Present: Praveen Soni (Chair), Erick Eschker (Vice Chair), Steven Brown, James Lee, Cezar Ornatowski, Mark Hoven Stohs, Jerald Schutte, Beth Steffel, Tom Krabacher,

1. Approval of the agenda as amended – Meeting of October 21, 2016

2. Approval of minutes – Meeting of September 14, 2016

3. Chair’s report
The ASCSU chair Miller wants to promote campus outreach to local legislators. FA is looking at the fact that faculty and staff are also food and housing insecure, in addition to students. Intellectual Property Policy committee has been formed. We should receive tuition increase proposal during next plenary (and we will discuss draft today).

4. Other brief reports, if any
No reports to discuss.
As news item, the Academic Conference will be at San Diego State
Jerry Schutte said that the $35mil to be allocated for graduation rate improvements still has not been allocated.

5. Discussion and finalization of resolution on ACR 158 – Input from Andy Martinez, Office of Advocacy and Institutional Relations
FGA discussed a revised draft and made a number of edits to the latest document. Chair Soni gave background on the history of the resolution. The committee reviewed the resolution (3268) and made suggestions for revision. Steve and Cesar volunteered to rewrite some sections and send revised language to Praveen prior to the November plenary.

6. Finalizing plans for implementing local advocacy efforts in Fall and Spring – James Swartz with input from Andy Martinez
Discussion of the proposed Local Advocacy Plan: each FGA member should meet one local legislator in the Fall and one in the Spring. The goal is to meet them and establish a relationship prior to the advocacy day.
Comment: if it is more strategic we should visit the legislators for our home district instead of our campus district.
We will develop two or three brief talking points during the November plenary.
Comment: we need to be careful that we keep the focus on statewide issues but still have some latitude to discuss local campus issues, too.
We could take others with us: other campus ASCSU senator, chair of the campus senate, president of campus ASI, etc.

Veteran’s Affairs Resolution from Steve Brown
AA is considering a broader resolution on veterans. Praveen will discuss with AA the possibility of including this issue in their resolution. If they are slow to act, FGA can move this as a separate resolution in January or March.
Suggestion: broaden this to include police, fire, border patrol, public safety, etc.
Should FGA sponsor tuition proposal resolution?

CSSA opposes this increase.

We should advocate that this money come from the state instead of the students.

Comment: we should work to support the Chancellor’s Office budget strategy in order to gain an increase in state funding.

Comment: we need to tread carefully because of the perception that the tuition increase is funding faculty raises.

Comment: we should agree that the CSU needs more money, but that increased tuition should be the last option considered.

7. Agenda items for FGA Committee meeting on November 2, 2016 discussed

8. Executive Committee Liaison – Tom Krabacher: 12 noon

1. The Executive Committee wants to know of any FGA concerns on extended education
2. Guests in November: Chancellor White, Ryan Storm, Lauren B, Ed Insight (student success network), perhaps a trustee, perhaps someone to talk about intellectual property or academic freedom.
3. Quantitative Reasoning Task Force Report. Steps are being taking in CSU to implement this, but may be a bit hesitant in getting the word out, perhaps because the call for four years in math in high school has push back from schools with low budgets for math.
4. Academic Freedom likely to be discusses in Nov, with resolution from faculty affairs.
5. Travel restrictions announced for CSU, but list of states is incomplete at this time. We discussed some difficulties of accommodating this new policy.
6. We shared with Tom Krabacher, on ACR 158 resolution, the question of Why are we writing a resolution rather than a letter from ASCSU Chair to assembly members. Tom said this had not come up in SenEx. We asked Tom to consider other forms of communication, such as a letter for this resolution.
7. We asked if we could get a perspective on budget (student affairs vs. academic affairs) from the Chancellor’s Office at the plenary.

9. Adjourn at 12:30pm

Minutes taken by Erick Eschker and Steven Brown