Members Present:
Praveen Soni, Chair (Long Beach); Jim LoCascio Vice Chair (San Luis Obispo); Otto Benavides, (Fresno); Steve Browne, (Maritime); Kate Fawver (Dominguez Hills); Thomas Krabacher (Sacramento); and James E. Swartz (Pomona).
Regrets: Eileen Klink (Long Beach); Cezar Ornatowski (San Diego); Martin Linder (San Francisco).

Guests:
Steven Filling, ASCSU Executive Committee, Vice Chair. 
Ron Vogel, Associate Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs.
Robert Turnage, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Budget.

1. Welcome and Call to Order: Praveen Soni, Chair 11:03AM.

2. Agenda Approval: An amended order of the agenda was approved.

3. Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the FGA meeting of December 7, 2012 were approved without changes.

4. Chair’s Report: Praveen Soni
   • The chair reported that on January 9, 2013, he had a meeting in which George Ashkar and Robert Turnage were in attendance. Some of the topics discussed were (1) Robert Turnage will meet with FGA in January, and George Ashkar expressed a willingness to meet with the FGA at their March meeting (2) State University Grants (1/3 set aside) cost the CSU about $630 million in uncollected student tuition and also results in an intercampus redistribution of tuition among the campuses – Chair Soni e-mailed the SUG awards by campus to the committee (3) CSU Financial Statements for 2011 and 2010 were given to the chair and distributed to the FGA, and previous ones are available online (4) It was determined that additional funds would be needed to fund the California Master Plan for Higher Education for both access and quality. It would be hard to estimate the amount. However, estimating the amount on the basis of CSU eligible students who were turned away seemed easier to accomplish. The chair will work with Robert and George to arrive at a number (5) the CO does not have data on costs of different types of programs, the campuses probably have better data; Chair Soni had turned down an invitation from the Legislator’s Analytic Office to attend the campus FGA meeting but will attempt to meet with FGA in March and also address the Plenary. It was noted that the LAO does not always take positions that the CSU agrees with but they have good information.
50th Anniversary ASCSU event at the March Plenary.

- The January 30th meeting of the System Wide Budget Advisory Committee will be attended by the ASCSU Chair Guerin, Vice Chair Filling, FGA Chair Soni and FGA Vice Chair LoCascio among others. There was a discussion about the formation of an FGA budget analysis committee that might work with the FGA and conduct some independent budget analysis.

- **Two new committees will be formed:**
  - **Smart Balanced Assessments:** The Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium is developing a system of valid, reliable, and fair next-generation assessments aligned to the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) in English language arts/literacy (ELA/literacy) and mathematics for grades 3-8 and 11, and (2) a second committee will focus on MOOC’s and their relationship to the CSU.

5. Other Brief Reports: FGA Senators

- Jim LoCascio reported that the Cal Poly SLO task force on semester conversion recommended that the campus remain on quarters. The report estimated that the cost of conversion would be between $21 and $29 million. Jay Swartz responded that that was twice the cost estimated.

- **Two legislative bills announced:**
  - AB-51 Public postsecondary education: Baccalaureate Degree Pilot Program; $10,000. Degree
  - AB-67 Public Postsecondary Education: Prohibits, from the 2013-14 fiscal year to the 2018-19 fiscal year, mandatory system-wide fees or tuition charged to students of the California State University, the California Community Colleges, and the University of California from exceeding the level of the mandatory system-wide fees or tuition charged to students of those institutions for the 2011-12 fiscal year.

- Kate Fawvers reported that $5 million was transferred from Extended Ed to CalState Online. She wanted to know if this was true and wanted a report as to why the money is needed and an accounting of how much money has already been spent. The chair stated that she could ask EVC Ben Quillian about that at the plenary meeting the next day.

6. Executive Committee Liaison: Steven Filling:

- Steven reported that Chancellor White will not be able to attend the March Plenary.
- Trustee Cheyne will present a report against the proposed 120/180 unit limit on all degree programs in the CSU at the BOT meeting.
- A task force on MOOC’s and online education will be created to see how with the CSU. Issues that may be addressed include (1) how to assign MOOCs such as Coursera (2) Humboldt State is offering the “golden classes online (3) the significance of resident units needs to be of quality for the many venues for online classes will be discussed.
lively discussion on the role of Udacity and Edx at the CSU.

- Praveen reported to Steve that FGA has completed 3 resolutions and will prepare another in the morning. FGA will withdraw the resolution on SUGS with an objection from Jim LoCascio so that the ASCSU could be educated on SUGs.


