Academic Affairs (AA) Committee  
Wednesday, March 19, 2014; 11am-5pm  

Coronado Room, CSU Chancellor's Office, Long Beach, CA  

Agenda  

1. **Welcome; Call to Order; Introductions**  
   Present: Christine Miller, Pat Kalayjian, Simone Aloisio, Julie Chisholm, Bill Eadie, Kimberly King, Judith Lessow-Hurley, Jim LoCascio, Catherine Nelson, and Mark Van Selst; Darlene Yee-Melichar, Chris Mallon and Ken O’Donnell  
   Absent: Jodie Ullman (excused)  
   Guest: Michelle Pilatti  

2. **Approval of Agenda**  
   Approved as amended.  

3. **Approval of Minutes**  
   Minutes approved with many thanks to Julie Chisholm for her excellent record of the interim virtual meeting of February 21, 2014.  

4. **Campus and Member Announcements**  
   Julie Chisholm reports Maritime senate has a resolution endorsing our Engineering Major 120/180 unit limit (AS-3158); voting across Maritime campus closes on Monday. Bill Eadie reports dedication of new Conrad Prebys Student Union with great fanfare and local celebs in attendance.  

5. **Chair’s Report**  
   5.1 Extended Executive Committee meetings:  
      - Exec did not forward any requests for information or matters unfolding. There was a request for chair feedback for funding priorities, but it was not for input from committee. We are deferring the report until Darlene reports.  
   5.2 Written report  
      - No written report, due to matters continually unfolding.  
      - Oral report: One issue of import is in regard to the memo from Chris Mallon to Ephraim Smith on February 11, 2014 that has been shared via email. In a telephone meeting with Smith and Mallon, ASCSU Exec members, Chair Miller, and Trustee Stepansk discovered that they were not provided with the third page of this memo, which purportedly includes the CO’s discussion of
review panels. ASCSU keeps asking for the composition of the panels and has been denied information—CO staff claim that it cannot be supplied because it has not been developed. A direct request to be supplied with the third page of this memo was met with an invitation for ASCSU to provide its own input about review panels.

- This seems a pattern in the CO vis-à-vis shared governance.
- Several senators expressed their concern that the Chancellor’s concept of “shared leadership” is not what we understand as shared governance; this raises issues of trust, with faculty and administrators on campuses and between ASCSU and the CO.
- Chisholm observed that we need to clarify our relationship with the CO because we are using a lot of time, energy, and money debating issues that may not be real.
- We will return to this all later in the agenda in our response to the CO responses and also discussion of the 120/180 unit limit.
- Mark Van Selst reported on the prospective action of GEAC in this regard (see below)
- Jim LoCascio asked if a campus president can waive a GE requirement? Miller opined that this cannot be done unless the Chancellor imposes unit reductions, which is considered a last resort.

6. Liaison and Systemwide Committee and Task Force Reports
   6.1. Chancellor’s Office Liaisons
       a) Chris Mallon:

       - Said that the missing page of the memo referenced above was a draft recommendation on the process of review and committee composition. She says it was an internal conversation, not a conspiracy to deny us access to the information. She was asked for input, provided it to Smith, and now has lost track of where it is in the process of review. But Chris Miller says the Chancellor asked Diana to work with Ephraim. Mallon prioritized this process at a time when it was busy for her and took her from other projects; she offered a scenario in the memo. She feels attacked by cynicism, hostility, and mistrust from the ASCSU. She says they are not withholding information; no one is being disingenuous. She feels unable to proceed.
       - Mark says that the whole process of the 120 reduction is bound to cause negativity and distrust. One of the concerns is when we see presidents say one thing—e.g., no exception requests are going to leave my campus. Is it possible that, when senate chairs are told to sign, it be a requirement that every campus has to send one exception forward?
       - Chris Mallon says we need to talk to Tim so that he talks to the presidents because that is where the problem lies
       - Kimberly defends Chair Miller; Chris Mallon says she doesn’t have the information that we want. Kimberly says a liaison’s job is to liaise. We are still trying to recover from the mistrust that we inherited from the previous administration. Mallon says she is implementing policy, that is her job. It was not a high priority to implement steps that weren’t needed yet; she wasn’t withholding, she just didn’t have anything. Chancellor
White does not have an open door policy; she doesn’t see him regularly. People who have access need to use it, and ASCSU has more access than she does.

- Chair Miller was offended by the characterization of our call for information as done to make us feel better; Chris Mallon was saying she is trying to heal the wounds from the Reed era.

- Jim says that the best outcome of this process is that people are reading and thinking about things outside their departments. What is the motive behind 120 for engineering: $$ for diplomas, access, or graduation rates? Mallon says it was not dollars per diploma except for students to save time and money. She recalls that there is the option to put “strongly recommended” courses in the catalog to obviate the impact perhaps. Jim points out that pulling down the units in ENG may force poor students to get an MA in order to get a job.

