

Academic Senate of the California State University
Academic Affairs Committee Meeting

December 9, 2011; 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Conference Call

Members Present:

Buckley Barrett (San Bernardino); Andrea Boyle, Chair (San Francisco);
Kate Fawver (Dominguez Hills); Steve Filling (Stanislaus); Patricia Kalayjian, Vice
Chair (Dominguez Hills); Jim LoCascio (San Luis Obispo); J. Ken Nishita (Monterey Bay);
Barry Pasternack (Fullerton) and Brian Wilson (Sonoma).

Guests:

Chris Mallon, Dean of the CSU.
Paul O'Brien, ASCSU Executive Committee.

1. Welcome, Call to Order: *Andrea Boyle*, Chair 10:00 a.m.
2. An amended Agenda was approved. There were two additions: (1) *Barry Pasternack* wanted discussion of “Graduation Statistics.”; (2) Updates on pending legislation.
3. Approval of Minutes from the Meeting of November 2, 2011- minutes approved with changes offered by *Barry Pasternack*
http://www.calstate.edu/AcadSen/Committees/academic_affairs/meetings.shtml
4. Chair’s Report: *Andrea Boyle*
 - ASCSU Executive committee (1) Information on sustainability in the classroom was postponed (2) The CSU Online Board of Directors has requested the AA special committee white paper.
 - The Intersegmental group met on November 29th and 30th and worked on a number of items. These included the TMC’s approved and, course similarity It was reported that almost all CCC’s will participate in SB 1440 and a resolution about implementation of SB 1440 may be being written. Our committee does not want to write such a resolution.

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5. Administrative Reports:

5.1 Chris Mallon, Dean of the CSU

- Dr. Mallon presented a demonstration of the “Degrees Data Base.” This web-based project will allow the public to view all degrees, concentrations, number of the minimum units and campus where the degree is offered. Prospective students and their parents can view a particular degree and compare required units, GE&B units, free electives and concentrations with the major. Dr. Mallon noted that some recently added engineering degrees require fewer units than traditional programs with some as low as 120 units. All campus will have a link to this data base.
- Dr. Mallon discussed AB 1295 including: (1) 36 pre-req units at the CCC’s for CSU programs; (2) Chemistry for nursing may change just to chemistry; (3) Suggestion to GEAC for some double counting of critical thinking; and (4) providing roadmaps for students to locate Nursing Programs.
- Dr. Mallon reported that all doctoral Physical Therapy Programs were approved and two Doctoral Nursing Programs have WASC approval.
- Dr. Mallon reported that the CSU has approved many C-ID categories but that the CCC system is having difficulty finding C-ID faculty reviewers
- There a request for GE course outlines from the CCCs.
- On January 20, 2012 there will be an update of CSU academic programs and projected projects.
- Nominations for CSU honorary degrees are being reviewed by the Board of Trustees.
- Dr. Mallon was asked if the rapid increase in student fees has resulted in changes of graduation rates or time to degree.
- Updates on the Master Plan and Academic Plans are forthcoming and Dr. Mallon was asked if CSU On-line programs will be included in the annual reviews.

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5.2 Professor Paul O' Brien, ASCSU EXCOM Representative

- ICAS report; SB 1440 is advancing and the CCC needs to complete work on TMC's and C-ID.
- CSU On-line has a new director and it will not be modeled after the Western Governors University (WGU).
- The Board of Trustees has a study group lead by Herb Carter studying ways for improving efficiencies in operation of the CSU.
- Presidential searches; (1) CSU Fullerton is proceeding without an on campus interview (2) CSU Northridge reported a delay in getting applicants (3) CSU San Francisco has just begun their search.
- Budget Report: (1) Jim Postma did report in the fall the ASCSU would not have enough money to support all senators in Spring term; (2) The base budget is the same as last year but some augmentations have been reduced; (3) Tracy transfers new money into the ASCSU as soon as it becomes available; (4) Travel money is adequate; (4) Only half the release time money is being provided in the spring term; (5) Jim Postma is working with Ron Vogel to find additional funding; (6) Bernadette Cheyne, CSU Faculty Trustee spoke with the Chancellor and reported that there is no money in Chancellor's budget and that Human Resource's work has been outsourced to CSU Long Beach; (7) AA Committee discussion items (a) money was found for CSU On-line; (b) Some campus are willing to support their senators; (c) Kate Farwer reported that CSU Dominguez Hills' senate is writing a resolution asking for financial support for the ASCSU and a vote of no confidence in the Chancellor; (d) how will the Senate work without full participation? ; (e) how will SB 1440 proceed without input from the ASCSU;
- (f) can there be a more transparent budget; (g) is there a future for the ASCSU past June?
- Students are not pleased with the continuous increase of fees with not advanced notice; the students would like a six month notice. The question of a per unit charge was discussed.