- Robert began his presentation with the statement that this is the best budget ever. Chancellor White wants to have a good working relationship with the governor. It was pointed out that the Governor is the most powerful position in California because he has the line item veto in the budget, can veto legislation that comes to his desk and he makes political appointments including the Board of Trustees. It was noted that in the last few months Governor Brown has taken an active role in the BOT meetings for both the CSU and UC systems.
- The Governor has offered to increase the CSU budget by $250 million next year and an additional 5% for the year after that and 4% for the two years thereafter. In return the Governor has asked for the following (1) no tuition increases for four years (2) curtail course repeats (3) remove bottleneck classes with online offering of these classes and as such the CSU must spend $10 million of the “new” money on online education (4) the CSU will increase enrollment each year.
- The BOT will meet next week and discuss CSU’s proposed 2013-2014 request of $371 million. Included in this request is (1) $48 million for mandatory costs (2) $58 million for the Graduation Initiative and Student Success (3) $86 million for a 3% GSI increase for all faculty and staff (4) $86 million for a 5% enrollment increase (5) $50 million for urgent maintenance needs (6) $20 million for ITS upgrades (7) $23 million for instructional equipment replacement (8) $0.5 million for a Center of California studies.
- Robert Turnage pointed out what the Governor did not announce to the public about his budget proposal. They include (1) the CSU will now be responsible for its General Bond debt service (2) in the future the CSU will be responsible all increases in employer pension costs (3) the CSU employees must pay more for health care (4) the governor proclaims that he will increase the CSU budget by 5%, but he did not point out that the state contribution is only half of the budget and that the other half is derived from tuition which is frozen so the reality is an increase of 2.5% (5) the Governor wants to change the funding model from FTES to a yet to be determined criteria (for example graduation rates or % of online courses offered by the CSU.)

8. Feedback from campuses on resolution regarding SUGs.

- The feedback on the SUGs resolution has been totally negative with a Campus Senates writing resolutions condemning this resolution. It was
the resolution should be withdrawn. Jim LoCascio is in opposition. He (1) there is no 1/3 set aside, the tuition for 1/3 of the students is simply (2) the amount of uncollected tuition is $627 million (3) the rest of the tuition is then spread out making some campuses become donor campuses lack of General Salary increases for both the staff and faculty for number of faculty and staff layoffs and deferred maintenance appears consequence of this continuous loss in revenue.

9. Possible Resolutions:
   a. Commendation for Chancellor White on his example of leadership-Voluntary acceptance of 10% salary reduction. It was decided to proceed with this commendation, perhaps with a first reading waiver
   b. CSU Commitment to Sustainability in Higher Education. The committee crafted a first reading resolution supporting campus commitments to sustainable practices and encouraging other campuses to follow suit.
   c. On Funding the CSU under the California Master Plan for Higher Education was discussed. FGA discussed a resolution on the 2013-14 CSU budget. The question is how much money does the CSU need to fully fund the “Master Plan” to provide access to California residents. The current CSU plan is to ask the Governor to increase funding by $371 million. The Committee decided that we do not know what an appropriate dollar amount should be.
   d. An amendment to AB-67 was crafted which would freeze student fees and tuition increases: AB 67 (Gorell) Post-Proposition 30 Freeze on System-wide Student Fees and Tuition
   e. As a result of the withdrawal of the SUGs resolution the committee decided to co-sponsor with AA a task force to look into the tuition structure of the CSU and the financial aid. Jim LoCascio suggested that the charge should be more comprehensive so as to include Pell Grants, Cal Grants, SUGs and non-residential tuition.

10. Planning and preparation for Spring Advocacy In Sacramento and In District:
   
   - The committee decided (1) we should have face to face time with legislators in Sacramento who are involved with education or budget (2) we should explain what function the CSU provides in California’s higher education master plan (3) we should make it clear that the passage of Proposition 30 does not solve the fiscal problems of the CSU (4) we should plan to meet legislators in Sacramento who should have a list of “talking points” to leave with any legislative office that we visit (2) set dates for our visit for some time after the legislative spring break and before the end of April (3) we should expect that we will have no more than 15 minutes of face time.
Otto Benavides asked the committee to clearly define the objectives, needs and desired outcomes of our Sacramento visit. He has volunteered along with some students to create a DVD that will deliver our message in a few minutes. The DVD along with a “talking points” flier, and an ASCSU brochure will be left with the legislator. After discussing the merits of the DVD it was decided to proceed with Otto’s plan.

11. CSU budget data for the last five years showing sources and uses of funds under major headings of revenue and expenditures:

The committee reviewed three publications prepared by the Chancellor’s office; “Financial Statements June 30, 2010” and “Financial Statements June 30, 2011” and “Coded Memo B 2012-03, October 5, 2012.” Chair Soni also e-mailed links to the prior years statements. George Ashkar from the CO has agreed to visit the committee in March to discuss these statements. A discussion followed as to the proper role of FGA to understand, analyze and make recommendations on the budget. It was decided that this conversation continue.

12. Adjourn 5:00 pm

Meeting minutes submitted by Jim G. LoCascio, FGA vice Chair.