

ACADEMIC SENATE CSU

Fiscal & Governmental Affairs Committee Minutes

Thursday, September 15, 2011
Coronado Room
11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Attendees: Thomas Krabacher (Sacramento), Praveen Soni (Long Beach), Edward Aguado, (San Diego), Otto Benavides (Fresno), Steven Browne (Maritime), Reyes Fidalgo (Fullerton), David Hood (Long Beach), Martin Linder (San Francisco), Cezar Ornatowski, (San Diego), John Tarjan (Bakersfield).

Guests: Ron Vogel (CO), *Darlene* Yee-Melichar (SF), John Travis (Humboldt), Rodney Rideau (CO), Wess Larson (Sac-Gov Relations) (virtual)

I. Review of Committee Charge

- a. There was a proposal to add priorities, more summary information, and suggested ASCSU/Committee positions on pending legislation. Serve as a resource to the Senate and faculty.
- b. May want to facilitate legislative visits within districts throughout the year.
- c. The Legislative Matrix has links to bill history and information on the authors. It could include CSU, CFA and CSSA positions as well.
- d. Need to coordinate better with Academic Affairs and Governmental Affairs to do our job well.

II. Interim Meetings

- a. All meetings are scheduled to be virtual with the exception of Legislative Day in April—which may or may not be funded.
- b. Meetings will be from 10-12:30pm. The first meeting will be Friday October 7th
- c. Executive Committee liaisons will meet with committees from 12:00-12:30.
- d. Hope to use Elluminate or other web software like WebX to facilitate participation and interaction in the meeting. Tom will investigate.

III. Reports

- a. Praveen Soni – SBAC (Rodney Rideau covered the information)
- b. David Hood – Legislative Matrix & Update (sent to the committee)
- c. Cezar Ornatowski – CPEC (final meeting – covered in committee resolution)
- d. Darlene Yee-Melichar – Executive Committee (covered later in minutes)

IV. Liaisons

- a. Rodney Rideau (Chancellor's Office, Director for Budget)
 - i. The CSU base budget has been reduced by \$650m.
 - ii. Revenues are coming in below target to the state. CSU could face upto an additional \$100m cut in December.
 - iii. The legislature is not currently in session.
 - iv. We have begun planning for AY 2012-13
 - 1. \$315m increase in expenditures to be requested from general fund to address:
 - a. \$100m Enrollment growth
 - b. \$50m Mandatory costs
 - c. \$95m for 3% Compensation increase (none since 2007-8)
 - d. \$40m for Graduation initiative
 - e. \$15 Deferred maintenance (\$350m total need)
 - f. \$15 Technology infrastructure
 - 2. The proposal will be considered by the Board and then be presented to the Governor's staff. After negotiation, some version of the request is likely to be included in the Governor's budget proposal in January. The Governor and other agencies (primarily the LAO) may focus on specific portions of the budget and propose modifications. These may be addressed during the legislative budget hearings (usually between March and June unless the budget process goes beyond the statutory deadline).

3. The CSU is now receiving over a third of our funding from tuition. Gone over Trustees' target of no more than 1/3.

b. John Travis (CFA)

- i. The state budget is a big concern. CSU may be facing additional cuts. Higher education may be able to stave off the cut.
- ii. SB 8 has been a major focus. It is hoped that it will result in transparency between university, foundation and auxiliary funds. Anonymity of donors will be protected.
- iii. Traditionally, CFA has not bargained pensions. There are a number of disturbing developments around the country. There is a proposal to increase the CSU employer contributions to PERS, which would likely lead to increased employee contributions. So far, PERS has not taken any action on the request. Other public employees around the state have seen contributions increase 2-5% (typically accompanied by a corresponding pay increase to offset).
- iv. Legislation SB 1425 to eliminate spiking would ban state employees from working for the same state agency for 180 days immediately after retirement. That provision might devastate the FERP program. The CFA hopes to have this amended.
- v. There is another piece of legislation that would bar unions from giving directly to political campaigns. It would also bar the use of union dues for political purposes, and CFA may not be able to take money directly from employee paychecks.
- vi. Dr. Travis provided information about contract bargaining proposals and developments. The fact finding report is completed but not made public.

