ACADEMIC SENATE CSU

Fiscal & Governmental Affairs Committee
Minutes

May 2-3 2012
Coronado Room, CO
Wed. (5/2) 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Thurs. (5/3) 9:30-10:00 a.m.

Attendees:

Thomas Krabacher (Chair) Sacramento (Geography)
Praveen Soni (Vice Chair) Long Beach (Marketing)
Edward Aguado San Diego (Geography)
Otto Benavides Fresno (Instructional Technology)
Steven Browne Maritime (Marine Transportation)
Reyes Fidalgo Fullerton (Spanish Linguistics)
David Hood Long Beach (History)
Martin Linder San Francisco (Design and Industry)
Cezar Ornatowski San Diego (Rhetoric & Writing Studies)
John Tarjan Bakersfield (Management/Manage.Info.Sys.)

Chancellor's Office Liaison: Ron Vogel

1. Call to Order
2. The agenda for the meeting was approved.
3. The minutes from April 2012 meeting were approved.
4. Announcements

   a. Chair
      i. The Committee lacked a quorum prior to lunch.
      ii. Chair Postma will be the Executive Committee Liaison.
      iii. He gave an overview of the agenda.
      iv. Will need someone to work with AAC on the affordable textbook resolution. Cesar volunteered.
5. Reports
   a. Chair
      i. Legislative committee hearings – Tom testified at the Senate Education Committee hearing of the textbook bill. ASCSU had not taken a formal position but is in favor of affordable textbooks. We are appreciative of the early involvement of the segmental faculty in the drafting of the bill. The author assured us that there would be no requirement that specific affordable texts be adopted—only increased options be made available.
   b. ICAS Advocacy day—Sandy Fried (staff for Senate Ed. Com.) Indicated a deep concern about funds utilized to support education at proprietary institutions. They provide a lot of campaign contributions. She suggested we visit with newly-elected legislators in Fall 2012 to educate them about the CSU.

6. Presentations
   a. Robert Turnage (Asst. VC for Budget) (Conference call)
      i. Jack Scott, Mark Yudof and Chancellor Reed participated in the inter-segmental lobby day yesterday in Sacramento. They met with legislators. Other inter-segmental regional teams did likewise.
      ii. The CSU hopes to “hold our own” with other groups protecting their funding. It is important to have top leadership have a presence there from time to time.
      iii. State revenues are running $2b short of projections. We are worried about the new revenue projections in the May (14) revise.
      iv. No difficult budget decisions are likely to be made until after the June primaries.
   b. Wes Larson (Office of Advocacy & State relations)
      i. Most bills are now in appropriations. By May 26th Assembly bills with a price tag of over $50k and Senate bills with a cost of over $150k will likely be put into a
suspense file rather than moving to the other house by June 1st.

ii. The legislature will adjourn in July and return for 3 weeks in August to finish passing bills.

iii. The state will likely have a $14b shortfall in the next year (Up from $9b.) This could be devastating for the CSU.

iv. The Democrats do not need Republican votes to pass a budget. This is the worst budget situation the CSU has ever faced.

v. Having competing propositions dealing with taxes may doom both to failure.

vi. The CSU is supporting the Speaker’s bill on middle class scholarships.

c. John Travis (CFA) gave the following legislative overview.

i. AB 1723 (Fuentes) would require videoconferencing of Board of Regents, Trustees, Governors meetings.

ii. AB 1475 (Pan) would allow *ex officio* members of the Board to designate alternates.

iii. AB 2427 (Butler) reporting on the activities of the Extended University.

iv. (Solario) on reporting on Early Start.

v. SB 1515 (Yee) on expanding membership of the Board.

d. Jim Postma, Executive Committee liaison

i. During his visit, we had a report on WASC from Dave Hood and others and discussed accreditation. The CSU and UC seem underrepresented on the WASC Board of Governors. The Chancellor sent a letter to Ex. Dir. Wolfe that expressed many of the same sentiments regarding representation and the potential imposition of learning outcomes on our institutions.

7. Old Business

a. Second Readings:

i. AS-3070-12/FGA – Support for Accessible and Affordable Open-Source Digital Textbooks -- FA seems opposed due
to a “camel’s nose” argument. It may be counterproductive to oppose a bill that was carefully crafted and involved significant faculty input.

ii. AS-3071-12/FGA Concerns Regarding AB 1564 (Lara) Child Abuse Reporting

b. Thursday’s Social – FGA responsibility
   i. The Committee planned the social and discussed the availability of food and drinks in the Senate office, as well as the responsibility of purchase of other food and drink items for the social.

8. New Business
   a. Potential May 17th Advocacy in Sacramento – There may be funds available for a limited number of senators to visit Sacramento.
   b. Possible Resolutions
      i. AB 2132 (Lara) Tenure – Service as a component in the consideration of tenure – Drafted resolution to oppose.
      ii. On using early faculty consultation on SB 1052 and SB 1053 as a model for drafting of bills by the legislature – Drafted resolution to commend.
      iii. Drafted resolution commending the Northridge Conference.
      iv. Resolution on SUGs for graduate students – Had a lengthy discussion of the processes involved in considering the potential suspension of graduate SUGs.

9. Reflections and Recommendations for FGA 2012-2013
   a. Had some discussion on continual legislative reporting, various types of Advocacy such as in the fall, in the district, and in Sacramento, as well as time utilization in committee meetings.