Fiscal & Governmental Affairs (FGA) Committee

Minutes

Wednesday, November 5, 2014

Meeting called to order: 11:09

Roll Call: Chair Thomas Krabacher, Vice Chair Steve Browne, Otto Benavides, Erick Eschker, David Hood, Eileen Klink, Cliona Murphy, Barry Pasternack, Beth Steffel, Jay Swartz, Kara Perkins, Christine Miller

1. Call to Order

2. Approval of Agenda: Approved unanimously
http://www.calstate.edu/AcadSen/Committees/FGA/agendas.shtml

3. Approval of Minutes of October, 2014: Approved unanimously

4. Campus and Member Announcements
   • 4.1 CSU Bakersfield will have a conference celebrating the publishing of *Grapes of Wrath* on November 6th
   • 4.2 CSU Fullerton did not submitted an exception request for more than 120 units for engineering.

5. Chair’s Report
   5.1 Extended Executive Committee Meeting
      • E.E. Committee made recommendations on a resolution on use of foundation funds.
      • Tom Krabacher and CSU representatives met with Assemblymember Eggman’s office to discuss a possible bill on dismissal of CSU students. Their office is fact-finding the issue.
      • The Academic Conference will start later than previously scheduled (2 pm).
   5.2 Final Disposition of Legislation 2013-14
      • FGA is asked to review the attached document. If approved, Tom will include it in his chair’s report at the plenary.

6. Reports
   6.1 Chancellor’s Office liaison: Nothing to report
   6.2 Recent LAO Reports (*David Hood*)
      • The LAO’s analysis of the CSU budget allocations was reviewed.

7. Times Certain:
   11:30 am: Andy Martinez, Advocacy & Institutional Relations
      • Election results:
         o Governor Brown was reelected. Democrats won all state-wide offices.
         o Propositions 1 & 2 both passed.
         o Assembly Republicans picked up 3 seats
         o Democrats do not have a supermajority in either house
         o Senate Republicans picked up 1 seat
2:00 pm: Ryan Storm on CSU Academic Sustainability Plan *(Exec. com referral)*

- The 2014-2015 budget act requires the CSU to submit goals on performance measures. The plan must be submitted by November 30th.
- We are creating 2 plans based on possible budgets. The Governor’s plan is an increase in $119 m. The CSU is planning to request $216 m.
- AB 94 is problematic in many ways, but we will abide by the law. We view this as a planning tool. We are required to set goals, but there aren't any consequences for not meeting them.
- This requirement is only for one year. It may or may not be repeated in future years.
- We are looking closely at our budget to ensure we are getting the most out of what is allocated. We are looking at SUGs, too.

3:00 pm: Jason Constantouros, Legislative Analyst’s Office

- State budget no longer includes enrollment targets.
- Governor’s plan gives increased flexibility to CSU.
- 2014-2015 budget included an increase of $177 m.
- Governor’s plan includes $119 m increase to CSU.
- 2015-2016 budget requires “Academic Sustainability Plans”
- Question: The CSUs budget request includes a 2% increase in the compensation pool, which is barely keeping pace with inflation. What is the possibility of that being increased? Answer: The Governor is not likely to support funding larger raises.
- Comment: I am more concerned about increasing funding for maintenance for our aging infrastructure. Response: The CSU has not provided the state with detailed information on the needs. The state is more likely to provide increased funding if the CSU provided this information.
- Question from the LAO: Doctor of Physical Therapy
- Question from LAO: SB 1440 – What is the opinion of the CSU faculty on the AA degree for transfer? Comment: Because of impaction, many CCC transfers cannot enroll in their desired program. As a result, SB 1440 has not resulted in any reduction in units taken.

3:30 pm: Chris Miller, Executive Committee liaison

- The Academic Conference planning is going well. We are expecting a good turnout.
- The Executive Committee has appointed several senators to system committees.
- Sustainable Financial Model Taskforce met today. Their charge is to examine the CSU financial model.
- The Faculty Trustee nomination process is underway.

8. **Fall 2014 Legislative Advocacy**

8.1 Post-Election In-District “Meet & Greet”

- Campus senate leaders will receive materials concerning newly elected legislators. They will be reminded of this at the Academic Conference.

8.2 Possible January 2015 Capitol legislative visits

9. **New Business**

9.1 ‘Closing the Achievement Gap’ review (Ex Com referral)

9.2 Potential ASCSU recommendations (resolutions)

9.2.a – Request for BOT policy on Foundation funds use *(Pasternack)*

- Barry will work on this resolution for the next plenary. More information is needed.
9.2.b – AB 96 goal setting – FGA is asked to review the resolution sponsored by AA.

9.2.c – BOT 2015-2016 budget request
   o 2015-2016 Support Budget Request summary document was reviewed. The CO is requesting a General Fund increase of $216,610,000. (The Governor has stated he would support around $119 m.) FGA would like to see additional funds allocated to hire new tenure-track faculty and increase the funding for compensation increases.

9.3 Impact of Time-Warner - Comcast merger on education fees

9.4 Other

10. **Adjournment: 4:30**