- Exception recommendations have not been reviewed but will be passed on to the Chancellor en masse at his request. Some of the early requests seem to be incomplete; the CO added a curriculum map and asked to have those completed. There was an extension until March 31, 2014 for everyone—both the 120-129 and 130+ --in a coded memorandum to turn in the curriculum maps.

- Advisory committee vs review panels. Any extensions that might not be granted, the Chancellor would want the advisory committee to look at, e.g., all engineering programs, and evaluate the requests. Chris Miller said the ASCSU was told that a description of such an advisory committee was due from the Chancellor at the end of last week.

- Other items: Mallon was at CSUF for the defenses of some DNP doctoral projects, e.g., pap smears, role of school nurses and integration with health providers. Good to see the professional nature of this work.

- Task force to come up with what the term “supplant” means. According to the auditor, we need to clarify this and fix education code so that it is not so imprecise. What are the guiding principles, student protection, urgent needs. There is a committee working on a draft that seems more open, with more campus autonomy but allow courses to be offered in self-support to supplement stateside course work. Steven Filling, Kathy Kaiser, and one other senator. As long as no student is required to take a self-support class, offering a self-support section is not forbidden. But there are ways around this defense of students’ pockets. Mallon says that Extended Ed feels that there are obstructions to their offering courses.

- What Chancellor wants from advisory committee is advice on what one should look for in an exception to guide a decision to approve an exception request that has already been okayed by a local senate. Criteria to consider in making such a decision.

b) Ken O’Donnell: time certain 2pm with Michelle Pilatti

Linked Learning initiative funded by Irvine Foundation: Michelle Pillati will be leading inquiry into how CCs and CSUs can help enable linked learning (this exists already between K-12 and CCs) from CCs for students who are following a CTE pathway but alter their intention and decide to go on to CSUs. How do such
students make the shift without a traditional GE package? GE outcomes? She
and Ken will be issuing a call for exploration to gather ideas and then create a
more formal CFP in the near future.

6.2. Executive Committee Liaison: time certain 3:30 pm. Darlene Yee-Melichar.
  • Several announcements about the ASCSU schedule were shared
  • Commendation in memory of Trustee Bill Hauck; Commendation in honor of
    Trustee Bob Linscheid
  • CSU Symposium on University Teaching at CSU San Marcos (see forthcoming
    report from Senators Brodowky, Eudey and Yee-Melichar)
  • Student Success Fees; Fee Policy EO 1054, categories I-V
  • BOT Comm on Finance - Policy on Voluntary Statewide Student Involvement and
    Representation Fee; the fee will ensure CSSA can represent and fight for students
    interests; Students will be able to determine how their own and future students
    education is delivered; Students will be enriched by involvement in policy
    making, advocacy, and leadership; Students will be able to sponsor and affect
    legislation important to students; Students will have additional internships and
    job opportunities at the system level. About the Fee: This is a fee proposed by
    students from across the state; This fee is voluntary; This fee is low-cost at $4
    per year; Collection of this fee will stabilize CSSA's budget and make the
    association more independent; opt in-opt out; $4 per year, not EB, SJ, SLO;
    65cents per student; current $630,000. Is there anyone who would object to
    ASCSU expressing support?
  • Academic Conference Update: November 13-14 at Hilton LB (see save the date
    card); joint invitation from Chancellor White and ASCSU Chair; wording "hosted
    by Chancellor White"; $150 registration fee per person to cover expenses; 10
    people per campus delegation; nationally known speaker to be confirmed
  • *AS-3158-13/AA: Report on discussion with Chancellor White from ASCSU Chair
    and Faculty Trustee
  • AS-3160-14/EX/FA: Selection of Faculty Representatives in Shared Governance
  • MOOC Task Force Report: VC Filling and co-chair of this task force said that it is
    done and will be sent out
  • COERC: 10 candidates for third faculty member as CSU rep; selection within the
    next couple of weeks
  • Proposal to Establish Standing Committee on Academic Freedom EXCOMM
    appreciates committee proposal and commitment to academic freedom; however,
    instead of a standing committee, perhaps a subcommittee of the committee or
    special committee may be appointed and a white paper may help to document
    such need
FGA Legislative Recommendations: Discussed questions about bills that get dropped, positions that get changed, need for resolution based on guidelines, etc.

ASCSU Budget Request: Discussed request for more funding to cover priority needs from sexchairs and senx: ICAS meetings expenses; inflation costs, senx summer stipends; 3rd senators from large campuses; first year senators for spring.

6.3 Commission on Online Education: NO REPRESENTATIVE

6.4 Chancellor’s Doctoral Incentive Program: Bill Eadie Had a phone meeting on review of applications. Apps are due today.

