Fiscal & Governmental Affairs (FGA) Committee  
Interim Meeting  

Minutes  

Friday October 10, 2014  

Present: Chair Thomas Krabacher, Vice Chair Steve Browne, Erick Eschker, Cliona Murphy, Barry Pasternack, Beth Steffel, Ron Vogel, Chris Miller (joined 11:30)  

1. Call to Order – 11:00  

2. Approval of Agenda – unanimously approved  

3. Approval of Minutes (Sept. 3-4, 2014) – unanimously approved  

4. Campus and Member Announcements: none  

5. Chair’s Report  
   5.1 Extended Executive Committee meetings  
      • The ExComm would like FGA to develop strategies for meeting newly elected legislators in November.  
      • The ExComm will consider asking a committee to work on a resolution concerning the Long Beach Hilton labor dispute.  
   5.2 Academic Sustainability planning  
      • Tom K, Steve B. and Steven Filling attended the System-wide Budget Advisory Committee on October 1. The topic was the academic sustainability plan required by the legislature. The committee was asked to provide feedback via email.  

6. Other Reports: Liaison and Systemwide Committee and Task Force Reports  
   6.1 Chancellor’s Office Liaisons – Ron Vogel  
      • The EVC position closes on Monday. Multiple applications have been received. They hope to fill the position quickly. E. Smith will leave before Christmas.  
   6.2 Executive Committee Liaison—Christine Miller  
      • October 15, campus teams will meet in Long Beach regarding enrollment targets, student dashboards, closing achievement gaps, etc. FGA is asked to review MBA fees (AS-2814-07).  
      • ExComm would like all standing committees to consider issues regarding closing the achievement gap. FGA is asked to consider the ways in which achievement gap issues interface with fiscal and governmental affairs. Specifically, FGA is asked to examine the impact of MBA fees, any negative impact they may have had on the diversity of the student population, thus exacerbating the achievement gap (see AS-2814-07)  
      • Student Success Fee workgroup will be reviewing campus inputs on SSFs.  
      • ExComm is preparing a call for service for two ASCSU/CSU workgroups on Discipline Councils and Online Modalities of Instruction  
      • 120/180 unit issue: the campus waiver requests are being collated for the Chancellor. The ExComm is preparing a letter on the issue for his consideration.
• SB 850: AA has been tasked with examining the issues of implementing this bill. (e.g. what constitutes a “similar program”?)
• Other issues of FGA interest: financial sustainability workgroup, possible CCC sponsored legislation on increasing unit limits from 60 to 65, academic performance measures.
• Comments: It would be difficult to find valid data on the effect of MBA fees. Concerning 120/180 unit limit, my campus was told that exception requests wouldn’t be considered. Response from Ron Vogel: that isn’t true.

7. Legislative Updates
7.1 Final Report: 2013-2014 Legislative Session
• The report will be sent to the committee after the meeting. Please review and respond with comments.

7.2 Eggman (Asm) Inquiry
• KYZ’s office was contacted by Assembly Member Susan Eggman’s office concerning student dismissal policy for graduate students. It appears that Eggman’s office is working on legislation that would give faculty authority to dismiss students due to non-academic reasons. Tom K. met with Eggman’s staffers on Wednesday. Eggman is currently a professor at Sac State, but is on leave while serving on the legislature.
• Comments: I understand where she’s coming from, but it is full of legal issues. Who makes the decision? What are legitimate causes?
• Currently, the CSU doesn’t have dismissal policies for other than academic reasons or failure to meet professional standards.

8. Election Advocacy Update
• The document “Key Fall ’14 Legislative Races” was reviewed. It is a list of key races developed with KYZ’s office. Comment: we should delete the “Preferred Candidate” column so that no one would assume that ASCSU or FGA are endorsing a particular candidate. The committee decided to approach both candidates when possible.
• Comment: We should add the 65th district.
• FGA will ask the senior ASCSU senator of each campus in the district to work with the government relations office (GRO) on campus and Associated Students to meet with the candidates to stress the importance of higher education.
• Tom K will ask KYZ for the names of the GRO contacts on each campus.
• FGA will ask the senior ASCSU senator to focus on the following topics:
  o Increased budget for CSU.
  o Dispelling the notion that faculty are resistant to change.

9. New Business & Discussion Items
9.1 Use of campus foundation funds (Pasternack)
• A news article reported that foundation money has been used for personal gifts to other campus presidents. Perhaps we should make a resolution to ask BOT to make a policy.
• Comment: Often donations are made without restriction and can be used as the campus deems appropriate. A resolution probably wouldn’t be well received by the BOT.
• This item will be discussed at the FGA meeting in November.

10. Adjournment – 12:53