Meeting Minutes

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

Absent:
Ofer Meilich     San Marcos

Liaison:
Ron Vogel  Chancellor’s Office

1. Welcome; Call to Order; Roll Call
Chair Yee-Melichar welcomed us all and called the meeting to order.

2. Approval of Agenda
Agenda approved as amended to add item on WASC Redesign Feedback and referral of email from Larry Hanley (SFSU campus senate chair).

3. Approval of Minutes for November 7-8, 2012
Amended meeting minutes for November 7-8, 2012 were unanimously approved. On behalf of the committee, Chair Yee-Melichar thanked Senator Kalayjian for her comprehensive note-taking.
4. **Campus and Member Announcements**
   - Senator Pasternack (Fullerton) brings up the concern over restrictions on changing majors.
   - Senator Van Selst says that SJSU has a 90-unit major change restriction that requires added signatures to allow as change.
   - Dr. Vogel says no such policy coming from CO.
   - Senator Eadie adds the approach of SDSU, which does have some restrictions, especially for impaction issues; some restrictions do apply regarding delayed graduation.
   - Senator Wilson (Sonoma) was invited to conduct an orchestral performance of his composition in Russia; Chair Yee-Melichar congratulated Senator Wilson on his accomplishment.
   - Chair Yee-Melichar was invited to present at a Congressional Briefing on Capitol Hill in Washington, DC and spoke up on increased funding for the education and training of gerontologists, health and human service providers; Senator Eadie added that Congressional Briefings are very important for members of Congress and their staffs.

5. **Chair’s Report**

   5.1 Extended Executive Committee meeting
   - Chair Yee-Melichar reported on several points of information made by Chair Diana Guerin:
     - CMS updates are being considered with faculty/senate involvement.
     - Senator Bob Buckley (Sacramento) is very ill; he had a cerebral bleed and is in the hospital (Kaiser); on behalf of AA members, Chair Yee-Melichar will send him our get well wishes.
     - Reminder that we should all look at the WASC Redesign Feedback; proposed criteria and standards are being reviewed by a subcommittee and that subcommittee wants us to comment on their report. AA members will send any comments directly to Chair Guerin and Senator David Hood.
     - CSULB forum with CC presidents and campus senate chairs about what now after Prop 30; Chair Guerin spoke about SFR, class size, and other impacts on students.
     - Chair Guerin interviewed was interviewed by Wayne Davis of the Little Hoover Commission.
     - ASCSU amendment to constitution regarding academic freedom needs two more campuses to weigh in to pass it.
• SB 1052 and SB 1053 updates: bills refer to open educational resources; needed a 9 faculty counsel; CCs wanted to take the lead on SB 1052, while CSU could take the lead on SB 1053 if there is money to do it. Senator Barrett added that, at this meeting, a COLD dean remarked that faculty were reluctant to adopt the free resources such as Merlot; he and Senator Lessow-Hurley objected and spoke about taking a more appropriate and encouraging attitude. CSO is also a concern that it will be a drain on the library system. Dr. Vogel said there is a problem about money; State Senator Steinberg has no money and wants CSU faculty to do the work. Senator Van Selst raised concerns about the role of the fiscal agent vs. decision-making regarding these bills; Senator Pasternack acknowledges the bill refers to lower division courses and so CCs make sense. A survey on the willingness of emeriti and retired faculty to help identify good free library resources is being prepared. Dr. Vogel says that State Senator Steinberg always assumed some money would come from CO sources such as grants.

• CSO Update: MOOCs (Massive Open Online Courses, e.g. Coursera) are of interest and should be studied. MOOCs special committee may be formed.

• Chancellor Reed signed off on the Executive Orders on International Programs.

• From Campus Senate Chairs meeting:
  Executive Vice Chancellor Ben Quillian told them he will serve as interim chancellor until White arrives at the end of the month; CSO needs more seed money--$5 million, UCs have spent $8 million on their online program and as yet have seen no profit; they will keep talking about SUGS and impact on middle class students; CMS needs faculty input on three areas; quarter to semester conversion...this requires money, too, from campuses; requests from campuses for campus repairs and renovation but little money; recruitment of faculty and staff—there is a cap of $110K salary so this could make it difficult to hire. Working on system-campus economies. Senator Gubernat asked about where CSO thinks the $5 million would come from? EVC Quillian did express skepticism about the investment. Other topics mentioned include: Strategic student admissions; CSU healthcare benefits are most generous in state and may need to be adjusted; recognize union offset employees; cap and trade pollution rules are
affecting all campuses—some three campuses are involved in selling pollution offsets—may cost campuses $3 million.

