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

Regrets: none

Guests:
Steven Filling, ASCSU Executive Committee, Vice Chair.
Ron Vogel, Associate Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs.
Judy Heiman, Legislative Analyst Office; Assignment: California State University, Student
Financial Aid.
Andy Merrifield, Chair of CFA's Bargaining Team.
Karen Y. Zamarripa Assistant Vice Chancellor, Advocacy and State Relations
the California State University.

1. Welcome and Call to Order: Praveen Soni, Chair 11:06 AM.

2. Agenda Approval: The agenda was approved.

3. Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the FGA meeting of February 15, 2013 were
   approved without changes.

4. Chair’s Report: Praveen Soni
   - The chair stated that EVC Smith reported on the possible consequences of the
     sequestration on the CSU; while PELL Grants are exempt, research grants are not.
     EVC Smith also reported on SB-1440 and TMC’s. He also presented application
     data and available enrollment slots. He reported that the CSU offers 84
     online/hybrid degree programs and 64 completely online programs and noted that
     most of them are graduate programs.
   - ASCSU Chair expressed concern over the implementation of shared governance. She
     is having ongoing discussions with the Chancellor.
   - Chair Soni noted that the American Council of Education (members are university
     presidents) has given 5 MOOC’s their blessings for college credit.
   - The CSU librarians are discussing “the libraries of the future.” (LOFT)

5. Other Brief Reports: FGA Senators

   No reports were presented
6. Judy Heiman, LAO Office via teleconference:

- Judy reported on a 9-month midpoint progress report on SB-1440’s TMCs. She claimed that there is a mixed bag of how many TMC’s aligned with programs within the CSU. She noted that business programs were accepted on most campuses. There is concern that the CCC’s are the drivers of the TMC’s and this poses a problem for the CSU.
- There was a discussion on limiting degrees to 120/180 units. Judy suggested that there might be a connection between SB-1440 and the graduation initiative. Marty pointed out that in some majors this limit on units is too constraining on the degree to be meaningful. He pointed out that employers expect a minimum amount of knowledge necessary for a graduate to be of value.
- Judy reported on the effect of SB-70 on Cal Grants. The bill has lowered the value of Cal Grants and requires institutions of higher education to report on their default rate, and graduation rates. She pointed out that the state would attempt to track students’ employment and earnings for eight years post-graduation. It was noted that the intent was to track vocational programs and not traditional liberal arts degrees.
- The ‘Dream Act’ will have a cost associated with its passage but this has not been analyzed.
- She reported that the Governor has proposed multiyear budget increases of 5%, 5%, 4% & 4% over the next four years. The LAO wants more accountability as to where this new money is spent. There appears to be no future enrollment targets and this is problematic. The LAO believes that passing on to the CSU debt service on future bonds and the pension cost is not good policy. The inclusion of pension liability will make it more expensive for the CSU to hire future faculty and staff. The LAO is wondering how future capital improvements will be funded by the CSU.
- Bills that limit tuition and fees for multiple years make no sense.
- The LAO does not believe those online courses are a silver bullet to address bottleneck classes or remediation. There is concern that English composition classes moving to online mode need to be checked for quality control. The same is true for credit by exam and/or by ‘life experience.’
- The topic of State University Grants was discussed. One third of CSU students do not pay tuition and Judy described this as phantom money. Jim LoCascio was appalled at this description and wanted to know how the third of the students are financed. He did not get a satisfactory answer.

7. Andy Merrifield, CFA Report:

- Mr. Merrifield stated that shifting of health care costs to employees is the most important issue facing the CFA. The Governor has a budgetary rider that could have faculty pay 20% of their health care insurance. The CFA wants to educate the legislators and Chancellor White that the cost would be between $2400 and $3600 for each employee. The CFA will be trying to have this rider removed from the budget.
• The CFA has no position on ‘online’ education but there is concern about top down mandating of online courses. There is concern that AB-386 will make the CSU ‘one place’ as opposed to individual campuses. AB-387 mandates that all new programs in the CSU must be 10% or more online is another example of top down administration. CFA opposes “the New University of California”.
• Cezar is concerned about the “mandatory reporting” legislation. It was pointed out that the Chancellor’s office was rewriting the EO governing mandatory reporting.

