Fiscal & Governmental Affairs (FGA) Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, May 18, 2016; 11:00 am-5:00 pm  
Room 210, CSU Chancellor's Office, Long Beach, CA

Present: Tom Krabacher (Chair), Erick Eschker (Vice Chair), Diana Guerin, Jay Swartz, Beth Steffel, Jerald Schutte, Otto Benavides, Eileen Klink, Steven Filling, Ed Sullivan, Kara Perkins, Margy Merryfield

Call to Order 11am

Approval of Agenda as amended (time certain changes)

11:10 am Christian Osmena, Dept. of Finance (with Marisa Ortiz)  
May revision included $25mil on one time basis with graduation rate increase time frames. There are specific goals attached with the funding, such as bringing Pell grant students up to the levels of non-Pell students. The time frame is not set for meeting these goals, but the idea is that the Trustees would set a reasonable time frame. We discussed why the focus on 4 year, versus 6 year, graduation rates. Some funds ($1.1mil) would be administered by a group at Sacramento State with the educational insight center and network center. This amount was increased to $35mil by the Assembly yesterday

11:50 Jason Constantouros LAO  
Before May Revision, there were some reforms, including minimum wage laws. But CSU was not high profile this year. $25 mil in one time funding. PPIC has new paper that highlight that CA will be short on degrees. The discussion focused on the question of why focus on 4 year grad rate?

Approval of Minutes from April, 2016

Campus and Member Announcements  
Jay will be introducing a new Senator from Pomona.  
Otto announced that Loretta will not serve next year on ASCSU. The elected replacement has decided to turn it down before the plenary.

Chair’s Report  
Extended Executive Committee Meeting  
The Chancellor will speak with us for an hour in a more structured format on shared governance and student achievement.

AVC, Advocacy & State Relations  
There is frustration with the campus chairs about the lack of talking points this year. Kathleen Shaver is the replacement for Karen YZ.

Budget Advocacy & Capitol Committee Meetings  
Krabacher has attended higher ed subcommittee meetings this spring. The big question is where will the money come from the pay for the new contract? The PPIC paper calls for increased graduation for CSU.

Reports  
Chancellor’s Office liaison: Ed Sullivan  
Everything is about student outcomes and success and the university will pivot in that direction. The Trustees want to know about how to work on four year grade rates,
bottlenecks, and super seniors. April 1 report to CAL Assembly was made and it provided actionable recommendations and was quite lengthy. The summer initiative will set new goals to be obtained by 2025.

**Legislative Updates**

Review: 2016 Legislative activity to date
Priority: AB 2386 (Williams)
This bill seems to undue the Bill from last year that keeps the existing faculty Trustee in office if the governor does not appoint. FGA recommends contacting the sponsors to understand why this language is included. If the language is not changed, we ask Chair Filling to write a letter is opposition.

2016 bills for discussion:
- **SB 1450 (Glazer)-The California Promise**
  We discussed the bill and we decided to keep the “oppose” position.
We updated the committee on the individual member assignments about whether or not bills have changed and require ASCSU to reconsider the position.
FGA will recommend strongly opposing 2214
FGA discussed other bills that changed since the last plenary

**2:30 pm Margy Merryfield, CSU Chancellor’s Office**
She filled us in on the task force to look at tenure density and suggest recommendations, and it might be ready to be made public by the plenary tomorrow. The charge will basically be to encourage campuses to develop plans to increase tenure density and to develop best practices (but the wording hasn’t been finalized yet). FGA recommended setting explicit goals and made other recommendations and cautioned against raising SFR or altering curricula to raise the density. The issue of comingling diversity with tenure track density came up. She also presented the latest Faculty Recruitment Report.

**4:00pm Steven Filling (ExCom liaison)**
The Chancellor will be visiting Plenary with a change in format. The graduation initiative working group will commence over the summer. FGA should consider ‘carry forwards’ for next year. FGA filled in Chair Filling on business completed so far. We discussed the task force on tenure density.

**Resolutions**
- **Resolution: Online Course Technology – Second Reading**
  Schutte made minor changes based on feedback from the last plenary.
- **Resolution of Commendation for Trustee Lou Monville**
  Chair Krabacher will draft before the plenary.

**Committee End-of Year Report & Recommendations for Next Year**
Chair Krabacher asked the members to make suggestions. It was suggested that we taylor the talking points on legislator day to the particular offices. Perhaps we can start in-district advocacy next year.

**Adjournment 5pm**

**Minutes taken by Erick Eschker**