Academic Affairs (AA) Committee
Friday, October 12, 2012; 10:00am-1:00pm
via Conference Call/Elluminate

Meeting Minutes

Present:
Darlene Yee-Melichar, Chair San Francisco
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; Roll Call
Senator Darlene Yee-Melichar welcomed members to Academic Affairs Committee, called meeting to order at 10:00am, and took roll call.

2. Approval of Agenda
Senator Yee-Melichar indicated that AVC Leo VanCleve would join us at 11:30am for a discussion about the draft Executive Orders for International Programs, and Senator Chris Miller would join us at 12:00pm for an Executive Committee update. Meeting agenda was unanimously approved.

3. Approval of Minutes for September 12, 2012
Meeting minutes for September 12, 2012 were unanimously approved. On behalf of the committee, Senator Yee-Melichar thanked Senator Pat Kalayjian for her comprehensive note-taking.
4. Campus and Member Announcements
Senator Yee-Melichar announced that the “Funding the Future of the CSU: Part II” took place on Thursday, October 11, 2012. This event was hosted by the faculty of Cal State Northridge and co-sponsored by the ASCSU, CSU Alumni Council, CSU Academic Council and CSSA. Ten ASCSU senators served as moderators and/or note-takers for discussion sessions on “HCSU Funding Options for the Future” and “A Master Plan for the Future.”

5. Chair’s Report
Senator Darlene Yee-Melichar’s report included information on:
   a) The Extended Executive Committee discussed the process of paperless plenary procedures for September 2012, and determined that we will continue to use paperless plenary procedures for November 2012.

   b) The Extended Executive Committee discussed the need for standing committees to help with AS-3073/EX follow-up by reviewing CO responses to ASCSU resolutions. We need someone to review 2011-2012 AA resolutions and track them with a color code system and brief status statement as follows: Red indicates that this resolution is on the current agenda for the committee; Yellow indicates that the committee is taking action; Green indicates that the committee is satisfied with the actions taken in response to the resolution. Senator Brian Wilson volunteered to take the lead on this request.

   c) The Academic Affairs Committee will host the ASCSU Social on Thursday, November 8, 2012. Senators Bill Eadie, Ofer Mellich and Darlene Yee-Melichar have volunteered to help shop and/or set up for this event. Additional volunteers will be needed to help clean up; we need to be out of the CO before or by 7:00pm.

6. Liaison and Systemwide Committee and Task Force Reports
6.1. Chancellor’s Office Liaison – Dr. Christine Mallon
Dr. Chris Mallon shared information updates on four CSU items with us:
   a) Draft EO on Systemwide Baccalaureate Nursing Policy
      • Campus input sought from directors of nursing programs as well as from ASCSU liaisons
      • Draft EO was modified to reflect all concerns and input received to date
      • Revised draft EO will be shared with AA so that resolution may be revised as needed

   b) CSU Board of Trustees’ Educational Policy’s Committee Amended Agenda Item 3
      • Amendment will address 120/180 units (semester/quarter) not GE Upper Division.
      • There will likely be a change in BOT timeline for review: it is planned to be an information item in November 2012 and an action item in January 2013.
Questions were asked about the timeline for implementation and the process for making exceptions; response was that it is early and that exceptions will be on a case by case basis (like AI). Concern was expressed about BM degrees being limited. They will continue to be defined separately in Title 5, and although they have a higher unit limit, programs are expected to be reviewed and reduced as possible. There is no accreditation requirement of more than 120 units for BM degrees. The AA Chair will confer with Chris Mallon to get further clarification as needed.

c) SB 1440

- Will continue good work on TMCs in the coming year to facilitate student success (access, enrollment, retention, graduation)
- Question was asked about the availability of systemwide data to show that high-unit majors take longer to graduate; response was that Academic Research and Resources may know. Data will be provided at November meeting.

d) Private Providers of Nursing Education

- Concern was voiced about forming partnerships with private providers of nursing education and out-of-state universities that offer prerequisite nursing courses and clinical placements in California. Providers seek to give in-demand California clinical placements to students outside of regular CCC and CSU nursing programs, thereby displacing CCC and CSU students. This is a political problem and a fairness issue, as the private companies and out-of-state universities enroll students able to pay higher fees than in place in California’s state-funded programs.

