Academic Affairs (AA) Committee Minutes
Wednesday, January 20, 2016, 11:00am-5:00pm
Coronado Room, CSU Chancellor’s Office, Long Beach, CA
http://www.calstate.edu/AcadSen/Committees/Academic_Affairs/index.shtml

Agenda

1. Welcome; Call to Order. Called to order at 11:10

2. Approval of Agenda – approved
http://www.calstate.edu/AcadSen/Committees/academic_affairs/agendas.shtml

3. Approval of Minutes (November 2015; Dropbox)

4. Chair’s Report
   4.1 Extended Executive Committee

   4.11 4 Year pledge, Trustee Glaser has been elected to Legislator, now Senator Glaser and is interested in four-year graduation rates and in campus programs that have “4-year pledge”. We had a range of discussion the importance of understanding what our student population looks like. There are models of cohort programs and these programs are helpful to some students but there is no “one size fits all” model of the CSU.

   Although many of our students take longer than for years to graduate we actually don’t know the many factors that contribute to extending graduation to more than four years. We need to develop a new student portrait – who are our students? Graduation rate is not just a CSU problem.

   4.12 GE B4 Task Force. There is now a membership list that includes the chair of GEAC and chair of Academic Affairs.

5. Pending Business
   5.1 How to Distinguish Between Masters/Bachelors Degrees (Glen, Jodie, Cliona; November Dropbox) Deferred

   5.2 Second Reading Resolution: Faculty Role in Evaluation of Transfer Credit for Online Courses (Dropbox, Catherine)
   Coded Memo AA-2-15-03: Fully Online Courses for Concurrent Enrollment:
   https://www.calstate.edu/AcadAff/codedMemos/AA-2015-03.pdf

   Intrasystem Online Course Enrollment At-A-Glance
5.3 Honorary Degree Policy Revision Follow Up (Resolution, Simone)
Discussion resulting in a resolution.

5.4 Tracking Associate Degrees for Transfer (Resolution Kevin)
Reviewed first draft of resolution. We discussed the focus of the resolution, specifically the need for data collection and accountability. We will continue this discussion with a possible resolution in March.

5.5 Discipline Councils (Cliona)
Discussion on the importance of discipline councils and the need for more discipline councils and support from the CO for these councils. Discussion will continue in February.

5.6 Graduate Programs
1. Cap on Units: Financial Aid (carryover from November), Prerequisites
2. Units in residence

5.7 Community College Concurrent/Dual Enrollment (especially with high schools) and Time to Degree (from Ex Com)

5.8 Lower Division/Upper Division – Deferred for a later meeting (from Ex Com)

5.9 Competency-based /Education Deferred for a later meeting (from Ex Com)

6. **Liaison and Systemwide Committee and Task Force Reports**
http://www.calstate.edu/AcadSen/Committees/SystemwideCommList.shtml

6.1 Chancellor’s Office Liaisons
1) Chris Mallon, Associate Vice Chancellor, Academic Programs and Faculty Development –
   
   A. Master’s program analysis. A faculty member has analyzed the data and submitted a draft report. Chris will review it in March.
   
   B. Student success, graduation rate. It is good to hear what the senate thinks about adding new degree programs and how that effects taking sections away. The general questions of allocations for resources with proposed new programs was discussed. Of interest was questions about how beginning a new program will affect other students. And, for example, how FTES would shift if a new program was developed. We had an extensive discussion on this topic. Generally, faculty tend to only rarely get rid of programs.
   
   C. Chris Mallon asked for our feedback and suggestions as to how do we develop an assessment culture on campus. Of primary interest are both new program proposals as well as accreditation assessment preparation
D. The term “Supplant” has been defined. See documentation in dropbox.
Commission on Extended Ed will lead efforts on any necessary revisions given
the definition.

2) Ken O’Donnell, Senior Director, Student Engagement and Academic Initiatives
and Partners – Time Certain: 3:00pm  Dawn Digrius, Senior Program Manager STEM
Collaborators

A. There will be a report to BOT on CSU Graduation Initiative

B. There will be a conference at CSU Fullerton April 28-29: Making high impact
practices systematic.

C. The CO under the direction of Ken has a new grant. See integrated handout
in dropbox. This grant is a pilot project to explore where there are
successes and room for improvement.

D. Grant-funded exploratory activity
Making transfer curriculum more engaging (Irvine, College Futures); Guest
Dawn Digrius. Senior Program Manager, STEM Collaborations

Discussion about associate degree for transfer. Portability suffers often in the
integrative projects. Associated degree for transfers helps. Otherwise it is
just course by course.

Grant came from collaborations from CO and Helmsley Trust – The two
primary goals are to increase persistence in STEM fields and develop HIPs.
This is a collaboration between academic affairs and student affairs. Eight
campuses were selected. They tried to pick a range of campuses and
programs including summer bridge experiences, redesign of gateway courses,
programs to lower DFW, and first year seminar cohort.

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handout in dropbox. This grant is a pilot project to explore where there are
successes and room for improvement.

6.2 Systemwide Committee and Task Force Reports

Academic Conference Committee (Bill, Francelina) - We were too large for Maritime
and will search for a different location.

6.3 ASCSU Exec Committee Liaison – Praveen Soni
Academic Freedom Policy draft from the Chancellor’s Office is being circulated. The
ASCSU will collaborate on the policy. Exec spoke with EVC and he is open to
suggestions
IP policy will have the same process

There was discussion on tenure density. Funding for tenure track faculty system wide was $11 million. This translates to approximately 110 ish faculty members. How funds will be allocated for tenure density? What kind of information from the campuses do we need to address that question? How much funding went to each campus? We need newest faculty density numbers. Perhaps FA will request this data. Also needed are employee by unit data. These data usually come out in October and April.

Exec also discussed the ASCSU Budget discussion with Loren and Leo. The cost of hotels is increasing. Exec is preparing budget for March and requests on input for priorities

Sustainable Financial model update. It is unclear what will be implemented from the report

Inclusivity is a system wide priority; 18 campuses have sent letters from the Black Lives Matter to the CO. It was noted that diversity does not mean inclusivity.

Ethnic Studies task force report is in the final stages.

Legislation wants improvement about 4-year graduation rate (See Chair report above about 4-year promise/pledge programs).

Background check update. Exec met with Margie Merryfield. She listened but has not made a decision.

7. Review of Chancellor’s Office Response to ASCSU Resolutions
http://www.calstate.edu/AcadSen/Records/Resolutions/co_response/index.shtml

8. Member Items/Campus Reports/Potential New Projects
8.1 Formula used to calculate workload related to undergraduate independent research students (Follow up - Simone)
8.2 Restrictions on state funding that can be used for laboratory space used for undergraduate research (Follow up - Simone)
8.3 Limits on total units for graduate students (Jim)
8.4 Units in residence and online courses (Catherine)

8. Adjournment – we did.....