Academic Affairs (AA) Committee
Minutes

Agenda

1. Welcome; Call to Order; Introductions

2. Approval of Agenda
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3. Approval of Minutes (November 4, 2015; Dropbox)

4. Chair’s Report
   4.1 Extended Executive Committee

   Learning Works Conference in early October was about Math transfer and quantitative reasoning. A key topic was assessing math preparation. A take away message was CSU overall is doing fine in this area as we remediate most with a year.

   APEP is considering having a meeting after GEAC meeting to talk about quantitative reasoning with specific regard to the CSUs. UCs are also having their own conference.

5. Pending Business
   5.1 How to Distinguish between Masters/Bachelors Degrees (Follow up on feedback from colleagues; Glen, Jodie, Cliona; Dropbox)

   We need to think about audience for this report. We received some feedback that the statement is so broad as not to be worth much. Therefore we need to address the broadness as we feel this level of specificity is appropriate. We will review in January.

   5.2 Resolution: Faculty Role in Evaluation of Transfer Credit for Online Courses (Follow up on First Reading; Catherine)


   Intrasystem Online Course Enrollment At-A-Glance

This was reviewed by the campus senate chairs. They didn’t have issues with the resolve clauses but suggested some changes to the rationale. Campus senate chairs thought more emphasis on messages to students that upper division GE should be reviewed first by home campus.

We don’t have solid “guiding notes” for transfer between CSUs although we have for transfer from CCC. But on between CSUs transfer issues often contact faculty is contacted in the process. The senate chairs stressed that they didn’t want upper division transfer driven by articulation officers instead of faculty.

5.3 Honorary Degree Policy (Potential Resolution: Simone)
Honorary degrees are not formal degrees so in a sense no need for faculty involvement. However, faculty should have a voice, at some point there will be an honorary degree that is problematic and therefore it would be good to include the faculty before there is a problem. Faculty input is being sidestepped and this is an example.

5.4 SB 1440: Impact on CSU Programs (Potential Resolution: Kevin)
Ken O’Donnell may have the data on transfers by degree as a result of SB 1440. What else would we be interested in looking at, in terms of effects of SB 1440 besides CSU degrees? Perhaps number of transfers, enrollment in CSU classes declining Kevin is on the committee. There is a requirement for assessment of the effects of SB 1440 so perhaps the data exists or can be aggregated. It seems The number of degrees for transfer is increasing. Kevin will get a complete report of data to assess what we have so far. After discussion with Ken O’Donnell it appears that there may be some difficulties getting some of this data.

5.5 Graduate Programs – We carry this over
1). Cap on Units: Financial Aid, Prerequisites
2). Units in residence

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

5.7 Lower Division/Upper Division –
Ex Com suggested that we also examine the differences between upper and lower division courses. We deferred this discussion and decision

5.8 Competency-based Education (from Ex Com)

6. Liaison and Systemwide Committee and Task Force Reports
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6.1 Chancellor’s Office Liaisons
Chris Mallon, Associate Vice Chancellor, Academic Programs and Faculty Development –

(Jodie joined the meeting at 10:20 during this report) Chris Mallon discussed the issue that there is nursing model curriculum. Nursing have been working on transfer pathways for quite a while but it isn’t a TMC

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

Developing transfer degrees that are not TMC, like Nursing model curriculum is a bit of an issue. All are listed the same way but they are not under SB 1440 so it is confusing for students and high school counselors.

The CO is making funding requests to College Futures and Irvine Foundation for programs more like Compass project which could integrate high impact practices.

Question to Ken: What is the impact of SB 1440 on degrees? Keeping track of these degrees is difficult we don’t have great data. The CCCs sometimes know after we do about the degrees. The students always don’t tell us and campuses all don’t track it well. So there are data collection issues at many levels.

We would like some data on this issue. One question of interest is if we emptying out undersubscribed degrees? Ken will see if can find data. SB 1440 doesn’t seem to have added to the net pool of applicants. Instead it looks like we are taking the same transfer students in by other means.

A potential resolution could express as concern or support for better data and the faculty would like to know the effects of the program. And yes the faculty also want to know how the program is going. Data not accurate could be expressed as well but may not be as helpful. Kevin will take the lead at writing a resolution.

(I had a really hard time understanding Ken, so please fill in as needed)

Quantitative Reasoning – Two conferences related to quantitative reasoning are upcoming


b. CSU Stem Collaborative

6.2 ASCSU ExComm – Steven Filling

1) Spring of 2017 for academic conference. Maritime plan won’t be viable so other options will be investigated
2) Background checks working group. Praveen and Deborah Roberts will be added to fact finding group.
3) Quant reasoning task force. The task as established common ground. The Task Force will be the voice of Quant Reasoning, the "Canonical Group".

6.3 Systemwide Committee and Task Force Reports
1) Academic Conference Committee (Bill, Francelina) – See Steven Fillings note above
2) Academic Technology Advisory Committee (ATAC – Cristina) – has not met
3) Articulation System Stimulating Inter-institutional Transfer (ASSIST – Simone) Has not met
4) Commission on Extended University (Glen) No report
5) Commission on Online Education (Catherine, John)
Nov 16th – spent most time talking about best practice guidelines for campus policies with regard to online courses. Best practices for policies. Other suggestion was that the group meet on online. Discussion on input from students, and from which students. Currently, opinion from students mostly from teacher evaluations.

6) Common Management System Project (Francelina) No report
7) General Education Advisory Committee (Bill, Catherine)
8) Institute for Teaching/Learning Board (Jodie)
Will meet in January
9) SB 1440 Implementation Oversight Committee (Kevin, Jim)
Will meet next week
10) Services to Students With Disabilities Advisory Committee (Glen)
Nov 20 meetings sent out Will disseminate a survey discussion of home grown survey or national survey. Decided a national survey decided would be best. Discussion on accessibility of online courses. Asked if faculty were consulted, problem that adjuncts don’t get the info. There are an discussion of service animals. The issue becomes blurry issue with issues of emotional support animals. Any kind of animal is problematic of people with severe allergies.

11) Smoke Free CSU (John)
Has not met

12) Student Health Advisory Committee (Jim, Cliona)
Debra Roberts will write the report and send out. Vaccinations issues how students can be exempted. Also another survey on campus climate

13) Student Mental Health Services Advisory Committee (Jodie)
Met December 4th in Sacramento
14) Sustainability: Campus as a Living Lab (Simone)

7. Review of Chancellor’s Office Response to ASCSU Resolutions
8. **Review of Board of Trustees Agenda**  
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9. **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. **Adjournment**