Academic Affairs (AA) Committee
Minutes
Wednesday, May 18, 2016, 11:00am-5:00pm
Wallace Room, CSU Chancellor’s Office, Long Beach, CA

Agenda

1. Welcome; Call to Order 11:10

2. Approval of Agenda – approved with the addition of a general discussion of what is student success, what should it look like? There are a lot of initiatives graduation initiatives that include some of the things we all on a daily basis.

http://www.calstate.edu/AcadSen/Committees/academic_affairs/agendas.shtml

3. Approval of Minutes (April 2016; Dropbox) – approved

4. Chair’s Report
   4.1 Extended Executive Committee
   a. Chair Nelson noted that the BoT Educational Policy report next week discusses graduate success.
   b. The responses from CO to our resolutions are self-explanatory. FA or the Exec may look at resolution on shared governance
   c. Quantitative reasoning task force will meet with the Department of Ed. There is a lot of consensus that intermediate algebra does not need to be the entry quantitative reasoning course.
   d. It was noted that quantitative reasoning is a part of student success. Math is another language that students use to illustrate and engage critically. Math provides a language to investigate areas in many disciplines discipline.
   e. Tenure density task force composition has been set. The charge is being developed.
   f. Ethnic studies task force report will be released soon.

5. Pending Business
   5.1 Masters Degree Report follow up (if needed - C. Mallon Liaison Report, April Dropbox) No follow up needed.
5.2 Change in Minimum Grade for “Golden Four” – Possible Resolution
   a. Guest Eric Forbes, Assistant Vice Chancellor, Student Academic Support - Time Certain: 2:00p.m.

ASA Coded Memo-2016-08 Basic Subject Courses and the Grade of C-
http://www.calstate.edu/AcadAff/codedMemos/ASA-2016-08.pdf

We had a long, detailed and informative discussion with Eric Forbes on this coded memo. The impetus for the memo was an equity issue due to two campuses without plus/minus grading. Eric shared that the memo was designed to open conversation (and it did).

Some of the main points for the discussion were;
- EO 1100 requires that Students must have a C- for admission and graduation in the Golden 4. The General Counsel indicated that this as an equity issue as plus/minus is not used throughout the system
- Faculty can still assign a C- but in transfer and CourseMatch, then students could be shortchanged perhaps.
- There may be a logical fallacy. If a C is made standard a C then there is a problem because there are C- grades and a wide range. It might be easier to say all campuses can use plus/minus grading.
- Plus/minus grading is viewed as murky as the general counsel is seeing this as a legal terms/equity issues.
- CCC allow for plus/minus but do not allow faculty to give a C-.
- Here is the frequency of C- grades in the system last year in the Golden Four(from Ed Sullivan)
  - 729 Written Communication
  - 1755 Quant Reasoning
  - 678 Oral Communication
  - 685 Critical thinking

Long discussion which included major concerns about the lack of consultation. At minimum the senate should have been included in discussions. There was a recommendation that there be more discussion about this in the Fall

For reference: AS-3020-11/APEP/AA (REV) Grade Minima for CSU General Education Courses in the “Golden Four”

5.3 Campus Curricular Review Processes for New Program Proposals – Possible Resolution

See Mallon April 2016 ASCSU AA 4-6-16 (April Dropbox)
5.4 CSU Budget for Electronic Library Resources – Possible Resolution (Cliona) Hold over for AY 16-17

5.5 Community College Concurrent/Dual Enrollment (especially with high schools) and Time to Degree (from Ex Com) Continue AY 16-17

5.6 Lower Division/Upper Division – Difference (from Ex Com) http://extranet.cccco.edu/Portals/1/ExecutiveOffice/Board/2016_agendas/January/Attachment-3.2-BA-Handbook-2.pdf for CCC definitions, p93-95 Potential topic for AA AY 16-17

5.7 Competency-based /Education (from Ex Com) Potential topic for AA AY 16-17

5.8 Graduation Rates (white paper (from Ex Com) or possible resolution) Potential topic for AA AY 16-17 http://nces.ed.gov/ipeds/ and CMiller email in April Dropbox,


7. **Review of Board of Trustees Agenda** – See Chairs report above http://calstate.edu/bot/agendas/

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

8.1 Chancellor’s Office Liaisons

1) Chris Mallon, Associate Vice Chancellor, Academic Programs and Faculty Development:

   a. CCC BA Degrees. There is ongoing efforts to have CCC have BSN granting authority. Marty Block is interested in this issue. There is a perception that the CSU is the problem. Currently there is a workforce study being done. The CO is watching this very carefully. One underlying issue is that CCC nursing grads are less employable than BsN trained nurses.

   b. AuD Degree. Legislation introduced without CSU involvement. It has gone through committees and has passed assembly. UC has not given consent for CSU to pursue.

   c. Degree Reporting Requirements. When a program is proposed, the courses, GE, and the electives in the major are approved and a major is assigned a degree and a code. The issue in this may be the electives. If degree requirement changes so much in the concentration, the issue becomes should the concentration become a separate degree or remain a concentration? We had a brief discussion about this and will propose continued discussion in AA for AY 16-17. These labels can sometimes be political; however, it is about the preponderance of the curriculum.
d. Policies for Required Study Abroad. The issue here are new degree programs that require students leave the country. How should students who can’t leave the country be accommodated? Right now, there is not a consistent policy about students who can’t leave the country? There is a need for a consistent message. There is a working group taking on this charge Sandra Chong is our ASCSU representative.

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

a. Change in minimum grade for Golden 4 (see 5.5.2) – See discussion above. Perhaps a solution would be to allow plus/minus grading.

b. Conference in High Impact Practices, CSU Fullerton April 28-29

c. Integrated Courses of Study Project. Associated degrees for transfer are of specific interest here. New TMC are in broader area of emphasis patterns, different from discreet courses. Law and public policy is the first more broad TMC it includes internship, student support and courses. There is interest in assessing if this is feasible for STEM fields? Also looking at sets of clusters, perhaps “Meta-majors”

d. Quant reasoning task force. The drafting party tomorrow. This is a very important committee. Intersection of hopes for quality education and equity. Very impressed with the intellect and discussions among the committee members.

e. Idea/issue to consider. Most articulation structures revolve around lists of content, learning, and knowledge. Some dispositional skills are also critical but are not content topics, but the articulation structure is a relatively short list of content that the student is proficient in. We need a new language to explain what we mean for certain types of quality.

8.2 Executive Committee Liaison: Praveen Soni – Time Certain: 3:30pm.

a. Chancellor White will visit the plenary with a different structure to the meeting

b. The Exec is talking about how to do budget advocacy

c. Graduate Initiative advisory group will convene this summer. In addition to the ASCSU senate chair, Mark Van Selst and Jodie Ullman have been appointed to serve on this committee for the summer.

d. The Committee expressed concern to Senator Soni that the EVC has not been in attendance at the ASCSU plenary meetings. We asked the Exec to discuss the issue

8.3 Systemwide Committee and Task Force Reports – Deferred for lack of time

1) Academic Conference Committee (Bill, Francelina)

2) Academic Technology Advisory 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)
9.2 Units in residence and online courses (Catherine)
9.3 EO 1064 Student Internships (Catherine)
9.4 Discipline Councils (Cliona)

7. **Adjournment** (we did)

Respectfully submitted, Jodie Ullman, Academic Affairs Vice Chair