6. **Liaison and Systemwide Committee and Task Force Reports**

   6.1. Chancellor’s Office Liaison
   
   a) Ron Vogel
   
   - Retirement of Chief Counsel Chris Helwick
   - EOs on International Programs signed yesterday
   - Beth Ambos’ position has been turned into an interim position with Jim Till in the job. Senator Yee-Melichar asked if the systemwide committee on Health Sciences and Health Disparities would be revived with Jim Till in the job; Dr. Vogel indicated that it would.
   - Chancellor Reed’s last day is today; Ben Quillian will serve as Interim Chancellor until December 31; Timothy White will be bringing two new individuals as his support staff as new Chancellor.
   - Senator Van Selst asked about GE elements; C or C- (we discussed this under SB 1440 follow-up and new business).

   b) Chris Mallon (via earlier email)
   
   - Proposed Title 5 amendments: There is only a proposal to limit most bachelor’s degrees to 120 semester units (180 quarter units); and warranted exceptions could be granted. This is not a proposal to limit the number of units a student can earn, nor is it a requirement that students complete their degree within any set amount of time. The proposed changes are listed here: http://www.calstate.edu/title5/.

   c) Ken O’Donnell (via earlier email)
   
   - Graduation Initiative
     - We’re collecting fall 2012 census data from Analytic Studies in the CO, so we can check progress of the Fall 2009 cohort toward our 2015 goals. We’ll also look at persistence for subsequent cohorts, and disaggregate by the ethnic groups identified in the national project (“Access To Success”).
     - That analysis, with accounts of select activities from the system office and campuses, will inform our reports to the Board of Trustees and our incoming chancellor.
   - Associate Degrees for Transfer (“SB 1440”)
- End of month reports show continued growth in the number of associate degrees offered, and the number of CSU programs found similar.
- Enrollment remains low, which is to be expected this early in implementation.
- Some of the marketing metrics look encouraging – web page views, exposure via web and radio, etc. – but the real evidence of successful outreach will have to wait until the associate degrees have been in place longer, giving students time to opt in and then complete the appropriate programs.

- Give Students a Compass
  - A couple of weeks ago Project Director Debra David and I met with leadership of the Research and Planning Group of the California Community Colleges. The RP Group has about a decade of longitudinal data on drivers of student success in the CCC, analogous to the evidence we’ve been gathering on the CSU side of the effect of high-impact practices.
  - The Compass meeting of March 7-8-9 at Cañada College will include reports on this, as well as sessions on ePortfolios and the use of interdisciplinary themes like “sustainability” to re-integrate separate courses in the GE transfer curriculum.

6.2. Executive Committee Liaison
Christine Miller (time certain 12-12:30pm)
- 50th anniversary celebration in March 2013.
- January plenary planning in respect to the guests: Chancellor White, someone on CSO, someone on CMS.
- By-laws have provision to establish special committees, especially when issues cross committees; will create one on MOOCS—what might be our response? Exec is creating a charge and a plan to create this committee. What do we want to discuss with Chancellor White? Executive Committee is drafting a cumulative list that clusters the committees’ suggestions: all revolve around quality...shared governance and internal/external communication; faculty hiring; strategic planning for CSU and ASCSU involvement.
- EVC Ben Quillian is interim chancellor;
- Christine Helwick is retiring;
EOs on international programs have been consolidated and signed;
“Faculty to Faculty” went out in online format—we need to help distribute it on campus level.
Any questions on what EVC Quillian spoke about to campus chairs?
Chair Yee-Melichar asked Senator Miller to take back several items from liaison meeting with AA: 1) need to get Senator Pasternack information about CSO board meetings as an observer—to help keep him in the loop; 2) CSO should consider posting their meeting agendas and meeting minutes for public information; 3) questions about EVC Ben Quillian’s report—where is the new $5 million for CSO to come from? And, 4) MOOCs special committee needs to include one person from AA.
Senator Barrett says there has been a CSO meeting and Senator Pasternack was not included; he has heard from Senator Ullman that the $5 million might come from a CO loan
Senator Pasternack did search to see if there are agendas for CSO board meetings; there are not. He notes an error on CSO website that refers to CSU online.
Senator Ullman will be posting her report on the last CSO meeting

6.3. Cal State Online
Barry Pasternack (observer): has not been to any meetings; doesn’t know if there have been any. They will follow up to get him the information about CSO meeting dates, agendas, etc.

