Fiscal & Governmental Affairs (FGA) Committee

Minutes
Friday, October 9, 2015; 10:45 am-1:00 pm

1. Call to Order – 10:45
   • Present: Krabacher, Eschker (minutes taker), Benavides, Browne, Guerin, Hood, Swartz, Wheeler, Schutte
   • Absent: Steffel, Klink, Sullivan (CO Liaison)
   • Guests: Darlene Yee-Melichar

2. Approval of Agenda
   • Approved unanimously, as amended.

3. Approval of Minutes September, 2015
   • Approved unanimously.

4. Campus and Member Announcements
   FGA member Swartz discussed the visit from ASCSU Chair and the request for campus senates to produce resolutions in favor of open presidential searches and a possible strike resolution. Senator Guerin discussed their campus master plan update.

5. Chair’s Report
   5.1 Extended Executive Committee Meeting
   The Academic Council Executive meetings (provosts) had many closed sessions, which seemed a change from recent practices. It is unclear why there were so many closed times (maybe this was due to the inclusion of “student affairs” staff?). Student data system by CSU has target date of implementation spring 2016. ASCSU executive members who attended were asked for their definition of tenure density, and there was a question why there was not a standard definition. ICAS meeting first report is due to the Legislature. Community College on ICAS thought that local consultation with the nearby CSU was adequate. Senate chair meeting yesterday, and Praveen was convener. Transparency was a topic in Presidential searches, and also how “exceptional service” release was implemented across the campuses.
   5.2 FGA Comments on Fiscal Sustainability Task Force report
   Chair Krabacher circulated FGA comments to SenEx.

6. Reports:
   6.1 Chancellor’s Office liaison: Ed Sullivan
   He will be unable to participate in the meeting since he is on a campus visit. Chair Krabacher suggested we find another CO liaison given the understandably large workload of Ed Sullivan.
   6.2 12:00pm: Darlene Yee-Melichar (ExCom Liaison)
   Faculty to Faculty newsletter is out, and she would like us to consider making contributions for the next edition. Statewide Senate will be at CSSA tomorrow. Commendation in honor of Senator Frehlich is being drafted. Planning for next academic conference is underway. Sustainable Financial Model draft report final input is due Monday. Would FGA feedback consider adding the role of research and sponsored programs. Exec is interested in working with FGA on lobbying day in the spring and how to best coordinate efforts. Exec went to advocacy training sessions from the CO, but
faculty were not invited to participate as much. Perhaps the distinction between CFA and ASCSU is not well recognized. Sen Ex noted that faculty success leads to student success. There is concern that the faculty may be marginalized in the advocacy process.

6.3 Other

7. Legislative Updates
7.1 ASCSU 2015 Legislative priorities: end-of-session report
All relevant bills are on the governor’s desk.
7.2 ASCSU 2015 Legislative priorities: gubernatorial action
FGA reviewed a spreadsheet update of the status on relevant bills. Some have been vetoed by the governor. Chair Krabacher asked if the format of the Bill Status Summary document can be improved, and minor suggestions were discussed.
7.3 2016 legislative calendars
A timeline/calendar for 2016 was presented by Chair Krabacher.

8. Advocacy
8.1 Letters of acknowledgement for 2015 budget support
8.2 Upcoming Budget Advocacy Planning Meeting (10/12/15)
8.3 Possible Fall Advocacy Activities
Chair Krabacher wants to go particularly early to Sacramento to begin the process of lobbying and getting more familiar to those at the Capital. Krabacher also asked for suggestions from FGA about how to draw the distinction between ASCSU and CFA, and to be effective.
8.4 October 6th CSU Advocacy Training Session report (Yee-Melichar)

9. Old Business
9.1 Resolution on 2016-2017 Support Budget Request
We discussed how to best express the need for a greater compensation increase for CSU faculty and staff. One way is to articulate that we could serve more students with more funding.
9.2 Ron Vogel Commendation (Resolution)
FGA will discuss at our next meeting.

10. New Business
10.1 CSU acknowledgment of donors, campus and system-wide (Guerin)
Why don’t “donor boards” on campuses recognize the contributions of the State and thus taxpayers? It would be an educational opportunity to let people know that taxpayers are contributing to it. Parents, and people who visit our campuses, will know that they are a big part of higher education. FGA may introduce a resolution that calls for tax payer recognition.
10.2 Possible Resolutions for November plenary
10.3 Potential guests for November FGA
Advocacy Guide from Chancellor’s office to discuss advocacy and Lori Lamb to discuss compensation report.
10.4 Presidential Search discussion; Other
It was noted that in some states, there is legislation to make the presidential searches open. But do we want to invite in the legislature?

11. Meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.