Academic Affairs (AA) Committee
Notice of Virtual Interim Meeting:
Friday, October 9, 2015, 10:00am-1:00pm
http://www.calstate.edu/AcadSen/Committees/Academic_Affairs/index.shtml

Agenda

1. Welcome; Call to Order; Introductions

2. Approval of Agenda – Approved

3. Approval of Minutes - Approved

4. Chair’s Report
   Chair Nelson reported on the Extended Executive Committee Meeting. Leo Van Cleve will be the ASCSU’s primary contact person in Academic and Student Affairs. Chair Filling gets the sense that the ASCSU is supposed to “fit in as a unit of Academic Affairs.” We need to be mindful that that is not the case. The CCC statewide senate will consider curricular changes related to the BA in mid November. Campus senate chairs are concerned about the process to transfer online courses, especially Coursematch upper division GE courses, to home campuses. AA might want to weigh in on this. There is no CO response to September resolutions yet. Our Executive Committee Liaison Praveen Soni will join us at 12:00pm.

5. Pending Business
   5.1 Masters Degree Conceptual Criteria (Dropbox)
   We review of draft document and after an interesting extended discussion decided to refer to back to the subcommittee for consideration of some additional ideas. We discussed the idea that the environment of a classroom and the intellectual explorations might change as the number of undergraduates in the course increases. We also discussed the use of Bloom’s taxonomy and differences between undergraduate and graduate students. The differences are more nuanced that simply advancing up Bloom’s taxonomy. Discussion about breadth

   5.2 GE B4 Task Force Follow Up (if needed)
5.3 Honorary Degree Policy Revision

We had an update from Chris Mallon and a discussion. Trustee nominations for honorary degree limited to one per year. This is now policy rather than guidelines. The main points of the discussion were that language should be added that

1. The faculty on campus selection committees should be chosen by a senate process.

2. Trustee nominations do not count against campus nominations

6. Liaison and Systemwide Committee and Task Force Reports

6.1 Chancellor’s Office Liaisons

1) Chris Mallon, Associate Vice Chancellor, Academic Programs and Faculty Development – Time Certain: 11:10 (tentative)

Discussion of Title 5 Master’s Degree units. Specifically, what happens if we change the proportion of MA and BA classes. Chris Mallon’s office is examining this question and will share the results of survey.

Currently Title 5 requires 50% graduate level classes. Initially teacher education was the driving force for more graduate programs, initially there were not enough courses so the CSU began with a 50/50 split between masters levels and baccalaureate level courses.

We had a brief discussion of the components of a graduate education. There may not be enough of what WASC has calls a gradate culture.

2) Ken O'Donnell, Senior Director, Student Engagement and Academic Initiatives and Partners – Time Certain: 11:30 (tentative) I have nothing here –did I have brain freeze??

6.2 Systemwide Committee and Task Force Reports

1) Academic Conference Committee (Bill, Francelina)
2) Academic Technology Advisory Committee (ATAC – Cristina) This committee has not met yet
3) Articulation System Stimulating Inter-institutional Transfer (ASSIST – Simone)
4) Commission on Extended University (Glen) In a recent presentation some online courses are still listed through Cal State Online.
5) Commission on Online Education (Catherine, John) has not met yet
6) Common Management System Project (Francelina) has not met yet
7) General Education Advisory Committee (Bill, Catherine) no new information at this point
8) Institute for Teaching/Learning Board (Jodie) Has not met yet
9) SB 1440 Implementation Oversight Committee (Kevin, Jim) Committee met and two more transfer models were approved: Global Studies and Diversity Studies
10) Services to Students With Disabilities Advisory Committee (Glen). This committee will meet in November.
11) Smoke Free CSU (John). This committee has not met yet
12) Student Health Advisory Committee (Jim, Cliona) Meeting in November
13) Student Mental Health Services Advisory Committee (Jodie) Committee will meet Dec 3rd.
14) Sustainability: Campus as a Living Lab (Simone) Committee has not met yet.

6.2 Praveen Soni – Exec Committee.
Academic Conference planning in on going

Sustainable model task force meeting on the Oct 13. After Task Force is approved there will be many different group working. The ASCSU will request more faculty on the task forces

Discussion as to timing of advocacy work in Sacramento specifically should there be advocacy done in the fall as well as Spring?

Senate Chairs met and to date 12 have passed resolutions requesting open presidential searches.

ASCSU budget is the same as last year. Will fund the 3rd Senator from existing funds.

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 (Simone)

We had a discussion about the possibility of more flexibility in the formula to calculate workload. We wondered about the origins of the formula and referred back to the longer used “orange book”. Workload issues are typically CFA issues and related to S factor. This workload issue is particularly relevant now with the emphasis on high impact practices especially for undergraduate classes. Who changes an S factors? CSUN and CSULA grievances about S factor. Lots of discretion in these calculations.
8.2 Restrictions on state funding that can be used for laboratory space used for undergraduate research (Simone)

A formula for undergrad lab space is needed. Marginal cost funding comes to campus in categories and no category is for research space. Current design was created when there was not a lot of research activity and it may be time to reexamine. Some of these rules are in the process of changing. Some campuses are building research space with private funds.

The bottom line is that undergraduate research is a high impact practice (HIP) and these two policies impede this progress in this HIP.

8.3 Mental Health Taskforce Report (Jodie) The Student Mental Health Services Advisory Committee will meet December 3rd and there should be an update then.

8.  Adjournment