Meeting Minutes

Present:
Darlene Yee-Melichar, Chair  San Francisco
Patricia Kalayjian, Vice Chair  Dominguez Hills
Buckley Barrett   San Bernardino
Bill Eadie    San Diego
Ofer Meilich    San Marcos
Barry Pasternack  Fullerton
Mark Van Selst  San Jose
Brian Wilson    Sonoma

Liaisons:
Christine Mallon  Chancellor’s Office Liaison
Ken O’Donnell  Chancellor’s Office Liaison
Christine Miller  Executive Committee Liaison
Leo VanCleve  Chancellor’s Office Liaison

1. Welcome; Call to Order; Introductions
Senator Darlene Yee-Melichar welcomed members to Academic Affairs Committee, called meeting to order at 11:03am, and invited member introductions to be made.

2. Approval of Agenda
Agenda was amended to include discussion of potential resolutions on Upper Division General Education and Support for An Executive Order on Systemwide Baccalaureate Nursing Policy, and High-Unit Majors to 120/180 and time certains for Drs. Leo Van Cleve (1pm) and Miller (1:30pm). Amended agenda was unanimously approved.

Senator Darlene Yee-Melichar drew attention to item 4 of this Annual Report with focus on number 6 (Effects of decreasing budgets on academic units in the CSU) and number 7 (Recent Executive Orders in AA areas of responsibility). Drs. Mallon and O’Donnell will speak to some of the academic issues raised in this Annual Report as future concerns. Senator Barry Pasternack was displeased with the CO response to AS-3063-12/AA. AA Committee Annual Report 2011-2012 and May 2012 meeting minutes had been approved during the summer.

4. Campus and Member Announcements
Senator Barry Pasternack announced that CSUF has a new president, ERFA met with AVC Vogel to see how emeriti faculty could help campuses, and cap on retirement may make hiring MPPs difficult. Senator Buckley Barrett announced that CSUSB also has a new president as does CSUDH. Senator Darlene Yee-Melichar announced that Senator Joanne Barker has resigned from ASCSU and that Dr. Andrea Boyle will likely return to ASCSU as SF State’s third statewide senate representative.

5. Chair’s Report
Senator Darlene Yee-Melichar’s report included information on:
   a) Logistical announcements: sign-in roster, new senate directory, systemwide parking pass, contribute your $35 for ASCSU social to Chris Miller, we meet until 3:15, plenary starts at 3:30 and goes until 5, social start at 5:15 and goes until 6:45, we meet for dinner and camaraderie at 7pm at Belmont Brewing Company.
   b) Extended Exec information: New senator orientation at 12-2pm; about 9 resolutions scheduled for first reading during plenary; and interim committee meetings via Elluminate with demonstration during plenary.
   c) Our meeting agenda to include time certains for Dr. Leo Van Cleve at 1pm to discuss challenges regarding executive orders and international programs, and Dr. Chris Miller at 1:30pm to discuss Executive Committee updates.
   d) Announcement: “Funding the Future of the CSU: Part II”: A symposium to be held on October 11, 2012 at LAX Marriott Hotel. Co-sponsored by ASCSU, CSSA, CSU Alumni Association and CSU Academic Council; hosted by the faculty of CSU, Northridge.

6. Liaison and Systemwide Committee and Task Force Reports
6.1. Chancellor’s Office Liaison – Dr. Christine Mallon
Regarding the context of Board of Trustees (BoT) Agenda Item Three, Eliminating the Upper Division General Education Requirement. Dr. Mallon gave background information to this current issue: in 2000, degree unit minimums went down to 120 from 124 units; campuses had to report the percent of programs meeting that minimum; 81% have met that goal as of this year. Engineers had trouble decreasing the units to degree and threatened to withdraw and become a charter campus; while such a withdrawal is not possible, Engineering departments
were informed that there are many ways to adjust; however, any adjustment proposals had to come through campuses for approval at CO; no proposals were received.

Executive Council supported the removal of UDGE. However, Dr. Mallon is writing a change to the BoT agenda to focus on what campuses should do to get to 120 units rather than eliminating UDGE; this will require changes to Title 5. As of the time Dr. Mallon gave this report, the agenda item and timetable remained. CO can step in if problems aren’t fixed.

