Present: Tom Krabacher (Chair), Erick Eschker (Vice Chair), Diana Guerin, Jerald Schutte, David Hood, Ed Sullivan, Jay Swartz, Darlene Yee-Melichar

1. Call to Order 11:05am.

2. Approval of Agenda
   • [http://www.calstate.edu/AcadSen/Committees/FGA/agendas.shtml](http://www.calstate.edu/AcadSen/Committees/FGA/agendas.shtml)
   • Agenda approved with addition of item on looking into the policy used to determine the allocation of the $11M in the 2015-16 budget allocated for T/TT hires.

3. Approval of Minutes December, 2016 as amended.

4. Campus and Member Announcements
   • Sen. Schutte: drew the Committee’s attention to recent articles in The Chronicle of Higher Education on the efficacy of online instruction. He is concerned over the faulty assumptions (that it’s cheaper; that it’s scalable) underlying the increasing emphasis on online instruction in H. E. Committee discussion ensued, especially as a way of compensating for lack of resources.
   • Sen. Guerin pointed out that, for better or worse, there is already buy-in by many faculty, students, and the community colleges.
   • Sen. Wheeler: Raise in the plenary as to whether we want to make this a talking point with the Legislature
   • Ed Sullivan: Pointed out that politically, we need to contend with Gov. Brown’s inclination not to add space to the CSU, and his view that online instruction is a way to avoid this. Our allies would likely to be the students.
   • Sen. Schutte will take the lead on this and try to identify possible talking points on this issue; will check the ASCSU white paper on online instruction and review past Senate resolutions.

5. Chair’s Report
   • Update on Extended Executive Committee Meeting
   • Budget Advocacy Meeting
   • Meeting w. AVC Yelverton-Zamarippa

6. Reports
   • Ed Sullivan (Chancellor’s Office liaison) reported:
     • Six-year graduation rates this year will reach 57%, which is 11% above the 2009 base year. Four-year graduation rates will reach 14.1%, a new high.
     • Dept. of Finance will be seeking proposals to conduct a study of how eligibility should be defined for the CSU and UC. Political factors will enter into the discussion given that there is a desire to increase eligibility & access, but without a strong inclination to provide the funding necessary to do so. Study will be outsourced (not conducted by Dept of Finance) and is due December 2016.

7. Times Certain:
3:30 pm  Darlene Yee-Melichar (ExCom liaison)
- Institution for Teaching & Learning Planning Committee for summer institute – Darlene appointed.
- GE Quant. Reasoning B-4 Task Force: will consist of 18 members, made up of faculty, administrators, people outside the CSU, Gavin Newsom. Charge sent to FGA as part of Darlene’s
- ExCom met with Loren Blanchard & Leo Van Cleve; topics discussed:
  - Indicated willingness to set up an Academic Freedom task force
  - CO apparently has developed a policy on intellectual property, but w/o ASCSU consultation (ExCom thinks CO will set up a task force on the subject, as is the case with Academic Freedom)
  - Metrics used for allocation of the new faculty positions (from the $11M budgeted for that purpose this year) – existing tenure density; FGA suggested it would be good to see the data on this: a spread sheet showing faculty position allocations and tenure density it was based upon.)
  - ASCSU travel budget – costs increasing and a request for a budget increase was made.
  - Lack of transparency in presidential searches;
  - Shared Governance: FA committee has revised resolution on shared governance/shared leadership;

4:00 pm  Christian Osmena, Calif. Dept. of Finance
- Governor’s Budget: Three main themes
  - Maintain affordability
  - Supporting success for all students
  - Linking education & transition into the workforce.
- Other discussion items included:
  - UC and CSU both getting $128M
  - $35M one-time for maintenance
  - $35M one-time for energy projects
  - Governor’s interest in online courses continues
  - Emphasis on open educational resources (OER)
  - Emphasis on 4-yr grad rates; seen as lagging; appreciates progress has been made, but wants CSU to be more aggressive in doing so.
  - Looking toward student success and rewarding students who make institutions that make progress in this area.
  - Governor is concerned about the CSU/state’s unfunded retirement health liability.
  - Asked why UC & CSU receive same budget allocations? Answer: Because during the recession they were cut by the same amounts and thus should be restored by the same. But, when looking a whole budget, this isn’t really the case anymore. However, David Hood points out that this isn’t the case when looked at on an FTES basis. Considerably more discussion ensured.
  - Questions also challenged the validity of using the 4-yr graduation rate as a metric,

8. Legislative Updates
- Review: 2016 Legislative activity to date
- 2016 legislative calendar – review
- 2016 bills of potential interest:
  - AB 1582 (textbook royalties/conflict of interest)
  - AB 1594 (prohibition on smoking/vaping)
  - AB 1653 (campus climate reporting)
9. Legislation Monitoring
- Strategy for monitoring the introduction and progress of monitoring 2016 legislation in the California Legislature were discussed. This will include all bills with numbers higher than SB 806 or AB 1545. The last date for bills to be introduced for 2016 will be 2/21/16. The goal is to identify those bills of potential interest to the ASCSU, which will then serve as the basis of the 2016 budget priorities resolution for the March plenary.
- FGA committee members will regularly monitor the introduction of new bills on a regular basis.
- Committee members will then share the responsibility for preparing a brief summary and evaluation of the bill. Senator Guerin prepared a template to be used by committee members when reporting on bills. It provides the following information: bill number; author; title; bill summary; positions (if any taken the CSU, CSSA, CFA, and CSUEU; recommended ASCSU position and rationale.
- Three bills were identified as being of interest to date and responsibility for their evaluation was assigned:
  - AB 1582 – Krabacher
  - AB 1592 – Guerin
  - AB 1653 – Shutte
  - AB 1654 -- Hood

10. Old Business
- FGA resolutions AS-3237-15 and AS 3240-15 were revised for second reading based on comments received during their first reading at the November 2015 plenary.

11. New Business
- Chair Krabacher will draft a Resolution for Karen Yelverton Zamarripa for the plenary

12. Advocacy Planning
- Advocacy Calendar
- In-district advocacy & possible January plenary orientation

13. Review
- Chancellor’s Office response to November 2015 ASCSU resolutions
- Board of Trustees, January 2016 Agenda, Report of the Committee on Governmental Relations

14. Adjournment at 5pm

Minutes taken by Thomas Krabacher and Erick Eschker