6.4. General Education Advisory Committee
Buckley Barrett, Bill Eadie, Patricia Kalayjian, Mark Van Selst, Darlene Yee-Melichar
GEAC Chair Van Selst: four things
- Critical thinking—maybe re-visioning what that means
- Oral communication via online medium
- Minimum grades for LDGE
- For CSO, there is a campus offering fully online oral communication; though we usually leave these decisions to
individual campuses, online oral communication becomes problematic when it is used for transfer to other campuses

6.5. Other
- Ongoing SB 1440 TMCs
- Accreditation for journalism; can’t meet the criteria with the TMC and 120 limit
- Commission on the Extended University; met very briefly (Senator Wilson asked exactly what the committee is called) rewriting their charge. Relation between CSO and this group is a big question. Dr. Vogel says that there is no relation between AA and CSO so he is out of the loop—that’s a problem. Senator Van Selst expressed concern about CSO running off track. Senator Eadie points out EVC Quillian’s skepticism again; EVC Quillian said this is high on his list to talk about to the new chancellor; Pearson and CSO went to CSUSD and the reaction to them was that they were unimpressive; Senator Pasternack says it is troubling that CSU AA is not involved with CSO; he brings up the prior learning assessment model of University of Wisconsin as perhaps a better model to pursue.

7. Review of Chancellor’s Office Response to ASCSU Resolutions
No responses as yet. Dr. Vogel indicated that the ASCSU due date for CO response to ASCSU resolutions is December 19, 2012.

8. Review of Board of Trustees’ Agenda for November 2012
- BOT agenda for January 2013 not yet posted, but the baccalaureate unit limits remains on the agenda and will likely be an action item.

9. Discussion Items
9.1 Follow-up on AS-3092-12/AA, Faculty Consultation on Baccalaureate Unit Limits
- Senator Van Selst says his campus is a trial campus for the 120 unit initiative; they hope to find the problematic areas in order to help other campuses.
- Senator Gubernat asks what the role of faculty is when our resolution seem to have had no impact on the way this initiative is going forward.
• Chair Yee-Melichar notes AVC Chris Mallon did take advice on the timeline and sought faculty input on the exceptions process.
• Senator Van Selst is thinking about what can be done to keep the 120 unit limit not becoming a race to the bottom; despite CO assurances that the CO won’t overturn campus decisions, that remains a concern.
• Senator Pasternack says programs are the province of the faculty—not staff on campus or CO; one alternative is campus non-cooperation.
• Senator Eadie asks how should campuses proceed when we don’t know what the BOT will do, or how the new chancellor will react—even with the new timeline?
• Senator Gubernat adds that we still lack evidence that higher unit majors actually slow graduation, plus campus autonomy and faculty control of curriculum remain issues. Seems like a back room deal that was done before it was made public.
• Chair Yee-Melichar says we asked for systemwide data and it was provided. This will be discussed later in this meeting.
• Senator Pasternack says there may be better ways to create efficiencies.
• Dr. Vogel assures again that there is no intention to mess with campus curricula; they “don’t want to be in the business of telling programs what they can do with their curriculum.”
• Senator Van Selst says a new program at his campus is over 120 units and was approved by CO; he notes the language of the change is off-putting—can’t go over 120…but if you do…!
• Chris Mallon has asked Senator Yee-Melichar to remind us about the Title 5 language does assure that faculty will be doing the reviews.
• Senator Pasternack suggests some language of the changes be altered to improve;
• Ron Vogel agrees that the language does seem like a mandate. Do we wish to follow up? Yes, after BOT January agenda is posted.
• Senator Van Selst notes that our committee action may not be a resolution but advice to the campuses. We will keep it on our agenda and be responsive to campus needs.
9.2 Follow-up on AS-3099-12/AA, Postponement of Implementation of Consolidated Executive Orders Regarding International Programs at CSU Campuses

As we heard, the EOs have gone forward, perhaps in an amended fashion. Do we want to follow up?

