Academic Affairs Committee

Wednesday, September 15, 2010/Munitz Room
10:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

MINUTES

Members Present:
Jacinta Amaral (Fresno); Andrea Boyle, Chair (San Francisco); Margaret Costa (Long Beach) Excused; Kate Fawver (Dominguez Hills); Reyes Fidalgo (Fullerton); Patricia Kalayjian (Dominguez Hills); Jim LoCascio (San Luis Obispo); J. Ken Nishita (Monterey Bay); Paul O’Brien (Stanislaus); Barry Pasternack (Fullerton) and C.E. Tapie Rohm (San Bernardino).

Guests:
Ken O’Donnell (CSU CO)
Ephraim Smith (Executive Vice Chancellor and Chief Academic Officer)
Leo Van Cleve, Director, International Programs
Brian Wilson (ASCSU first year senator) Kevin Baaske (ASCSU Executive Committee)

Agenda:
1. Welcome, Call to Order, and Introductions: Andrea Boyle, Chair 10AM
2. Approval of the Agenda- Agenda approved
3. Approval of Minutes from the Meeting of May 5, 2010 - Minutes approved
4. Chair's Report: Andrea Boyle
Chair Boyle brought up many issues that will be dealt with during this meeting and the academic year. Some of those issues include: SB 1440, AB 2446 and lower and upper division classes. There are many issues that AA must address this year.

5. Administrative Reports:
5.1 Christine Mallon, State Academic Dean. Report on some of the issues involved with the Doctoral level programs that are now in operation and planned.
5.2 Ken O’Donnell, (CSU CO) - Reports on Early Start and graduation initiatives. Discussion centered around ways AA can work with his office.
5.3 Leo Van Cleve, Director, International Programs. Report on an audit report requested by the BOT that looked at campus/off-campus activities that included nine campuses. Areas that will be reviewed includes: a general category, study abroad, field trips, community engagement and internships. This policy will be slowly developed with close attention to risk analysis.

6. Liaison Reports:
6.1 Academic Technology Advisory Committee (ATAC): Tapie Rohm-Committee will meet in November.
6.3 Chancellor’s Doctoral Incentive Policy Advisory Committee. No report.
6.4 CSU Ed.D. Advisory Committee: Tapie Rohm.
6.5 Disabilities Advisory Committee: Ken Nishita-first meeting scheduled for October.
6.6 English Council: No representative.
6.8 General Education Advisory Committee: Andrea Boyle, Margaret Costa, Patricia Kalayjian. Meeting will be held in the near future and members will report back. No report.
6.9 Institute for Teaching and Learning: Paul O’Brien-committee met this morning. ITL committee is working on several fronts. Focus of meeting was a continuation of a small grant program bringing faculty teams together on teaching issues. Second were given as to the activities of members to increase awareness of ITL activities.
6.10 International Programs: No representative.
6.11 Library Directors, Council of (COLD): No representative.
6.12 Student Health Services Advisory Committee: Paul OBrien just appointed to committee. As of now no report.
6.13 Sustainability Advisory Subcommittee Education and Research: James LoCascio- No report

7. Old Business:
Troops to College Resolution: Committee worked on and approved a revised resolution to take to Senate Plenary in first reading on 9/16.

8. New Business:

8.1 Discussion of agenda items for 2010-2011. AA members did the following:
   a. Reviewed of AA Charge in ASCSU By-Laws
   b. Reviewed Strategic Planning Goals
   c. Volunteers have been identified to purchase and set up food for the November meeting.
8.2 Report on SB1440- Barry Pasternack and Jim LoCascio attended a meeting this morning with members of the FGA Committee and APEP. Eric Forbes (CO) presented information on SB1440 and Early Start. The brief report included a question on who pays for Early Start and information that ETS will manage this process.
8.3 Resolution on Returning Veterans: AA members developed a resolution requesting that returning veterans meeting the requirements of Coded Memorandum AA-2010-12 be allowed to return to course catalogue under which they were initially admitted to the CSU. Tapie Rohm and Paul O’Brien are working on this resolution to be presented in first reading at the 9/16 Plenary.
8.4 Chris Mallon raised several issues for discussion:
   a. New degree programs- Funding for these programs is an issue and the question was raised about the kind of guidance that can be provided to campus senates regarding resource allocation in the formation of new programs.
b. Degree programs are being proposed that move students into undergraduate classes that are being used in graduate programs. The question was raised about the kind of guidance that the ASCSU can offer to campus senates regarding this issue.

c. BA vs. BS Degrees. Concerns are being raised that the BA is being thought of as a "lite" degree. Also, more courses are being offered for both the BA and BS and that raises resource allocation issues. Brian Wilson raised the issue of the BM degree and asked that that degree be included in the discussions.

d. Chris Mallon would like to have input from AA members on the above issues and Tapie Rohm, Kate Fawver, Reyes Fidalgo, and Andrea Boyle will form a working group to explore these issues and consider potential future resolutions on the issues.

8.5 Barry Pasternack suggested discussion of an on-line degree policy. This will be discussed at the October AA meeting.

8.6 Jim Lo Cascio brought forward issues related to the admission of out of state or out of country students in the CSU. He will investigate this issue and bring information forward for discussion at the October AA meeting.

9. Other Items: None

10. Meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Paul O'Brien