Academic Affairs (AA) Committee
Wednesday, November 4, 2015, 11:00am-5:00pm
Coronado Room, CSU Chancellor’s Office, Long Beach, CA

Agenda

1. Welcome; Call to Order; 11:00
2. Approval of Agenda approved
   http://www.calstate.edu/AcadSen/Committees/academic_affairs/agendas.shtml
3. Approval of Minutes (October 9, 2015; Dropbox) Draft
   minutes approved pending chair report. Will send circulate to all
   prior to submitting.
4. Chair’s Report
   The BoT does not meet until Nov 17 so the agenda is not posted
   yet. However, in future meetings we will monitor the BoT agenda
   and add relevant items as part of our agenda.

   The Extended Exec will lead the Presidential Open search
   resolution therefore we have removed it from our agenda.

   Catherine will attend conference Oakland on math instruction and
   transfer, including eligibility for transfer in the CSU. This relates
   to quantitative literacy in B4 of general education.

   The final report on the CSU Sustainable financial model should be
   available later today

   The California Community Colleges (CCC) would like to move
   from accreditation with AACJC to WASC Senior. This would allow
   the CCC to have more than one accredited baccalaureate
   program per campus. Two of the primary issues with this,
   1. For the CCC, the value of moving from AACJC to WASC
      Senior is that AACJC is only authorized approve to
      approve one baccalaureate per campus. WASC could
      accredited more.

   2. Concurrent and dual enrollment with HS and CCC
      credit is a pending issue.

   There was a follow-up with Leo Van Cleve about B4 task force.
   The CO response didn’t intend to imply that faculty were simply
“a” voice nor did they mean the faculty wouldn’t have the final voice

A suggestion was made from Extended Exec that we consider what distinguishes upper division and lower division courses. This will added to our next agenda

There remain questions about the existence, scope and charge of Cal State Online. We will follow-up.

4.1 Extended Executive Committee - Praveen
Several items were shared with the committee:
1. There was discussion about responses to resolutions both in terms of timeliness and content
2. A Task force is forming now for B4, General Education. Currently the CO is not looking at the ASCSU as the final voice of B4 General Education
3. The Exec discussed clarifying the role and time commitment of the CO liaisons.
4. Academic Conference Committee is tentatively planned for the second week of Oct at Maritime and combined with Golden Bear ship. It is planned as a Sunday-Monday event.
5. Currently 21 of 23 campus senates have passed resolutions in support of Open Presidential searches.
6. The Exec is currently considering resolutions regarding best practices in shared governance and also anti-bully/civility.
7. Sustainable financial model should be released soon

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

This is the academic affairs statement on the distinguishing characteristics between graduate and baccalaureate education. We will circulate to the Senate for feedback, address the feedback and forward to Chris Mallon. As discussions of masters education move forward we will ask to be included in any task forces that result.

Interest was expressed in knowing where and what the largest degrees are in the MA/MS.

5.2 Honorary Degree Policy Revision Follow Up (if needed) See discussion below

5.3 GE B4 Quantitative Reasoning

A. Task Force Resolution Update (Catherine, Bill)

After discussion we decided to move forward with the resolution as a first item

5.4 Resolution: Faculty Role in Evaluation of Transfer Credit for Online Courses (Catherine)
5.5 Resolution: Open Presidential Searches (Ex Com)
Ex Com will proceed with resolution with a request for a first reading waiver

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 – will be represented by Sheila A. Thomas, Asst VC Self-Support Strategy & Partnerships/Dean Extended Ed – Agenda Item: Updates

   a. Application for ITL teaching fellow will be available soon. Details will follow.

   b. Currently the CO is looking at Masters programs in CSU specifically number of units with an interest in percent of units at the graduate level.

   c. AB 716 Supplant language. The CO will move forward with guidance to the campuses.

   d. SB 634 reciprocity agreement enter national agreement take courses out of state and online and visa versa. Designed to protect students, right now need to go state by state and apply. Creates a reciprocity across states.

       Many questions were asked about this including the issue of prior review of these courses. This legislation is in flux. Academic Affairs feels that this is important to watch.

