Academic Affairs (AA) Committee Minutes
Friday, December 6 2013; 10am-1pm
Interim Meeting via Teleconference

1. Welcome; Call to Order at 10:06 AM; Introductions,

In attendance: Christine Miller, Patricia Kalayjian, Simone Aloisio, Julie Chisholm, Bill Eadie, Kimberly King, James Lo Cascio, Catherine Nelson, Jodie Ullman, Mark Van Selst (via emullette only), Darlene Yee-Melichar
Liaisons: Christine Mallon
Excused: Ken O’Donnell, Judith Lessow-Hurley

2. Approval of Agenda
Approved

3. Approval of Minutes
Minutes approved

4. Chair’s Report
5.1 Extended Executive Committee meeting:
• Discussed Engineering resolution;
• Faculty trustee resolution;
• Distribution and posting of first reading items—how can we get more campus consultation on first reading items? FA may take this up, maybe using senators to direct first readings to useful listserves
• Going over budget for socials

5.2 Chair’s written report is available in Dropbox
• Main issues are Engineering and BAs in CCCs

5. Liaison and Systemwide Committee and Task Force Reports
5.1. Chancellor’s Office Liaisons
a) Chris Mallon
 • CC Baccalaureate: she just received a final draft of the study group—main intent was advocacy for doing this, rather than study; UC and CSU reps were not authorized to concur with recommendations. She sent us this document.
 • She is concerned that there is an implication that the three segments agree on this—and they don’t—and, as a member of this study group, she objected
to its making recommendation or endorsing of action

- Far from an unbiased report—stacked with CC people in favor of this action; Pat, Julie, and Chris will work on something in the interim before January ASCSU
- Chris Mallon pointed out the numerous flaws and omissions from the report, including total lack of evidence or documentation
- There is a meeting in December with a plan to bring it to the Board of Governors, and begin advocacy in January
- Chris Miller suggests an executive committee letter expressing concerns more immediately because the timeline seems accelerated; AA is in agreement with this action
- Can we share this? No apparent restriction on the report (which was sent today at 8:01 am to Chris Mallon)
- Minimum criteria for grad programs: the grad council wants to leave it up to the campuses; the percentages may be deceiving regarding rigor; trying to minimize the number of UG level courses that grad students take; they are working on language to make everything clearer. They don’t want to increase proportion beyond 60% (not 70%), and they are working on clarifying language regarding what constitutes a grad course
- They are open to suggestions
- Chris Miller has a couple of suggestions: since there is no rush, we can hold it over until we get formal notes from the graduate deans; also, can we agree that we could change the 70% our resolutions states to the 60% deans recommend? We approved.
- On 120/180 units: on raising the maximum of engineering; for exceptions, each requestor would be asked to fill out a curriculum map that explains why they have to go over; if they see places where they think programs could economize, they will make recommendations (faculty at the CO will be the ones examining and making recommendations); there is a memo that will come out this month
- Any idea of how many programs are going to be asking for exceptions? Mallon doesn’t recall offhand but will send the list that Diana has
- Why hasn’t Title 5 just been altered if so many exceptions are being okayed? Mallon says they prefer to follow this procedure. Miller points out the huge amount of faculty and staff time being spent.
- Chris Mallon is going to be looking at the report done by Mark Siegel; he went beyond his scope, but she will send us the relevant list
- Conflict on campuses about GE requirements generated by this as well; there is something that has a number of units per campus of GE double counting? Should there be a limit?
- Campuses don’t seem to be sharing information; we discussed why we don’t hear back
- Sac State expects to have a resolution that endorses the AA resolution; Northridge will also endorse
- How should we proceed with our resolution? One issue is the distinction between a BA/BS and a professional degree (e.g., Bachelor of Music);
- Old title 5 language for “BS 124-130 units, except...for Engineering at 140”
• This might be an approach to emulate with 120/180... “except for engineering where the limit will be 132”;
• We will pursue this language in our resolution
b) Ken O’Donnell
   See his written report; we will seek clarification on one item
Q. Is Compass doing anything about male success?

5.2 Executive Committee Liaison: Darlene Yee-Melichar (12:30 time certain)
• Legislative visits happened in mid-November; visited to offer consultation on HE questions, e.g., career technical education, civic engagement, access, and affordability; Medina’s issue is to look at Title 5, access, grad rates; “bottleneck courses”;
• Faculty trustee legislative proposal: they will meet with Andy about hold over option
• Online education: CSO board new vision statement (see Jodie’s report); joint committee on MOOCs may be moving forward with report; California Open Education Resource Council—looking for a third representatives, starts in January and carries a .4 assigned time and/or compensation
• Academic Conference/retreat: dates will be November 14/15 2014 at Hilton LB
• Our outstanding faculty website has gotten a very positive response
• Inviting speakers for plenary: Chancellor White, Hank Reichman on academic freedom, Bernadette Cheyne on her experience as trustee, and Brett Christie;
• Faculty-to-Faculty newsletter coming soon
Q: what about SUGs?
Q: update on ASCSU budget? Funding for new senators/third senators?
Q: Trustee Norton visiting campuses and talking about faculty morale, hiring, development, retention,
Q: Incident on SFSU campus
• Request for conversation without other committee chairs