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- 6.1 Disabilities Advisory Committee: Ken Nishita- no report.
<http://www.calstate.edu/SAS/SSWD.shtml>).
- 6.2 English Council: (<http://csuenglishcouncil.wordpress.com/>) Susan Gubernat will continue to send email reports on English Council to AA
- 6.3 EdD Proposal Review Group: Andrea Boyle reported that a resolution from APEP would be presented by Mark Van Selst.
- 6.5 Commission on Extended University: (<http://www.calstate.edu/eo/EO-811.pdf>) : Barry Pasternack, Brian Wilson reported that: (1) Chair Postma forwarded the minutes of their meeting (2) there are concerns about the Katz on-line report (3) there are no clear rules on how to determine if an on-line program will be state or self support.
- 6.6 General Education Advisory Committee: Patricia Kalayjian reported there will be meeting scheduled for early January.
- 6.7 General Education Course Review Subcommittee: Kate Fawver, J. Ken Nishita (<http://www.calstate.edu/AcadSen/Committees/geac/index.shtml>)- no report.
- 6.8 Library Directors, Council of (COLD) (Liaison to): Buckley Barrett: There was a meeting held on November 18-19. Jerry Hanley said that there was support in the 2011-12 budget for electronic collections.
- 6.9 Summer Arts Advisory Council: Brian Wilson- no report, Joanne Sharp is a new contact.
- 6.10 Sustainability Advisory Subcommittee Education and Research: James LoCascio, (<http://www.calstate.edu/cpdc/sustainability/policy.shtml>), reported that there has been no contact from committee members
- 6.11 Admissions Advisory Committee: Jim LoCascio a meeting has been scheduled for December 16, 2011 at California State University Fullerton.
- 6.12 SB1440: Andrea Boyle students are saying yes to TMC degrees.
- 6.13 Other: No additional items were discussed.

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7. Old Business

7.1 AS-3046-11/AA Recognizing Continuing Integration of Sustainability into California State University (CSU) Academic Endeavors (Second Reading). Barry Pasternack express concern and feels that resolutions “in recognition of” may be of limited use. It was pointed out that the purpose of this resolution is to inform the BOT and others that faculty are proactive in bring sustainability issues into the curriculum across disciplines.

7.2 Report from the group working on development of report or white paper on Educational Principles in On-Line Education (Pasternack, Filling, Kalayjian, Barrett). It was noted that some campuses do not have policies for on-line classes and many others have limited policies. There will also be a link to the Katz reports and a summary. Buckley Barrett reported that there are ongoing discussions as to whether the CSU should align itself with the Western Governors University (AB 851), the University of Maryland or the University of Arizona. The Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO) favors the Maryland and Arizona models. The Technology Steering Committee (TSC) announced the appointment of Ruth Claire Black as the Executive Director of CSU Online beginning December 14, 2011. Her first task will be to integrate online programs that are already in place on various CSU campuses.

7.3 Other. No additional items were discussed.

8. New Business

8.1 Discussion of a resolution related to clarity of purpose of the Online Initiative as informed by the AA White Paper (Kalayjian). Pat Kalayjian may offer a resolution after receiving clarification from the new CSU Online director, Ruth Claire Black, the general committee and after the AA committee’s early January phone conference.

8.2 Discussion of possible resolutions stemming from the On-Line Education White Paper (Pasternack, Filling, Kalayjian). See statement from 8.1

8.3 Discussion of possible resolutions related to Western Governor's University (Barrett). The committee opposes the WGU model, Kate Fawver, Steve Filling and Buckley Barrett will work on a resolution in opposition to WGU and will investigate the University Maryland and University of Arizona online models.

8.4 Development of a resolution in support of faculty efforts facilitating student transfer (Boyle, ? discussion with APEP). No action at this time.

8.5 Discussion of potential resolutions regarding current work on the Give Students a Compass project (Kalayjian). No action at this time.

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- 8.6 Discussion of potential resolutions regarding assessment of GE Learning Outcomes (EO1033) and other General Education issues (Fawver, Kalayjian). The committee agreed that it is the purview of the GEAC committee to determine how to assess GE learning outcomes. Jim LoCascio believes this is necessary because the pass rate for the Graduation Writing Exam for the Cal Poly SLO mechanical engineering students has been at 50% for 30 years in spite of a 250 point increase in first time freshman SAT scores.
- 8.7 Other: Proposed legislation - AB 645 was discussed. While this legislation began as a real estate mortgage bill it has been modified to also require all students in the CSU to complete two courses in ethnic studies. The bill is being opposed by the CSU for many reasons including but not limited to: adds units to degree completion, delays in graduation, invalidation of work done on TMCs as required by SB 1440, takes up seats, presents a major cost, does not consult faculty on circular requirements and is more limited than current GE requirements.

9. **Additional Items.**

No additional items were presented for discussion by AA members.

10. Meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m. by Chair Boyle.

Meeting minutes submitted by *Jim G. LoCascio*, AA member