Fiscal and Governmental Affairs (FGA) Committee

Minutes

Wednesday, May 13, 2015 11am – 5pm

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

Call to Order at 11:15am

Agenda Approval as amended

Approval of Minutes April, 2015

Campus and Member Announcements
   Kathy Kaiser is retiring, other announcements.

Reports
   Extended Executive Committee Meeting/ Chair’s Report
   Much of the Chair’s report will follow under items below. The May Budget revise is being presented tomorrow, and FGA will follow.
   Budget Advocacy update
   Last year and this year CSU lobbying requested extra money ($95/97mil). Last year it failed due to inconsistent Assembly/Senate versions of the extra funding bill. This year the push was for a coordinated message. FGA will ask the ASCSU Chair to send a letter urging legislators to vote for more funding rather than a resolution.

   Chancellor’s Office liaison: Ron Vogel
   Ethnic studies task force report is just released and ASCSU should send comments online.

12:30 pm – AVC Karen Yelverton-Zamarripa, Advocacy & Institutional Relations
   She is optimistic that we will get more funding, but not sure if the full $97mil extra. But not sure how much of extra revenue is slated for K-14 through Prop 98. They will push hard between now and final budget that will be submitted end of June. She updated on other CSU related bills, such as sexual violent crimes.

Old Business
   Second Reading: AS-3210-15
   We got revisions from Chris Miller and discussed those changes. We made minor changes, including the word “non profit” to draw attention to those institutions.

2:00 pm – Jason Constantouros, LAO --
   Discussion of May revise expectations and LAO April analysis of possible post-Revise budget scenarios (http://lao.ca.gov/Publications/Detail/3230). There may be no new money, or even LESS money, available for CSU and other programs due to Prop 98, but they
anticipate no new money. We asked many questions about prop 98 and may want to devote a future conversation to that.

New Business
   Potential ASCSU recommendations (resolutions)
   We discussed co-sponsoring bills on “Consultation” on the proposed CCC baccalaureate degrees and the designation of “Applied” CCC baccalaureate degrees. FGA voted to co-sponsor the bill on consultation. On the “applied” bill, FGA decided to not sponsor given concerns about the waiver and how it would be perceived.

Chris Miller, Executive Committee liaison
   We discussed FGA’s recommendation to not sponsor the “applied” CCC bill. Chris talked about new committees for next year: parliamentarian, vets affairs, academic conference planning. She discussed new Exec. Priorities, including funding requests from the C/O for lobbying, possible face to face interim, etc.

Legislative Updates
   Bill monitoring (Committee members)
   Bill Tracking Grid (Jay Swartz) Jay’s computer broke, and we will update Exec on bills by next week. We discussed some individual bills.

SCR 35. Anti-semitism resolution.
   Faculty Affairs saw it on their radar, because of some of the definitions of anti-semitism. Chair Krabacher described interaction with FA about this, and asked if FGA wanted to get involved. FGA decided to not take it on and to let FA handle.

2015 ASCSU Advocacy Assessment
   FGA discussed the Legi-Day in April and reviewed summaries of legislator visits.

Planning for Thursday Social
   We divided the workload.

End of year FGA report
   Sen Exec wanted suggestions for improvement for FGA. One suggestion was to have the group convene for legi day the night before.

Adjournment at 5pm