6.5 Early Start Implementation: Kimberly King. Still hasn’t been invited to meetings.

6.6 Commission on Extended Education: Catherine Nelson Subcommittees had teleconference to draft change to EO on commission membership

6.7 General Education Advisory Committee: Mark Van Selst

- Discussion of 120/180 limit will be a letter from GEAC/Mark to Chancellor White re. GEAC participation in review process ("comment and inform") and what is absent from the information provided by campuses, e.g., pressure brought to bear on GE on campuses and assessment of changes occurring to GE on campuses.
- Use of CC articulation officers went well but also very time-consuming and expensive at CO; 600+ reviews. SVIAC meeting is 4/25; GEAC members will review guiding notes with the CC officers
- Oral Comm: thanks to Bill Eadie’s group; we have three proposals to offer online Oral Comm; asked for additional information
- IGETC for STEM has been incorporated into one TMC
- CSUN GE Paths conference had good attendance and the ideas of GE Paths seems to promise an interesting opportunity to CCC and CSU campuses

6.8 Institute for Teaching and Learning Board: Judith Lessow-Hurley Will be a TLC conference on STEM this summer.


6.10 Pre-Doctoral Programs Advisory Committee: Chris Mallon--Next event is Diversity Forum at Cal Poly Pomona in April. There was a similar forum in the north in fall.

6.11 SB 1440 Implementation Committee: Mark Van Selst

6.12 Smarter Balanced Assessment Advisory Comm.: Mark Van Selst

6.13 Student Health Services Advisory Committee: James LoCascio Missed the meeting; locally the issues are rape, inoculations,

6.14 Student Mental Health Services Advisory Committee: Kimberly King or James LoCascio KK attended the meeting last February 21; survey has been done of all the mental health services provided across the system; increasing data collection.

6.15 Summer Arts Advisory Council: Bill Eadie Next meeting is in April.
Review of Chancellor’s Office Response to ASCSU Resolutions

Took place during February virtual interim meeting

8 Resolutions
Resolutions were perfected by committee.
8.1 Second Reading
  8.1.1 3163—Baccalaureate degrees in CCCs
  8.1.2 3164—Ethnic Studies programs in the CSU
8.2 First Reading
  8.2.1 AB 386 Definitions of Online Education
  8.2.2 Changes to Title 5 Master’s Degree: Chris Mallon reports that the issue arose in a provosts meeting; thought standards were to vague/low. But graduate deans had objections to the proposed changes that threatened the existence of small programs. What Chris supplied us (via email, during the meeting) is the grad deans considered compromise.

9 Discussion Items
9.1 Program Proposal Template
9.2 Engineering 120/180 unit limits: see elsewhere in minutes. CO response; here are our thoughts on exception review panels. Important that we have something out there in case of a proposal from CO. Keep hold on the holistic review piece of the process. Chris will write a resolution and ask for a waiver. “Advice regarding unit limit exception requests.” Catherine and Mark will help in the evening.

10 New Business
10.1 CSU bilingual credential programs: raised by Romey and responded to by Judith. Judith reports that such bilingual Teacher Education has been never prioritized and is even more marginal because of legislation against bilingual ed. Programs are shrinking, low funding, no support for reassigned time. Many structural constraints in the system. The topic is more appropriately addressed by APEP.
10.2 CSU baccalaureate unit limits (non-engineering) Briefly discussed the wisdom of 120/180 unit limits in Title 5 overall.
10.3 Discipline Councils: Julie suggests that meetings of all disciplines seem too big and unwieldy?
  How about reporting back to ASCSU? Do we want to cosponsor and do we have any suggestions. What does “major” mean in the first resolved? Convene virtually? Accuracy of the next to last sentence? Listserv/better record of discussions/better tech aspect.
10.4 Student Success Fees: sometimes there are curricular impacts, e.g, sections. Seems more FGA-oriented. Chair Miller offered to assist in writing a resolution; should we cosponsor? Jim would like us to be talking about the big picture of fees, grants, etc. Has the committee we called for ever been convened? No, it has not. Chris will work independently with Tom to craft a resolution.
10.5 Senator Recognition: there will be recognition.
10.6 Review of BoT Educational Policy materials:
  • attention to bottleneck study, data collected from students by Ron Vogel was very valuable, although not all questions of students were asked.
Catherine points to pushing students to online classes to relieve bottlenecks and also a 2017 mandate to have hired enough faculty to alleviate the problem.

Chris Mallon reported that now 86% of all BAs are down to 120; an improvement of 4% in the last year. 89% includes all BAs except BM, BLA, BFA, BMA.

21% of engineering are in compliance, but that includes programs that were forced to comply; about half are at 129 or below.

Several other departments have issues, e.g., food science at SLO; departments that require language mastery, e.g., Int’l Bus. Biomedical program at SJ; underlying system issue is whether the exceptions are real.

11 Adjournment at 5:25