Fiscal & Governmental Affairs (FGA) Committee

Minutes

Wednesday, September 3, 2014

Meeting called to order: 11:06

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, Ron Vogel, Kara Perkins, Christine Miller

1. Approval of Agenda: approved unanimously, as amended.

2. Campus and Member Announcements
   • Next Friday there will be a summit on quarter-to-semester conversion at CSULA.
   • There will be an open forum at Sonoma State September 20th regarding student success fees. There will be 2 more forums throughout the state.

3. Review of the Committee Charge
   • The legislature won’t work on many bills this fall. They are in election mode. This spring will be busier.
   • This fall, FGA will work to make CSU, ASCSU and higher ed. a part of the election year discussions with candidates. It was suggested that the FGA request that ASCSU senators meet with local candidates, in partnership with campus government relations representative.
   • We will prepare a letter of thanks to those legislators who signed the letter in support of the CSU’s budget request.

4. Chair’s Report
   • FGA Annual Report 2014-2015 is attached. We will try to set up a presentation, at the next meeting, with the Chancellor’s Office budget team to discuss the CSU budget.
   • FGA has been asked to examine the LAO’s report on the CSU and report items of interest to the ASCSU. The committee members are asked to read the report in the next few weeks.
   • David Hood volunteered to be the FGA budget specialist. He was so appointed by the committee.

5. AVC Karen Yelverton-Zamarripa, Advocacy & Institutional Relations. Call commenced at 1:00.
   • The Governor has about 800 bills to decide what to do with. The CSU has bills of interest before the Governor.
     - AB 2324 – Faculty Trustee holdover bill. We are hopeful.
     - AB 2736 – Postsecondary education: California State University
- SB 1210 – CSU can offer loan program for AB 540 students.
- AB 46 CSU online education – The CSU is requesting a veto.
- The CSU will work to ensure that higher education is a topic in the upcoming election. Local constituents need to communicate that higher ed is a high priority. We are looking for new champions in the Assembly and Senate that will support the CSU.
- The democrats will likely not regain a supermajority in the Senate.
- Champions: Williams, Correa, Olsen, Lara

6. Reports
- Chancellor’s Office liaison, Ron Vogel. Nathan Evans will speak to FGA regarding eligible students denied admission at each campus. According to the Master Plan, students who were denied should be directed to other campuses that have room available. The CSU does not do this.
- System-wide Budget Advisory Committee: Steven Browne. See attached minutes.

7. Review of Chancellor’s Office Response to ASCSU Resolutions. It was noted the Chancellor’s Office did not respond to some FGA resolutions. The Chair will follow-up.

8. Legislative Advocacy
- Legislative process overview. See attached timeline.
- Election year strategies
  -- Letters to the editor
  -- Visiting town hall meetings
  -- Partner with campus government relations offices
- Visiting town hall meetings

9. Chris Miller, Executive Committee liaison.
- Reviewed plenary schedule.
- Distributed position announcement for EVC position. Please review it prior to Friday.
- The Chancellor wants to reschedule the Agenda Scheduling Meetings with the Executive Committee that usually occur prior to the Board of Trustees meeting. He wants to move it after the BOT meetings. The E.C. is concerned, but understands the issues involved.
- The E.C. can’t attend the September meeting on student success fees due to ICAS meetings. There are no faculty positions on the student fee taskforce.
- Academic Conference planning committee will be meeting weekly to prepare for the event.
- Committees are asked to use technology (e.g. Collaborate) during the interim meetings. Julie Chisholm is the point of contact for technology issues.
- E.C. will be following-up on the possibility of revising Access to Excellence.
- E.C. will be working with Ron Vogel on discipline councils.

10. Andy Merrifield, CFA.
- AB 46 is on the governor’s desk. CFA hopes he will sign it.
• Bill on supplanting is in suspension. CFA will try again in the next session.
• CFA is preparing proposed legislation for the next session. CFA seeks to work with the ASCSU and CSU in those areas where shared interests exist. Some areas of possible advocacy: protection of Ethnic Studies programs and CSU budget.
• Contract negotiations are still ongoing. The current contract has been extended to September 30th. Outstanding issues: compensation, workload, benefits for extended ed and opportunities for lecturers to transition to permanent positions.

Meeting adjourned until 1:00 on Thursday.

Thursday, September 4, 2014

Meeting reconvened 1:00 Thursday

   • Eligible students who were denied admissions per year:
   • Fall 2008: 6174
   • Fall 2009: 10435
   • Fall 2010: 28803
   • Fall 2011: 21697
   • Fall 2012: 22123
   • Fall 2013: 26430
   • These students only applied to impacted campuses/programs.
   • There wasn’t excess capacity system-wide to accommodate most of these students anyway.
   • Most of these students end up at CCC.
   • We are considering the possibility of a joint application system for CSU/UC.
   • FGA will meet again with Nathan in November.

12. The Legislative Report drafted by Tom K. was reviewed and amended. It will be distributed to the ASCSU as part of the FGA Chair’s Report. (See attached.)

13. Bill Blischke (CSU ERFA). CSU ERFA is available to assist in legislative advocacy. FGA brainstormed ways we could partner.

14. AB 46, Online Education. This bill is on the governor’s desk, awaiting action. It was moved that the FGA recommend that the Executive Committee write a letter to the governor opposing the bill. Reasons for opposition:
   • Potential for violation of student privacy
   • Added faculty workload due to excessive reporting requirements
   • An unfunded mandate
   Measure approved 7 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstained.

15. FGA Committee Charge was reviewed.

16. Meeting adjourned at 3:45