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

Dr. Ken O’Donnell shared information updates on three CSU initiatives with us:

a) Graduation Initiative

- this week, our EVC Ephraim Smith and Jeff Gold joined Campaign for College Opportunity to brief legislative staff in Sacramento
- we highlighted work on our campuses that epitomizes the two thrusts of the Graduation Initiative:
  - SJSU is making good, purposeful use of data to inform decisions
  - CSU East Bay is building high-impact practices into the degree requirements of all students
- the CO is developing a “Data Dashboard” to track student success indicators for campuses
- moving forward, we want to secure the same high-level personal commitment from our incoming chancellor that has served us so far
b) SB 1440
   • we expect continuing development on new TMCs during this coming academic year
   • incoming enrollments are light, but expected to increase
   • the public web site www.adegreewithaguarantee.com is now live

c) General Education and High-Impact Practices
   • within the CSU, under auspices of the Graduation Initiative and elsewhere, we continue
to support more universal participation in the high-impact practices the CSU is known
for, including international experiences, service learning, learning communities, and
civic engagement
   • the challenge is getting them to reach students less likely to sign up, and more likely to
benefit
   • doing so will have to account for high student mobility – taking a coordinated approach
across the CSU and with California Community Colleges, who are participating through
the “Give Students a Compass” project led by Debra David

6.3. Executive Committee Liaison – Senator Christine Miller
Senator Chris Miller shared information updates on three Executive Committee items:
   a) ASCSU response to new WASC Guidelines will be led by Senator David Hood and an ad
hoc group of ASCSU senators who have had experience with the WASC review.
   b) ASCSU concern about Cal State Online and intellectual property rights will need to be
addressed.
   c) EXCOMM asked for standing committee input on ASCSU resolution for Chancellor
Charles Reed.

6.4. Academic Technology Advisory Committee
Senator Barry Pasternack had nothing to report at this time.

6.5. Commission on Extended University
Senator Brian Wilson reported that the Commission on Extended University met on Friday,
significant issue discussed at the meeting actually occurred at the Extended Education Deans’
meeting the previous day and involved the transfer of funds from the campus Continuing
Education accounts to the campus general accounts to mitigate cuts in State support. Each
campus had been sent a letter last week describing the amount to be transferred. There had
been little or no discussion with the Deans prior to the letter, so the basis for determining the
amount of the “contributions” was not known. The Commission discussed issues related to these reserve funds, recognizing that the spreadsheet designations do not accurately communicate the encumbered nature of some of these funds. Several suggestions for better designations on reserve accounts will be brought to EVC Quillian and his staff. The status of Cal. State Online was discussed briefly with Commissioners expressing concern that the mission of CSO falls under the charge of the Extended University in Title 5. Communication and clarification with CSO and EVCs Quillian and Smith will be attempted. Most other business was routine and organizational in nature.”

6.6. Course Identification Numbering Project
Senator Mark Van Selst reiterated 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.

6.7. General Education Advisory Committee
Senator Van Selst reported that he will be attending a WICHE group meeting examining facilitating interstate transfer around GE on behalf of GEAC. The intent of the PASSPORT project is to streamline transfer for critical GE elements across several of the Western States. To do this, the idea is to develop a series of outcomes that are acceptable to each state to capture the elements of: a) Oral Communication; b) Written Communication; and c) Quantitative Literacy. The oral communication group will be interested in what the Oral Communication task force out of GEAC will report out and how GEAC will follow up on that report. The written communication outcomes are in line with California CSU GE expectations, but will (like the other elements) be very responsive to feedback from domain experts. The Quantitative Literacy group will be asking if it makes sense to include the statistical competency in CSU GE as a quantitative literacy. These items will be fleshed out in greater detail at the upcoming GEAC meeting on November 6, 2012.

6.8. Institute for Teaching and Learning Board
Senator Ofer Meilich reported that the ITL Board did not meet on October 11, 2012 as scheduled. The meeting has been postponed to November 5-6, 2012.

