Members Present:
Praveen Soni, Chair (Long Beach); Jim LoCascio Vice Chair (San Luis Obispo);
Otto Benavides, (Fresno); Steve Browne, (Maritime); Kate Fawver (Dominguez Hills);
Eileen Klink (Long Beach); Thomas Krabacher (Sacramento); Martin Linder (San Francisco);
Cezar Ornatowski (San Diego); and James E. Swartz (Pomona).

Guests:
Ron Vogel, Chancellor’s Office Liaison.
Karen Yelverton Zamarippa, Advocacy and Institutional Relations, Sacramento.
Robert Turnage, Budget and Finance, Chancellor’s Office.
Steven Filling, ASCSU Executive Committee, Vice Chair.
Stephen Stambough, First Year Senator (Fullerton).

1. Welcome and Call to Order: Praveen Soni, Chair 11:03AM.

2. Agenda Approval: An amended agenda was approved with two changes (1) Steven Filling will meet with the committee at 1:30 pm (2) Robert Turnage will call in at 1:00 pm to talk about budget and Proposition 30.

3. Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the FGA meeting of May 12, 2012 were approved without changes.

4. Chair’s Report: Praveen Soni

   • The ASCSU will begin its first year of paperless meetings.
   • The ASCSU newsletter will return this year. Chris Miller and Glen Brodowsky will be the editors. They have requested suggestions for a new name for this publication.
   • There will be a ‘new Senators’ orientation meeting for two hours at lunchtime, lead by Catherine Nelson.
   • The software Elluminate will be used during the interim committee meetings. There will be a five- minute orientation on Elluminate at the plenary on Friday.
   • Last year the ASCSU wrote a resolution that requires the body, specifically the standing committees to follow up on the resolutions.
   • FGA will consider three new resolutions today, two of which will require a first reading waiver due to the timely nature of the subjects.
   • The BOT item III will discuss eliminating 9 units of upper division GE requirements. The goal seems to have all degree programs to be 120/180 units.
   • The Extended Executive Committee met with WASC personnel on Wednesday. WASC is looking for input from the faculty.

5. Executive Committee Liaison: Steven Filling:
Steven reported that the Executive Committee met with Ralph Wolfe from WASC and reported that he was looking for feedback from the CSU faculty. Members on the Board of Directors for WASC are nominated by CSU Presidents. Mr. Wolfe has encouraged faculty to request their President to nominate them to the board.

The Executive Committee has fully embraced green meetings by going paperless.

Elluminate will be used for intersession meetings and an orientation will be provided.

He suggested that the FGA committee consider what Cal State Online should look like. Cal State Online is now in Title 5.

The BOT item III will consider dropping nine units of upper division GE units and require all programs to be 120/180 units.

Chris Miller will collect $35 from each senator to finance the ASCSU socials.

The following questions (discussion) were asked: (1) Kate Fawver wanted to know if the WASC members would pay attention to faculty input (2) Jim LoCascio stated that he had heard King Alexander comment that WASC was out of control, charged too much money for their services, and that the New York State model of having the state accredit institutions of higher learning is better. (3) Tom Krabacher stated that accreditation is necessary for universities, and if WASC and other accreditation agencies were eliminated, then it could be the Federal Government that does it. (4) Otto Benavides discussed the importance of accreditation for students and faculty and he explained the current state of accreditation in Europe. Otto also pointed out that Elluminate is not the best software for ASCSU interim meetings. (5) Due to the discussion on AB 2132 (see item 8), the FGA wondered if the Executive Committee (ASCSU chair) should write a letter to the Governor opposing the bill. It was noted that the ASCSU had not taken a position, and thus may not be appropriate to comment on the bill now. Steven was asked to take the item to the Executive Committee for their consideration.

6. CFA Report:

No report.