Senator Mark Van Selst observed that the defense of high unit programs might pit one campus program against another and that integrative studies might get incorporated into the major (e.g., humanities into engineering). Senator Van Selst suggests that CO look at other leverage points like enrollment management; Dr. Ken O’Donnell feels that would be unproductive.

Dr. Mallon suggested we step back and see what our goals are: how might we allow students enough flexibility to get the goals, given the current situations of high costs and limited access? Senator Brian Wilson mentioned how accrediting agencies drive major units and cited Music as an example.

Senator Barry Pasternack gave examples of CSUF; the min/max units will be with proper advisement—not a limit on how many a student can take; in some majors, there are discrepancies in native and transfer requirements.

Senator Bill Eadie mentions that CO could contact accrediting bodies to ascertain what indeed are the accreditation requirements; in Journalism, such an inquiry has resulted in change of requirements for J degrees and allowed compliance with SB 1440.

Goal is to help facilitate graduation, 120 units, not so much to eliminate UDGE; in terms of resolutions, when will the BoT agenda be changed to reflect the new direction away from UDGE and toward 120/180?

Nursing programs couldn’t reach a resolution of the common prerequisites mandate; after several discussions, prereqs will become admission reqs; applicants who already have a BA don’t need to take more than the specific BN reqs.

Self-support: pulling together everything in Ed Code to look for inconsistencies, similar to what was done with nursing; can’t redefine “supplant” because that is law.

6.2. Chancellor’s Office Liaison – Dr. Ken O’Donnell

Dr. Ken O’Donnell referenced the Academic Affairs Annual Report and where we go next:

a) Grad initiative up (48-56%) 8% and half the achievement gap for 2008 entrants; campuses each have an individual goal; HIPs, etc. Does it all look worth it to them? Financial aid, requirements; workshops for regional campuses; East Bay put UD students in three groups: adrift; intentional but need help with sections; those looking like they may drop out. Senator Eadie says SSU has a very successful program with a 66%/6 year rate and a closing achievement gap; they do a lot with Sweetwater School district in preparedness, and developing a culture of success.

b) SB 1440 curricular alignment; admission eligibility priority; marketing and outreach; 18 TMCs; best advertising has been the closure to transfers this spring except those with approved TMCs.
c) Reflection on GEAC discussion of inconsistent messages regarding LDGE grades of C/course or C average for transferring students.

6.3. Executive Committee Liaison – Senator Christine Miller
a) President John Welty is coming to plenary regarding Cal State Online—do we have questions? Several senators gave Senator Miller suggestions. b) Met with Ralph Wolff, executive director of WASC, and they want feedback on WASC changes...changes will be sent to the campus senators/ chairs who will then determine who on campus should review these; call out to whoever has been on an accrediting team to further comment after looking at all of the responses. c) Using Elluminate to facilitate interim committee meetings; there will be a brief tutorial during the plenary.

6.4. Academic Council on International Programs
Senator Shane Frehlich’s is unable to join us. Please sign get well card for him.

6.5. Academic Technology Advisory Committee
Senator Barry Pasternack has nothing to report at this time.

6.6. Advisory Committee on Pre-Doctoral Programs
Senator Shane Frehlich’s is unable to join us. Please sign get well card for him.

6.7. Commission on Extended University
Senator Brian Wilson reports that Commission on Extended University will be meeting in two weeks.

6.8. Council of Library Directors
Senator Buckley Barrett reports that Senator Judith Lessow-Hurley is new liaison; first meeting is in two weeks; we’ll have to count on her to report to us anything re AA or invite Gerry Hanley?

6.9. Course Identification Numbering Project
Senator Mark Van Selst reports on three issues related to AA; potential use of substitutions in TMCs, e.g., small community colleges can’t always offer a C-ID course as required by SB 1440; exploring issues regarding TMCs to work for consistency in TMCs with C-ID courses meeting GE transfer requirements; validity testing on C-ID reviewers.

6.10. CSU Health Sciences and Health Disparities Committee
Senator Darlene Yee-Melichar reported that there have been no meetings of this committee since the departure of Dr. Beth Ambos. Until her replacement is appointed, there are no
meetings scheduled. For the purposes of this committee, disparities refer to those in the curriculum as well as in research projects.

