Fiscal and Governmental Affairs (FGA) Committee

Minutes

Wednesday, January 21, 2015

Roll Call: Chair Thomas Krabacher, Erick Eschker (Vice Chair and minutes taker), Otto Benavides, David Hood, Barry Pasternack, Eileen Klink, Cliona Murphy, Beth Steffel, James Swartz

Call to Order at 11am

Conference Call with AVC Karen Yelverton-Zamarripa, Advocacy & Institutional Relations:
Governor’s budget proposal was expected, with 4% increase. $97mil is what CSU sees as minimal augment. She expects augment proposals coming from legislators, but a concern is to get both Senate and Assembly on the same page. Health and Human Services will be the winner. Graduation and completion issue is very prominent theme across both parties, and that is reflected in concerns from legislators. Digital textbooks are also an emerging issue. Leadership is not paying much attention to Community colleges offering degrees. There was lots of concern expressed by FGA committee members, and she recommended waiting to see how it plays out and not overreact. SB 42: CPEC re-establishment. Imp to Carol, not certain how critical import. Gov. not excited to re-establish. We are not comfortable with oversight body, dispute for us needs to be a segmental member. SB 15 is a spot bil. Provides 50M for incentive to encourage students to take 15 units. Student has to achieve 30 units in first year. If they do, students would receive additional 1,000. Second year, 1500, third year 2500.

Agenda approved

Minutes from December, 2014 approved, as corrected

Campus and Member Announcements

Nathan Evans and Ed Sullivan from Chancellor’s Office:
Spoke about impaction by campus. Dramatic increase in impaction after budget cuts of 09-10. Most campuses have impaction, but some have been impacted longer than others. Big differences between campuses in percent denied eligible. This has raised the number of denied eligible students overall. CSU does not have a redirection process except for SB 1440 students. The UC redirection process has very low yield for those redirects. About 300K unduplicated applicants, and about 10% eligible denied and didn’t get into any campus.

Commendation for AB 2324 Support (Krabacher)
Minor edits were made and the committee voted to bring to the plenary for Senate consideration.

Review of FGA charge
Chair Krabacher reviewed our charge. End of February is deadline for new bills to be introduced, and many at the last hour. Chair Krabacher reviewed the relevant current bills that have been drafted and reminded us of how to lookup relevant legislation online.
Lori Redfearn (AVC Advancement Services) – Discussion of policies on campus foundation use of funds. Lori gave overview of how auxiliary organizations spend funds and how philanthropy funds are spent. Mostly there are restrictions placed by the donor. She explained how her office aids campuses in advancement. On books, we say we have 4M in unrestricted funds; in reality we have 1M.

Chair’s Report
Chair Krabacher summarized Extended Exec. meeting and informed us of the capital visits just completed.

Vice Chair: Identification of new Committee Vice Chair
Chair Krabacher announced that Executive Committee selected Senator Eschker to be FGA vice chair.

Chris Miller, Executive Committee liaison
Informed us that the new executive vice chancellor Blanchard will be meeting with the Board next week and Dr. Miller was asked by the Chancellor to speak with the new Vice chancellor. She told us about the funding possibilities to donate to a fund to Senator Frehlich’s family. Dr. Miller conveyed to us the extremely short time frame the ASCSU had to respond to proposed community college baccalaureate degree programs and that campus responses would probably be due the second week in February.

Recent LAO Report on DPT (David Hood). There wasn’t much new relevant information. He also spoke on the libraries’ decision to drop Wiley from electronic access. Wiley wants all campuses to subscribe to all journals. The committee discussed possible ASCSU resolution to get CSU a more agreeable deal with Wiley. Chair Krabacher and Senators Hood and Paternack will work on a resolution overnight.

We spoke with Chris and Julian from (Dept of Finance). discussion of Governor’s proposed CSU budget. No surprises. 4% increase which is $119.5 mil increase plus $25mil creative award and $25mil deferred maintenance. Land adjacent to Cal Poly Pomona will be transferred to CSU control.

Meeting adjourned at 5pm.