Fiscal & Governmental Affairs (FGA) Committee
Meeting Minutes
Friday March 2, 2016, 11:00am-5:00pm
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Present: Tom Krabacher (Chair), Erick Eschker (Vice Chair), Diana Guerin, Jerald Schutte, Eileen Klink, David Hood, Otto Benavides, Steven Browne, Jay Swartz, Beth Steffel, Darlene Yee-Melichar, Ed Sullivan

1. Call to Order 11:00am

2. Approval of Agenda: http://www.calstate.edu/AcadSen/Committees/FGA/agendas.shtml
we will focus on Bill Priorities, Advocacy Planning, Tenure Track Density

3. Approval of Minutes February, 2016 will take place at next meeting

4. Campus and Member Announcements
   Jerry Schutte met with Lori Lamb and they believe there is a priority to begin the committee on tenure track density.
   Otto thanked FGA for their thoughts after the passing of his mother.
   Otto and Jerry are in the CIO search committee, and FGA was updated.

5. Chair’s Report
   Extended Executive Committee Meeting
   We have been asked for our own Advocacy planning to share with SenExec in response to questions about the strike with Legislators. SenExec requests that we spend a significant amount of time on April 12 to meet with Christian in Dept. of Finance.
   Some time was spent talking about 4 year math entry requirement, but there are questions about does this include computer science, are math standards high enough? And will this lead into a bifurcated pathway (math and non-math incoming students).
   Open Resource Council met and reported.
   ICAS meeting two weeks ago and it seemed that there is a push to do away with 60 unit limits for community colleges, and there may be legislation coming in the future to support this.

6. Reports
   Chancellor’s Office liaison: Ed Sullivan
   Sac State’s president has talked with legislators and restarting Year Round Operation. But this would require new funding or pull off FTES from academic year (this is a non-starter).
   4 year grad rates continue to be around, and SuperSeniors has once again been a topic at Trustee meetings. Maybe 6.5% of seniors are SuperSeniors. There are bills out there for faculty disclosure of books and online works and included fines. Shortening time to degree is the main issue with the Legislature.
   Ed answered questions about workforce and CSU grads and CSU eligible along with legislature interest. There was a lively discussion.

7. Times Certain:
   1:00 pm  Meredith Turner, CSSA Legislative Director
She talked about three CSSA bills:
Medina/Olsen AB2154: tuition waivers for Cal Grants for student Trustees. Student
Trustee would have the ability to stay on the Board of Trustees for a while if Governor
didn’t reappoint in a timely way.
SB1045 Auxiliary Open meetings addressing concerns about some auxiliaries don’t list
public comments on agendas.
AB 1914 Bonnilia on Open Educational resources and issues with access codes. But they
may take step back from Access Codes and tackling issues about costs to students
(faculty need to know this) and bookstore adoption.
They also are following the Glaser bill and others.

1:45 pm   Andrew Martinez, CSU Office of Advocacy & State Relations
Many bills have been put forth, and many related to higher ed. We discussed CO
priorities.

3:30 pm   Darlene Yee-Melichar (ExCom liaison)
The CO will focus on closing the achievement gap and FGA was applauded for their work
on budget/legislation by Dr. Loren Blanchard. Quantitative Reasoning Task Force will
meet. The Academic Conference theme will likely be closing the Achievement Gap, but
no date set yet. An brief update on SenEx work was given. Yee-Melichar said that SenEx
will also work on Intersegmental Day and meet with legislators and she asked for key
legislators with whom to meet. We discussed campus LMS choices. We then informed
Yee-Melichar what we discussed earlier.

9. Legislation Monitoring
Finalize March legis. Priorities recommendations
The Committee finalized our priorities list. This was based on the summaries from the
Interim meeting and from the previous week phone meeting. This consumed a lot of
time.

10. 2014 Faculty Recruitment Report
Senator Guerin took the lead in discussion. The net hiring has been minimal, on the order of less
than 200 faculty. The committee discussed how to best highlight the CO report. We talked about
the large amount of data, and which data is best to share with legislators. We discussed
conveying the difference between lecturers and tenure track faculty and asking legislators
whether they or their children preferred to be taught by tenure track faculty. We will use the
information from this report in the legislative advocacy materials.

11. New Business
Resolution:   2016 Legislative Advocacy Positions of the Academic Senate of the California State
University
This list of positions for bills was finalized and this bill will be introduced at the plenary.

Resolution:   Online Course Technology (Schutte & Benavides)
Schutte presented the bill to Academic Affairs and AA did not vote to co-sponsor the bill, but
they recommended FGA move the bill forward. FGA discussed this bill and possible edits, but
decided to move forward for first reading as originally written. The idea is to get lots of
comments in the first reading in the plenary.
12. Advocacy Planning
   April 12th Advocacy Planning
   FGA discussed what to talk about. Thanking for last year’s budget augment is important. The
main points are increased budget and increasing tenure track faculty densities.


Minutes taken by Erick Eschker and Thomas Krabacher