Academic Affairs (AA) Committee
Friday, April 8, 2016, 10:00am-1:00pm
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Minutes

1. Welcome; Call to Order; Introductions - Called to order 10:15am

2. Approval of Agenda - approved
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3. Approval of Minutes (March 2016; Dropbox) - approved

4. Chair’s Report
   Extended Executive Committee
   The tentative agreement was discussed.
   
   There has been little progress on academic freedom policy. All are waiting for CFA to formalize their position before the policy process can move forward. San Marcos is considering writing their own policy, SDSU used the academic freedom policy from UC Berkeley.
   
   The Quantitative reasoning task force has met twice.
   
   The focus for legislative day in Sacramento will be on budget and hiring.
   
   Campuses are urged to have degree proposals go through campus curriculum process before submitting to CO. Not all campuses require. Resolution is in order for this as all campuses should but not all do. We will draft a resolution – Catherine lead

5. Pending Business
   How to Distinguish Between Masters/Bachelor’s Degrees, Dropbox; see also 8.1.1 below and C. Mallon Liaison Report, April Dropbox)
   
   There was quite a bit of discussion about the idea of increasing the proportion of graduate only units. There were also questions about the impetus of any change in masters’ requirements and the role of WASC. There is no CO push for the increase and WASC is not concerned. There were specific questions about dual listed courses and the role of 3 +2
programs. Data in the study were gathered from campus reporting so dual listed and 3+2 were not analyzed.

We concluded that there was no need for a new resolution as our conclusions still support the resolution from a few years ago.

Discipline Councils – We needed to remove from the agenda

6. **Review of Chancellor’s Office Response to ASCSU Resolutions**

7. **Review of Board of Trustees Agenda**
   [http://calstate.edu/bot/agendas/](http://calstate.edu/bot/agendas/)

8. **Liaison and Systemwide Committee and Task Force Reports**

8.1 Chancellor’s Office Liaisons
   Ken O’Donnell, Senior Director, Student Engagement and Academic Initiatives and Partners; with Dawn Digrius, Senior Program Manager, STEM

   **Sustainability Minor**
   Jim Postma is working on this across campus. A sustainability minor that connected with GE might help first generation students. It would also be related to a variety of majors. Any pilot would be an all voluntary opt in feasibility study. Jim Postma as been asked to continue work on the project for another year.

   We are still unclear of the role of the academic senate (ASCSU and campuses) role is in this? What is the faculty governance role in this development? The campus curricula review process is critical. Also what does it mean to have a system wide minor? Ken agreed that these are issues to address and perhaps it should be called a multi-campus minor rather than a system wide minor. This might be connected to Coursematch or CID but necessarily. GEAC in the conversation should probably be included in these discussions.

   **Quantitative Reasoning Task Force**
   See above for discussion

   **Integrated Courses of Study project** – discussion led by Dawn Dirgrius
   The powerpoint for this presentation is in AA15-16 dropbox. There were four major points discussed. Project intends to;
   - Intends to use the new statewide Associate Degrees for Transfer legislation (SB 1440) as a potential framework for improvement.
   - Supports reforms that will promote a more seamless transition from the lower to the upper division and support students’ abilities to persist to graduation.
   - Takes into consideration critical academic coursework, industry needs at different possible exit points, and geographic identities but be transferrable statewide.
plans to identify demonstration sites (CCC and CSU) that will be prepared to create more integrative and contextualized transferrable coursework taken in the first two years of college, emphasizing integration and real-world relevance with contextualized learning experiences beyond the classroom (such as undergraduate research, service learning, civic and community engagement, work-study, and internships).

There was substantial discussion about this project. There were questions about HIPS, specifically, CCCs typically are not doing research and internships, these will be more “research like” activities than actual research.

The committee voiced concerns about competency based education and concerns about mandatory acceptance. It is critical that there is awareness of potential differences and similarities in industry needs and education needs. There are also concerns about mandatory acceptance of these courses or programs.

8.2 Executive Committee Liaison: Praveen Soni

Academic conference planning continues. The conference will probably be scheduled for spring of 2017, perhaps March.

The Chancellor has scheduled time for both the plenary and the Executive Committee for next year in its entirety.

VC Lori Lamb and EVC Loren Blanchard would like a tenure density task force would like created soon

Leo Van Cleve, State University Dean discussed the second grad initiative Grad 2.0. Outside consultants for were employed for first one, the next one will be more internal driven. There was discussion on graduation rates. In that most students may graduate in between 4 and 6 years so our current rates don’t capture this accurately.

There is a strong interest in increasing faculty diversity from CO. Faculty diversity – depends how to define diversity. Difficult to recruit in some areas, and very competitive to hire.

Audiology doctorate will probably pass the California Legislature. The ASCSU position was one of watch.

8.3 System-wide Committee and Task Force Reports
1) Academic Conference Committee (Bill, Francelina)
2) Academic Technology d Committee (ATAC – Cristina)
3) Articulation System Stimulating Inter-institutional Transfer (ASSIST – Simone)
4) Commission on Extended University (Glen)
5) Common Management System Project (Francelina)
6) General Education Advisory Committee (Bill, Catherine)
7) Institute for Teaching/Learning Board (Jodie)
8) SB 1440 Implementation Oversight Committee (Kevin, Jim)
9) Services to Students with Disabilities Advisory Committee (Glen)
10) Smoke Free CSU (John)
11) Student Health Advisory Committee (Jim, Cliona)
12) Student Mental Health Services Advisory Committee (Jodie)
13) Sustainability: Campus as a Living Lab (Simone)

9. Member Items/Campus Reports/Potential New Projects

9.1 Limits on total units for graduate students (Jim) This will be removed from the agenda
9.2 Units in residence and online courses (Catherine)
9.3 EO 1064 Student Internships (Catherine) There is concern about implementation issues for this EO.

7. Adjournment