- Senator Eadie expresses ongoing concern, including that Chris Helwick is leaving. How will the CO handle the three-tiered review system, to be nimble enough to sign agreements in a timely way? When campuses do reviews that are responsible and thorough, and then it all has to be done again at CO, we will lose opportunities.

- Dr. Vogel says there are serious problems that have occurred on some campuses, and this is meant to fix those problems. It may be cumbersome, but he feels it is necessary to be sure all necessary documentation is in place. He doesn’t think this will slow down the process because, if the campuses do it right, it will pass the CO.

9.3 CSU Access to Excellence strategic plan

Action plan for AA input on:

- Reduce existing achievement gaps. The CSU leadership commits to halving existing achievement gaps within the next 10 years. Work will need to occur at each of the points in the educational pipeline where leakages are occurring:
  - Senator Eadie: notes graduation initiatives including student access, HS course work completed, courses are available, transfer process is smooth, fewest possible roadblocks to graduation; all of these contribute to reducing achievement gaps. Also programs, including Early Start, Ed Opportunity; reviewing these requires lots of review of data—do we want to get such data and comment on them?

- Chair Yee-Melichar notes that there are outcomes in Dashboard Indicators. What do we want to look at? We might want to make recommendations on how we can get to the goals, what might be the next steps?

- Senator Eadie has access to data collected by SD, which has a successful program to reduce achievement gaps.

- Senator Gubernat has been to some systemwide programs on the Graduation Initiative, and we know that there are still issues. Maybe we could turn to academic advising as a key to narrowing the gap?
• Senator Pasternack wants focus on quality programs, but many
groups are looking at these—is this good use of our time?
• Chair Yee-Melichar has some campus WASC subcommittee
experience with looking at the advising aspect at SFSU; also
been to AAUP conference in VT to consider HIPs which seem to
work.
• Senator Eadie notes that SDSU has reduced the achievement
gap, and advising is a key aspect of that; he will get that data
and circulate and/or present next time.
• Senator Pasternak suggests we look across campuses at
program results, while Senator Van Selst suggests perhaps a
white paper that looks at advising best practices.
• We have an Access to Excellence sub-committee on reducing
existing achievement gaps; Senator Eadie agreed to take the
lead for this committee. Chair Yee-Melichar asks the sub-
committee to meet virtually and decide how to move forward.
She will develop and send out a doodle survey on identifying
best dates/times for virtual meeting.
• Other areas of interest include: college-going rates among
recent high school graduates; first-year retention rates; transfer
readiness and success; baccalaureate degree completion; and
graduate and professional school readiness and completion.

9.4 Cal State Online (CSO)
• Ask that CSO post agendas, minutes, meeting schedule, etc.
online
• Again, where is the $5 million to come from?
• Follow-up on Cal State Online in relation to faculty concerns
about academic freedom and voluntary participation, academic
quality and rigor, intellectual property policies; and shared
governance curricular review processes?
• Are there campus concerns? Senator Gubernat says that at CSU
EB there is a new program in WMS; the campus had approved
such a program stateside, but since there was no money, it was
never offered; now it appears to be going to CSO—how do we
get the opportunity to review it again since it’s changed? Under
whose authority is it proceeding? Senator Van Selst notes this
seems to defy the promises of existing programs only being
included.
Senator Barrett raises the issue of library services; how is CSO going to contribute to the libraries to support effective library services and high-quality resources across the system even though programs reside campus by campus?

Senator Pasternack notes CSUF had a relatively unsuccessful business degree program that got folded into CSO; the issue here is a program designed for a 12 or 16 week program being shifted to an 8-week format.

Senator Miller notes that, according to Chair Guerin’s notes, EVC Quillian raised the concern that the CSO business plan is too thin now—maybe we should scrap it? That is up to Chancellor White.

