Fiscal and Governmental Affairs (FGA) Committee

Minutes

Wednesday, March 18, 2015 11am – 5pm

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

Call to Order at 11am

Agenda Approval as amended

Approval of Minutes from Feb/Mar 2015

Campus and Member Announcements

Chairs Report
  Chair reported Extended Executive Committee Meeting
  Budget Advocacy Initiative
    Advocacy was trying to make sure the Senate and Assembly bills were in line.

Reports
  Chancellor’s Office liaison: Ron Vogel
    CA must accept veterans from other states per federal law, but CO is trying to operationalize the law.

Discussion of FA Resolution “The need for a comprehensive plan to increase tenure density in the CSU”
FGA discussed whether or not to cosponsor resolution. Some wanted language to include retention issues of merit pay, step increases, inversion and compression, etc. Some thought SFR language confused the issue. FGA decided to postpone decision on whether to cosponsor.

Times Certain:
  1:30 pm – Andy Merrifield (CFA)
    CFA is still putting together legi recommendations. AB 42 CFA supports (FGA opposes) one of executive compensation. AB 1317 CFA supports (FGA opposes). AB 716 supplanting—CFA sponsored it. They also find important Dream centers, private student loan garnishment among others.
  2:30 pm – Gerry Hanley (CSU Asst. VC, Ed Tech Services)
    Wiley update: 7 campuses got the full titles, but 10 didn’t subscribe at all. It would be nice to have an ASCSU resolution when we negotiate with Wiley. There is inequitable access, with the larger campuses coming up with their own arrangements with Wiley.
  3:30 pm -- Chris Miller, Executive Committee liaison
    Rollin Richmond is acting president of Chico State due to illness to current president.
    Community college SB850 response to Comm College and replicating degrees: Chancellor White got information about duplication and reminded us that CC didn’t require our permission. The chancellor said that there would always be duplication, but he considered if CSU sovereignty was threatened, and he didn’t want further legislative interference. He made his decision on what programs to object to, based on what would harm the CSU, not strictly duplicate in some
CCs will begin offering as early as fall 2015. Tenure density resolution continues to be important. Academic conference assessment is going on. On FGA resolutions, suggested that we have CFA, CSSA, and ASCSU positions side by side. Sacramento senators gave FGA a bill to not let campuses rent out facilities to competing universities, and to call for consultation on facilities rentals. FGA votes to sponsor the bill for first reading tomorrow.

CSU Legislative Positions: further discussion

April 14th Advocacy Day Planning
  Schedule and logistics
    FGA discussed Who to visit? what is message? What materials to bring? Should we focus on one message (extra $97mil). Should we develop plans for each legislator? David, Beth, Barry, Jay, Tom, Erick and Otto are going.
  Proposed visits
    We discussed talking with Legi leadership, committee members (edu. Committee), new legislators, legislators in districts with CSU campuses. Krabacher will make appointments.
  Talking points
    We reviewed last year’s talking points to update.
  Materials needed (e.g., “leave behinds”)
    Beth will update the materials, based on data we give her. Krabacher will update materials.

Preparation for Friday (lunch) Advocacy Orientation
  Tom will make draft of agenda for tomorrow.

Resolutions
  Wiley Bundling of Online Articles (second reading)
    We made edits, including adding language about access by campuses.
  ASCSU 2015 Legislative Priorities
  Call for Support of “Stand With the CSU” Initiative (new)
    Purpose is to get legislators to formally sign letter for augment to budget. FGA will work on language for drafting a resolution.

New Business
  Heads Up: FGA will host May social

Adjournment at 5pm