6.11. General Education Advisory Committee
Senator Mark Van Selst reported on GEAC phone meeting scheduled for May; inconsistent requirements for admission in various EOs; Compass Project reports including finishing LDGE in fewer units; Statway concern over minimal algebra but will wait for national reporting; C-ID; UDGE; summer ITL conference; online oral communication—what are the possibilities; credit hour inconsistencies between ACE/CLEP and CSU; MOOCs, GE, CSU online intersections.

6.12. Institute for Teaching and Learning Board
Senator Ofer Meilich reported that the ITL Board will first meet on October 11, 2012.

6.13. SB 1440 Implementation Oversight Committee
Senator Mark Van Selst reported that this oversight committee met during summer and will meet again in late September.

6.14. Service to Students with Disabilities Advisory Committee
Senator Ofer Meilich reported that this advisory committee will first meet on November 2, 2012.

7. Review of Chancellor’s Office Response to ASCSU Resolutions
We discussed the CO response to ASCSU resolutions with specific attention to AA resolutions. Senator Barry Pasternack expressed concern about the CO response to AS-3063-12/AA citing no systemwide response to an important health issue.

8. Resolutions
We discussed potential resolutions on:
   a) Upper-Division General Education (UDGE)
   b) Support for an executive order on systemwide BA nursing policy
   c) High-Unit Majors to 120/180 unit requirements
Please see resolutions drafted to date for specific titles, content, and rationale.

9. Discussion Items
9.1 Academic sustainability and journal pricing
Senator Buckley Barrett will monitor this topic; convey to Senator Lessow-Hurley and COLD.

9.2 Academic issues and UVA President Teresa Sullivan
See summer article sent by Chair Diana Guerin on coursera and monitor free on-line courses.
9.3 CSU Affordable Learning Solutions webinars
ALS webinars to bring faculty up to speed, etc.: keep watching. We may consider a resolution to encourage emeriti to explore both this and 9.1?

9.4 ASCSU consultation on Draft EO on Nursing
Dr. Chris Mallon shared draft EO on systemwide BA nursing policy with us. We have a resolution to support this effort.

9.5 Cal State Online
We need to keep an eye on it and think about it in terms of academic issues; AA should have someone serving as a liaison.

9.6 Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium
Review attachment on Statement on the process to determine levels for college readiness. Senator Yee-Melichar will confer with APEP and need for collaboration if warranted.

9.7 Competency-based online program (WGU model of “facilitator” faculty)
Previously considered; no further action necessary.

9.8 Rejected for Being In-State @ Cal State
Senator Darlene Yee-Melichar will ask Dr. Chris Mallon to follow up with a communiqué to clarify the possibilities of Open University and deferred admission to graduate programs.

9.9 CSU Access to Excellence strategic plan
Last year, FA did some work on faculty hiring, retention, etc; what can AA do? See page three of the agenda; Senator Darlene Yee-Melichar suggests we could focus in on one of these academic priorities; we are all charged to look at the five items and see if we have any interest; Barry says the CO should be but is not doing the work on this; Darlene says we learned a lot from the FA report from last year and maybe could add some insight on academic priorities.

9.10 Systemwide budget strategies
We will monitor and collaborate with FGA as needed.

10. **New Business**
**Chancellor’s Office – Dr. Leo Van Cleve**
Dr. Leo Van Cleve reported on the challenges of developing three new Executive Orders regarding international programs with attention to international activity; general counsel raised issues about CO policies; not a lot of policy on int’l students and int’l agreements. He indicated that the following are areas under review:
1) Looking to reduce the number of orders and increase policy by consolidating everything about int’l study abroad;
2) Int’l agreements: less policy; need more in agreements, including campus president’s signature, it will go thru AA, general counsel, and risk management;
3) EO policy re both int’l students on campus (required insurance, etc) and the use of recruitment agents (standards, best practices, etc)
We’d like to see these policies in the draft EOs; Dr. Van Cleve said he would keep us in the loop.

11. Adjournment
We adjourned the meeting at 3:15pm. Thanks to the efforts of Senator Patricia Kalayjian, members of the Academic Affairs Committee (and friends) will be meeting for dinner at Belmont Brewery, a local restaurant.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Kalayjian