6.9. SB 1440 Implementation Oversight Committee
Senator Van Selst communicated the need to address STEM students who are eligible to use the IGETC for STEM majors. It is anticipated that APEP will likely take the lead on a resolution related to this issues with AA weighing in as needed.
7. Review of Chancellor’s Office Response to ASCSU Resolutions
The Chancellor’s Office response to ASCSU resolutions submitted in September 2012 is not available yet.

8. Discussion Items
8.1 AS-3091-12/AA, ASCSU Response to the CSU Board of Trustees’ Committee on Educational Policy’s Agenda Item 3: Upper-Division General Education and Degree Completion (waiver passed; resolution failed). AA discussed the need to reaffirm our commitment to upper-division general education; we determined that it was not essential at this time.

8.2 AS-3092-12/AA, ASCSU Support for the Substitution of CSU Board of Trustees’ Committee on Educational Policy’s Agenda Item 3 (waiver failed; first reading). After collecting and reviewing campus input on the BOT EPC Amended Agenda Item 3, AA discussed revisions to this resolution. We will continue to refine this resolution for the November meetings by revising resolved clause 1, addressing academic freedom as needed, and completing the rationale. Senators Pasternack and Van Selst will take the lead on this item.

8.3 AS-3095-12/AA, Support for An Executive Order on California State University (CSU) Systemwide Baccalaureate Nursing Policy (first reading). After collecting and reviewing campus input from directors of nursing programs and from ASCSU liaisons Boyle, Postma and Thobaben, AA discussed revisions to this resolution. Since the input resulted in a change to the draft Executive Order and revealed some concern about legislative intrusion in the curriculum, AA will modify the resolution in second reading. Senator Yee-Melichar will take the lead on this item.

8.4 ASCSU consultation on draft Executive Orders (EOs) on International Programs: international agreements, international students, study abroad and exchange. After collecting and reviewing campus input on the draft Executive Orders on International Programs, AA conferred with Leo VanCleve about concerns and questions on same. He indicated that he would be meeting with the CSU Presidents on October 17 and would update us on the draft EOs ASAP. Senator Eadie will take the lead on a possible resolution for this item.

8.5 ASCSU consultation on STEM students who are eligible to use the IGETC for STEM majors. AA will defer to APEP on the matter of STEM students who are eligible to use the IGETC for STEM majors. The APEP Chair will let us know if our input is needed on this item.

8.6 ASCSU consultation on changes to new WASC guidelines. As per Senator Miller’s Executive Committee update, ASCU response to new WASC Guidelines will be led by Senator David Hood and an ad hoc group of ASCSU senators who have had experience with the WASC review.

8.7 Cal State Online (CSO). AA needs input from the Executive Committee regarding the need for ASCSU to weigh in on CSO as self-support being housed in Extended University as well as concerns about decision-making on intellectual property,
comparative pricing, and campus offerings. Senator Yee-Melichar will confer with Executive Committee and Dr. Ron Vogel about this item as needed.

8.8 Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium, Statement on the process to determine levels for college readiness. AA will defer to APEP on the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium. The APEP Chair will let us know if our input is needed on this item.

8.9 CSU Access to Excellence strategic plan. AA discussed the need to weigh in on the progress being made on one or more of the systemwide commitments made in the Access to Excellence strategic plan. AA members were asked to let the AA Chair know which one (see below) they wished to work on within the next one or two.

9. Resolutions
9.1 AS-3092-12/AA, Acknowledgement of the Substitution of the Content of the September 2012 CSU Board of Trustees’ Committee on Educational Policy’s Agenda Item 3 and Serious Concerns Regarding its Replacement (waiver failed; first reading).

9.2 AS-3095-12/AA, Support for An Executive Order on California State University (CSU) Systemwide Baccalaureate Nursing Policy (first reading)

10. New Business
10.1 AA discussed the need to review the systemwide course repeat policy; we determined that it was not essential at this time.

11. Adjournment
We adjourned the meeting at 1:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene Yee-Melichar