9.5 AA Disposition of ASCSU resolutions 2011-2012
Follow-up on AS-3078-12/APEP/AA, Resolving Course Identification Numbering System (C-ID) Split Decisions since “This is fundamentally a curriculum issue and we need to discuss the CO’s role, if any, in the negotiations or agreement process?”
Since AA is not the primary sponsor, Chair Yee-Melichar will follow up with APEP to see how we might proceed.

9.6 Follow-up on SB 1440
a) Systemwide data showing high-unit majors take longer to graduate (see attachment)
   Based on our request for systemwide data, what do we wish to do with it? The data show that certain high-unit majors do take longer to graduate. We will just use this for discussion.
   b) The 2.0 criteria for CSU Golden Four (see ASCSU plenary and AA GEAC reports); Chair Yee-Melichar asks what is happening to this?
      • Senator Van Selst says there is an SFSU proposal related to this that was rejected at CO; where the CO had in past supported grade minimums to count for GE, now they seem to be against it. However, the SFSU proposal has some additional language within it that might explain some of the rationale for the CSU CO action.
      • Senator Pasternak points out that the SFSU proposal seems to prohibit the use of C-, which is a different issue than whether the Golden Four has a C minimum.
      • Dr. Vogel says that this was a problem that could easily have been solved with a phone call; he says SFSU proposal
advocates for a C in the Golden Four, but they wanted to change to an A-C/NC grading, which means the NC grade would not count in the student’s GPA. He says the correct process wasn’t followed here; campuses have to get CO approval to use this form of grading. He thinks WASC may have an issue as well. What about athlete eligibility? What about financial aid complications? Two NCs and you are out to CC to finish—but that isn’t good for students since CCs can’t accommodate so many students falling back. And what about faculty rights to assign a real grade?

- Senator Van Selst notes that our resolution 3020 (http://www.calstate.edu/acad senate/Records/Resolutions/2010-2011/3020.shtml) seems in congruence with at least the central elements of what the SFSU proposal is asking for, and we might want to talk about a statewide requirement for minimum grades in CSU Golden Four as a resolution (it is already a requirement for CCC [of which very few appear to use grades of C-]).
- We are referring this issue back to SFSU for deliberation.
- Ron asks, is it appropriate to use ABC/NC for GE? Should we agendize looking at use of grading structures?
- We will agendize grading structures for our next meeting.

10. **Resolutions**

10.1 **AS-3100-12/FGA, On the California State University Board of Trustees Instituted State University Grants (SUGs)**

Senators Pasternak and Van Selst weighed in; Senator Barrett also gave some advice to FGA. In the interest of time, we will send our individual input to FGA.

10.2 **AS-3101-12/APEP, Support for SciGETC Pathway in CSU GE Breadth and IGETC**

We will let APEP know that we wish to co-sponsor.

10.3 **AS-3102-12/EX, A Smoke Free CSU**

Do we wish to co-sponsor? We will leave it as is and not co-sponsor at this time, though we may in January 2013.
10.4 AS-3103-12/APEP, Importance of Considering Unique Characteristics of the CSU Student Body in Making Policy Decisions
Do we wish to co-sponsor? We may consider with some revisions; we’ll send improvement ideas to Chair Yee-Melichar.

10.5 AS 3104-12/APEP, Faculty Involvement in the Establishment of a Uniform Set of Academic Standards for the Inclusion of High School Career (CTE) Technical Courses in the Area of CSU a-g Admissions Standards
No further input at this time.

11. New Business
11.1 Monitor request from Council of Library Directors (COLD) for ASCSU resolution regarding Cal State Online and Library resources. Senator Barrett says he will help with a resolution if it is decided to proceed and would utilize resolution “bullet points” recommended by the COLD Liaison, Senator Judith Lessow-Hurley, and any others agreed upon by AA members. He requests, in any case, that we invite Senator Lessow-Hurley to our January meeting. We don’t know as of yet whether any proposed resolution would deal with broader library issues such as overall funding or concentrate on something narrower such as CSO. Senator Van Selst mentions that another library issue relates to the proliferation of doctoral programs and costs to libraries that are not covered.

11.2 WASC Redesign Feedback
In the interest of time, please send comments directly to Chair Guerin and Senator David Hood.

11.3 Referral of Email from Larry Hanley (SFSU campus senate chair)
Please see item 9.6b above.

12. Adjournment
We adjourned at 1:07pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Patricia Kalayjian