5.2 CalState Online: Jodie Ullman, group met virtually;
• Jodie sent us the draft mission of a new “commission.” Final version accepted unanimously; she sees this revisioning as a success of shared governance.
• Needs some better wording that focuses on “campus-based” programs; concern about the goal to be more agile. CSO failed, but there is a bigger idea of becoming leaders in distance education. Ruth Black will be a part of Academic Affairs. ASCSU resolution was important. Jodie sees this as positive change.
• Q. BE: Online courses re transfer? Students and parents want to be able to move seamlessly within the system. JU notes that such a 24th campus proposition was roundly opposed in the past. Campus autonomy now seems a core belief of the board.
• Q: JL quarter system issues? Could this be driving the move to put every campus on semester? JU thinks not.
• Q. JC concern about the low proportion of teachers as voting members
• Pearson contracts are now in place (she sent them awhile ago)

5.3 Chancellor’s Doctoral Incentive Program: Bill Eadie: no report
5.4 Early Start Implementation: Kimberly King: no report
5.5 Commission on Extended Education: Catherine Nelson: no report
5.6. General Education Advisory Committee: Mark Van Selst: no report
5.7. Institute for Teaching and Learning Board: Judith Lessow-Hurley: no report
5.8. Libraries of the Future: Simone Aloisio: he hasn’t heard anything and wants to be sure he hasn’t been overlooked
5.9. Pre-Doctoral Programs Advisory Committee: no representative
5.10. SB 1440 Implementation Committee: Mark Van Selst: no report
5.11. Smarter Balanced Assessment Advisory Comm.: Mark Van Selst: no report
5.12. Student Health Services Advisory Committee: James LoCascio: no report
5.13. Student Mental Health Services Advisory Committee: Kimberly King or James LoCascio: no report
5.14. Summer Arts Advisory Council: Bill Eadie: new exec director brought a number of documents to be approved or revised; now in Monterey Bay; facilities are a bit wanting; campus is quite isolated; struggling for audience but students love the program
5.15. MOOCs Task Force: Kimberly King: no report
5.16. Disabled Students: James LoCascio: no report

6. **Review of Chancellor’s Office Response to ASCSU Resolutions**
   No response at this time

7. **Resolutions**
   We briefly discussed or received an update from Chris Miller.

8. **Discussion Items/Old Business**

   8.1. Proposal to amend Title 5, section 40510, The Master’s Degree (see discussion in 5.1, Chris Mallon’s report)
   8.2. Title 5 and Engineering (120/180 units) (see discussion in 5.1, Chris Mallon’s report)
   8.3. Nursing preparation (GEAC resolution)

9. **New Business**

   9.1. CCCs and baccalaureate degrees, e.g., BSN (see Powerpoint) see 5.1, Chris Mallon’s report for our further discussion
   9.2. Degrees Database (Search Degrees Website) is accurate title
       • Ability for programs to upload to database. Should we write a resolution to campuses so that everyone knows about it?
       • Should we hold it over, or is there anyone to write a resolution? Catherine is willing to draft a resolution
   9.3. Opening up earned degrees:
       • There seemed to be openness to this proposition when we last met, but there are complex implications. Isn’t a degree earned a degree earned?
       • We recommend opposition to this prospect
   9.4. Revised degree program proposal template
       • Campuses would like to use the template as they plan new programs: building WASC guidelines into matrix; trying to make it easier to apply for new degree in self-support programs
       • Sending resource guide used by programs trying to add degree(s)
   9.5. AB 386 definitions/ATAC referral
See the Pp version of our agenda. This issue is being referred to use for a resolution; we should review this information before January meeting

9.6. Certifying quality in OCE (ATSC discussion)
   • Will it be required/mandatory, or how will this work? Shall we invite Brett? Concern about bypassing or overlooking campus curricular processes?
   • SDSU is drafting a policy on online course certification and also on changing modalities; currently their course on online class presentation gets reassigned time
   • Again, see the Pp slides with additional information

9.7. Request for discipline-based review process to determine appropriateness of AP courses for major preparation
   • Held over

9.8. Ethnic Studies in the CSU: Simone, Catherine, and Kimberly will work on a resolution in support of the importance of Ethnic Studies in the CSU

9.9. “CourseMatch” webinar: next Monday there will be a webinar; Chris Miller will try to participate

9.10. Faculty Trustee bill: Pp: Extended Exec will be talking to Karen Y-Z and Andy at 1:30. Probably a hold over model. Because of the timetable, they feel they need to keep changes small. Some senators still feel it is important to have two trustees.

10. **Adjournment**, Friday, December 6 at 1:03 pm.