       The idea is that this protects students as each state authorized in agreement. Each institution also needs to be approved. This protects students against fraud. The “for profits” would not be eligible to participate. Although this is important to watch, it isn’t different than what occur not with WICHE and other regional compacts.

   e. There was some discussion of the issues with certificate programs and use of faculty. In some areas the opinion is that there are issues
of Extended Ed being a bank and this may be leading to the perception that Extended Ed in the CSU which may lead to damage in the reputation of Extended Ed in the CSU.

2) Ken O'Donnell, Senior Director, Student Engagement and Academic Initiatives and Partners

Angela Williams Title?? Also attended and participated in the briefing and discussion with Ken.

The GEAC meeting was very helpful. Additionally, there have been some questions about the humanities and GE Transfer from the CCC.

There was general discussion of issues and questions about transfer credit. This discussion helped inform the resolution the faculty role in evaluating transfer credit.

6.2 Systemwide Committee and Task Force Reports

1) Academic Conference Committee (Bill, Francelina) An update was given.

2) Academic Technology Advisory Committee (ATAC – Cristina) No report
3) Articulation System Stimulating Inter-institutional Transfer (ASSIST – Simone) No report
4) Commission on Extended University (Glen) Concerns with extended education were discussed with Sheila Thomas in her report
5) Commission on Online Education (Catherine, John) No report
6) Common Management System Project (Francelina) No report
7) General Education Advisory Committee (Bill, Catherine)

Articulation Issues- We have articulation officers who are expert in the transfer articulation process but there is wide variation across the CSU in how in how departments and faculty are consulted, there is unevenness in consultation with the department chair and the articulation officer. This is much more of an issue now because of the CCC offering baccalaureate degrees.

The CCCs discussion of upper division GE limited to baccalaureate students in CCC but this still seems problematic and a bit of a slippery slope.

There was much discussion, information and clarification about the variety of issue that underlie transfer credit. Nine units of GE must be completed at the campus awarding the degree but Course Match counts towards residency

The guidelines in AB 386 also counts toward residency. AB 386 requires courses to be honored in the same way at the home campus as they are where the course is offered. This raised the question that wasn’t resolved of how then will faculty be consulted? The role and authority of the articulation authority varies widely. Articulation is housed in either Academic Affairs and sometimes in Student Affairs.
It seems important to some albeit complicated road mapping for articulation.

8) Institute for Teaching/Learning Board (Jodie) Will meet in January for first time
9) SB 1440 Implementation Oversight Committee (Kevin, Jim) No report
10) Services to Students With Disabilities Advisory Committee (Glen) No report
11) Smoke Free CSU (John) No report
12) Student Health Advisory Committee (Jim, Cliona) No report
13) Student Mental Health Services Advisory Committee (Jodie) Will meet in December
14) Sustainability: Campus as a Living Lab (Simone) No report

7. Review of Chancellor’s Office Response to ASCSU Resolutions
http://www.calstate.edu/AcadSen/Records/Resolutions/co_response/index.shtml
Prior in the agenda there was extensive discussion about the CO’s response to the B4 General Task force resolution.

8. Member Items/Campus Reports/Potential New Projects

8.1 Formula used to calculate workload related to undergraduate independent research students (Follow up - Simone) No report
8.2 Restrictions on state funding that can be used for laboratory space used for undergraduate research (Follow up - Simone) No report
8.3 Limits on total units for graduate students (Jim)

There is an issue of number of units that can be taken with regard to financial aid eligibility. At one campus in the graduate program if graduate students have more than 12 undergraduate units they do not receive of financial aid. In some disciplines 12 units isn’t actually very much for pre-requisite work. This limit isn’t in Title 5. At another campus, waiver letters for exceeding 12 units are successful for loans but not for grants. Separate waiver letters seemed to be symptom fix to a potentially systemic problem. The net effect could potentially be that financial aid dependent students become less marketable because they are unable to afford the tuition to get the appropriate discipline background.

We will invite a financial aid person for next meeting. Dean Kulju will be invited to discuss this with us.

8. Adjournment 5:00pm