c. Wess Larson (CO Advocacy & State Relations, Senior Legislative Director)

- i. It is difficult to predict the actions of this Governor.
- ii. There are 118 bills on the Governor's desk. He has until October 9th to sign or veto the bills. Board-supported or initiated bills:

1. AB8633 to allow the CSU to purchase our own vehicles—being looked at by the responsible state agency.
2. AB822 Higher education bond authorization (Block)—unlikely to pass.
3. AB997 on the administration of trust funds.
4. SB940 is the cleanup of SB1440 including transfer student enrollment priority.

iii. Other bills:

1. Has signed AB 130 providing non-state financial aid for undocumented students.
2. AB131 is part of the Dream Act to allow AB540 students to participate in Cal Grant programs.
3. AB 194 (Beall)—priority enrollment for former foster students.
4. A Block-sponsored bill requiring orientation to include sexual preference sensitivity.
5. AB 668 Rescheduling exams for religious reasons.
6. Has signed Block's bill (AB670) establishing an appeals process for those denied admission.
7. EAP for students going to CCCs.
8. SB 8 has been signed (foundation transparency).
9. SB 611, 612—subject matter projects (including CTE) and incorporation of CTE into instruction.

iv. Bills related to presidential compensation have died but may reappear.

v. Not sure if upto an additional \$100m cut will be to the base budget or a one-year cut.

- vi. Revenues are growing but not fast enough to likely avoid another cut. Not sure what this bodes for next year.
- vii. Half of the legislature will likely turnover next year. Will need to help inform the new legislators about higher education in California.
- viii. Pension reform will be an important issue in the year to come. May become an initiative.

d. Darlene Yee-Melichar, Executive Committee Liaison

- i. Many CSU campuses will be closed for admissions in spring 2012.
- ii. Financial consequences likely to kick in for campuses whose enrollments are more than 2% under target or more than 3% over target.
- iii. Applications are up and yield rate has increased.
- iv. Initiatives
 - 1. SB 1440
 - a. History, math, theatre approved
 - b. Next meeting next week in Orange, 16 TMCs will be reviewed—all welcome to attend
 - c. LAO looking at progress
 - d. \$1m grant from Complete College America—some money coming to CSU, will support marketing, working with CCCs.
 - 2. Early start
 - a. AVPs have met and identified 24,000 students requiring early start classes. 17,000 in math and 7,000 in English. \$182+ per unit, SUGs will be available.
 - 3. Graduation initiative
 - a. Meetings for campus teams
 - i. Dec. 1 in LAX
 - ii. Dec. 2 in SF
 - 4. Annual Report—FGA should focus on
 - a. 2012-13 CSU budget priorities
 - b. Committee on Finance & Government Relations board agendas
 - c. SBAC
 - d. Legislative Matrix—Support or oppose bills

- e. CSSA and CFA legislative agenda
- f. Sacramento and Local lobbying.
- g. Inclusion of students in lobbying

V. New Business

- a. Proposed Resolution: *Maintenance of Public Access to the California Postsecondary Education Commission (CPEC) Data*
 - i. There were some changes to the language and distribution list approved. CPEC will be no more. CPEC data is substantive, unique and valuable.
- b. Proposed Resolution: *Maintaining Quality in the CSU*
 - i. There were several suggestions.
 1. Define quality more explicitly in the resolution.
 2. Discuss the tradeoffs and imbalance among access, affordability and quality in the resolution. Quality has been sacrificed.
 3. Possible first reading waiver.
 4. Minor editorial changes.
 - ii. The resolution will go forward with the editorial changes.
- c. Proposed Resolution: *Presidential Compensation in the CSU*
 - i. The resolution focuses too much on public perception.
 - ii. The Committee may wish to expand the resolution to include the necessity to attract and retain quality faculty and staff or have a parallel resolution including these groups as well.
 - iii. Some reference to public perception was deleted. Wording was changed to address retention as well as hiring.