8. Executive Committee Liaison: Steven Filling:

• Steven reported that the 50th Anniversary celebration begins at noon and he suggested that we sit with our campus Provost.
• The Academic Affairs committee would also like to participate in Lobby Day.
• The Executive Committee is seeking to meet with Chancellor White before the next meeting of the BOT. There appear to be some concerns regarding the meaning of shared leadership when one looks at the Chancellor’s position on 120/180 unit cap, the apparent semester conversion policy and the implementation of a common calendar.
• The Executive Committee would like the Chancellor’s help in convincing the legislators to not micro manage higher education especially in light of SB-520.
• The partnership between SJSU and Udacity seems to have gone well. There are now plans for the partnership to offer a remedial math class this summer.
• Steve on behalf of the Executive Committee requested a list of all legislation that affects the CSU and a short list of the most important bills.
• Chair Soni reported to Steve the report we received from Andy Merrifield and our work on resolutions.

9. Second Reading Resolutions for March Plenary:

A. CSU Commitment to Sustainability in Higher Education, Praveen Soni: Comments and amendments were incorporated and this resolution was ready for the plenary.
B. AB-67 freeze on Tuition and Fee Increases, Tom Krabacher: With assistance from the committee Tom has rewritten the resolution that is now ready for the plenary.
C. Task Force to Study Student Tuition Fees and Financial Aid Support, Jim LoCascio: The FGA Committee is jointly sponsoring this resolution with the Academic Affairs Committee. The FGA Committee made changes to the draft resolution and sent it to AA for presentation at the plenary.
D. The feedback on the SUGs resolution has been negative with a couple of campus senates writing resolutions, especially against the elimination of SUGs for graduate students. The Committee decided to withdraw the resolution in light of the Committee supporting the task force to study student tuition fees and financial support. Jim LoCascio was in opposition and pointed out: (1) there is no 1/3 set aside, the tuition for 1/3 of the students is simply not collected (2) the amount of uncollected tuition is around $637 million (3) rest of the collected tuition is then spread out making some campuses donors and others receivers (4) the lack of GSI increases in pay for both the staff and faculty for the last 6 years, the number of faculty and staff layoffs and deferred maintenance appear to be the means by which this loss in revenue has been funded. Jim will object to the withdrawal at the plenary and make these points.

10. Legislative bills of interest to the CSU and the Faculty, Tom Krabacher:

- Tom Krabacher presented a short summary of all the pending legislation that may be of importance to the CSU. The committee discussed each of these bills and took a position of action according to the following categories; Support, Watch, Oppose, Oppose unless amended and No action. Tom will take these results and create a spreadsheet listing these bills along with their positions.
- The Committee decided to draft first reading resolutions for consideration by the plenary on AB 386 and AB 387, both bills by Levine. Tom will take the lead, and the resolutions would be circulated to the Committee for comment before being sent to the plenary.
- The FGA Committee worked jointly with the AA and APEP Committees to draft a resolution on SB 520 as a first reading/waiver item for the plenary.

11. Planning and preparation for April 9th Spring Advocacy in Sacramento:

There are budgetary constraints for Lobby Day that will limit the number of senators who can attend. In addition to the FGA committee, the Executive Committee members will also participate. Various senators have indicated their willingness to attend. Jim LoCascio reported that he cannot attend because of the limited air service between SLO and Sacramento. The committee discussed the talking points, which will be finalized closer to the lobby date so as to keep them current. As in the past, senators would visit as many legislators as possible to make our case, usually spending between 15-30 minutes presenting our talking points and the ASCSU brochure which has gone to printing and will be ready in time. Chair Soni will coordinate with Tom Krabacher on the day's planning and logistics.
12. **CSU budget data for the last five years showing sources and uses of funds under major headings of revenue and expenditures:**

Chair Soni had obtained the data from George Ashkar in the CO Finance office and sent it to the committee for their review. George was not available to meet with the committee in March, but will be meeting with the committee in May to make a presentation of this data and answer questions.

13. **Teleconference with Karen Y Zamarripa:**

- In her opening remarks Karen pointed out that there are approximately 2200 bills presented each year and that it was her job to wait and see which bills survive and then she will make judgments on their effect on the CSU. She pointed out that some bills are placeholders and others are presented because some legislators are making their mark as a legislator.
- In addressing the freeze on tuition and fees she noted that the rapid rise in tuition is a result of the lack of funding from the state (AB-67 & SB-59)
- Steinberg’s bill SB-520 is one of 12 bills addressing online courses and education. Karen pointed out that online course are not necessarily cheaper, but just a different mode of delivery. The most important consideration should be to ensure quality.
- Other issues and bills were discussed and Karen closed by saying that Tom Krabacher is a great asset to the CSU.

14. **Adjourn 5:00 pm**

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