara) – Mandated reporting of child abuse by volunteers
   i. Would require training for all faculty with students under 18 or who supervise students who work with minors
   ii. The bill mandates reporting of suspected abuse, which is actually required under existing state law. We have not provided training.
   iii. Reyes, Tom and Ron will work on a resolution opposing without additional funding for training
f. Tom and David will work to develop a draft legislative agenda format similar to the one used by CSSA.
   i. To keep FGA members and Executive Committee better informed
   ii. To provide suggested positions on bills from our committee
g. AB 2 (Portantino) allows for setting of goals for higher education that would be established and tied to funding. Ongoing legislation would be developed.
h. SB 721—would have the LAO perform many of the functions previously performed by CPEC.
   i. Ron will get more information on the preceding two bills.

VII. Resolutions

a. Second readings:
   i. AS-3053-12: Enrollment Management in the CSU
      1. Discussed the second resolved clause on self-support
      2. Return the resolution as is to the floor.
   ii. AS-3054-12: Investing in Excellence in the CSU—Discussed the changes
   iii. AS-3055-12: Opposition to SB 755 (Lieu) and SB 967 (Yee)
      1. SB 755 has been withdrawn
      2. Two new bills have been added on the topic
         a. SB 952 (Alguist)
         b. AB 1561 (Hernandez) have been added
3. The chair recommended updating the resolution to add and delete the appropriate bills to the existing resolution

4. FGA will bring the existing resolution back to the floor. There was some concern about the broadness of the term “personnel matters” expressed by one Senator at the plenary. However, we decided not to make any changes.

b. New Business
   i. Suggested resolutions for March 2012 plenary
   ii. Possible spring advocacy in Sacramento by FGA
       1. There may be limited funding for a Sacramento visit.
       2. Some senators may like to participate even if they are not fully funded for the trip.

VIII. In-District Advocacy Planning
   a. Talking points
      i. We would like to focus on the efficiency of the CSU and the fact that budget cuts result in increased tuition and lowered access
   b. Materials for distribution
      i. We discussed having a fanfold brochure like we did in the past and decided a one-page handout with the points above may be more effective to reinforce our main points
      ii. We will also have a leave-behind brochure
      iii. Tom, Praveen and John will work on the one page handout
   c. Orientation at March plenary by KYZ
   d. Visit logistics
      i. We hope to do in-district visits during the Legislators spring recess.