Karen reported on the end of the last legislative session: (1) 5000 measures were introduced and several hundred reached the governor’s desk and he has until September 30th to sign or veto bills. (2) The pension reform bill will directly affect faculty with pensions capped at $110,000. (3) CFA saved FERP. (4) The middle class scholarship bill failed. (3) Worker’s compensation reform will also affect faculty. (5) Cap and Trade failed – this could have cost $7 m for campuses that generate electric power or have cogeneration facilities (6) The Chancellor and BOT sent 7-8 letters in support of some legislation but did not request any vetoes. (7) The child abuse bill that would have required faculty to report abuse failed. (8) SB-1052
& SB-1053 have been forwarded to the governor
• Karen reported that future actions include: (1) there will be a focus on the 2013-2014 budget. (2) Approximately 40 candidates have been targeted to inform them of the needs and benefits of the CSU to the state (3) the democrats are hoping for a two-thirds membership so that they can pass budget bills.
• Efforts to inform the public for the need to pass Proposition 30 have been an ongoing effort by her office. She warned that state employees must be careful that they do not cross the line between providing information, which is allowed, and campaigning for Prop. 30, which is not
• The following questions were asked: (1) Tom Krabacher asked if Karen had bio information on targeted California assembly and senate candidates and if so can we have them. The answer was yes to both. Tom also asked Karen to discuss the effect of Prop. 38. on higher education. Prop 38. has no benefits for higher education and could be very bad because of its effect on Prop 98. (3) Kate Fawver asked for more clarification of what faculty can and cannot do to support Prop. 30 (4) James Swartz requested clarification if both Prop. 30 & 38 pass. The proposition with the most ‘yes’ votes is enacted (4) Martin Linder wanted to know if there were talking points online. He was informed that the CSU has an online ‘toolkit’ for faculty that includes talking points, power point presentations and sample letters to the editor.

8. **Report on Legislative Activity:** Tom Krabacher

• Tom reported that the Governor is now signing bills on his desk.
• The ASCSU was silent and did not officially take a position on AB-2132 that dealt with service being counted for tenure. It generated a lively discussion among the FGA members. Cesar Ornatowski reported that the SDSU faculty members strongly oppose this bill. He was not alone in presenting a negative reaction to legislative intrusion. Service is already considered as one of three criteria for tenure and promotion at CSU. Ron Vogel assured the committee that the bill was directed at the UCs and that the definition of ‘service’ cast a very wide net and that there was no need to worry.
• SB-721 CPEC data preservation was discussed and supported by the ASCSU.
9. **Budget Process: Robert Turnage**

- With regards to the current budget there are no major changes and the following was noted: (1) Any drop in enrollment is off the table (2) Reduction of faculty compensation is off the table (3) The ‘trigger’ cut of $250 m is still dependent on the passage of Prop. 30.
- There is ongoing concern about the growing cost of health care. Ten years ago the health cost was 3.5% of the CSU budget, and now it is approaching 9%. The Board of Trustees would like to shift a larger portion of the health care costs to CSU employees. The amount under consideration is $70 million and will be pursued regardless of the approval of Prop. 30.
- Robert Turnage took the following questions (1) Marty Linder asked about the possibility of local layoffs and wanted to know if budget spreadsheets were available to better understand the budget. There was no answer on the spreadsheet question and there is a possibility of layoffs because the CSU is looking for campus-based strategies to meet both the current structural deficit of $132m and any increase in the deficit caused by the failure of proposition 30. (2) Eileen Klink expressed concerns that if the healthcare cost is passed on to employees it will hurt the lowest paid employees the most. Robert pointed out that the healthcare cost can be greatly influenced by the presidential election and that CALPERS is the negotiator for health care.

10. **FGA Resolutions:**

   A. Opposition to Proposition 32 Regarding Political Contributions by Payroll Deductions: AS-3093-12 First Reading/Waiver. The committee discussed this resolution and agreed to proceed.
   
   B. Budget Reduction Strategies – Contingency Plan for $250m Trigger Budget Cut to the California State University (CSU): AS-3094-12 First Reading/Waiver. The Committee had a spirited debate and agreed to proceed with this resolution. It should be noted that the committee wanted to include the list of BOT budget actions and listed them in the order in which they should be applied.
   
   C. California State University Board of Trustees Proposed 2013-14 Support Budget: AS-3097-12 First Reading: The committee discussed this resolution and proceeded.
   
   D. On the Creation of Charter CSU Campuses. This resolution was not prepared and will appear again for the next meeting.

11. **FGA Advocacy for 2012-2013:** There was no time for this agenda item.

   A. Fall 2012
   
   B. In District
   
   C. In Sacramento

Meeting minutes submitted by Jim G. LoCascio, FGA member.