

Academic Affairs Committee

MINUTES

Wednesday, March 10, 2010

10:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Anacapa Room

Members Present: Andrea Boyle, Vice Chair (San Francisco); Margaret Costa (Long Beach) Steven Filling (Stanislaus); Susan Gubernat (East Bay); Patricia Kalayjian (Dominguez Hills); Jim LoCascio (San Luis Obispo); J. Ken Nishita (Monterey Bay); Jim Postma, Chair (Chico); C.E. Tapie Rohm (San Bernardino); and Mark Van Selst (San Jose)

Members Excused: Paul O'Brien (Stanislaus);

Guests:

Jeri Echeverria, Executive Vice-Chancellor

Chris Mallon, State Academic Dean

Leo Van Cleve, Chancellor's Office

Bob Buckley, APEP, ASCSU

1. Welcome and Call to Order:

James Postma, Chair called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

2. Approval of the Agenda (Action Item):

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Agenda approved by committee members with the following additions:

- A. Add AB-2400 to the agenda today (Block legislation);
- B. Add April agenda meeting to the agenda,
- C. Tapie Rohm will be late to the meeting and Paul O'Brien is out of town and will not attend today's meeting
- D. Mark Van Selst wants to discuss the CLEP resolution at today's meeting

3. Approval of the Minutes from the Meeting of January 20-21, 2010 (Action Item):

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Minutes Approved

4. Chair's report:

Jim Postma - There is nothing to add to today's report. No news is available regarding the faculty trustee appointment to date. There is a sketch of a resolution from Executive Committee regarding this issue.

5. Administrative Reports

- 5.1 Jeri Echeverria, Executive Vice Chancellor and Chief Academic Officer reported on the following:
- A. Unresolved issues regarding dept chairs came up for discussion...Mark Van Selst asked about the GEAC/President's Group and Jeri Echeverria noted that the Presidents have the right to meet to discuss GE issues or any other issues. Jim Postma noted that AA is interested in a resolution regarding GE in the future and Jeri Echeverria notes that a resolution in this area is not warranted at this time.
 - B. The comment that faculty are not being consulted regarding the Graduation Initiative on some campuses was made and Jeri Echeverria noted the history of this initiative (1. plans submitted in December 2009 and the CO reviewed the reports and sent letters to each campus; 2. NASH and ED Trust conference was attended to obtain information from other universities; 3. a 9-question rubric was reviewed at that meeting and Jeri Echeverria noted that the CSU only covered 4-5 points; 4. Jeri Echeverria looked at the rubric and compared this to the SFSU plan and then met to get advice from the SFSU team, noting that SFSU gave advice on this report, advice included moving away from the system and use of the term deliverology and encourage faculty participation in a meaningful way and allow campuses to do what is meaningful for them). Jeri Echeverria noted that faculty were not included initially and a series of 7 meetings have been scheduled starting in 2/10. The meetings are designed to address what each campus can do to facilitate graduation and meet targets that are right for each campus. Questions about what is the appropriate plan for each campus and how can faculty and students participate in delivery teams on each campus were identified and the goal to support campuses with plans that are designed to actually improve graduation rates was identified. One point was also noted-the CO does not have a comprehensive database in this area. A new student, education tracker system is available and some question whether this system should be implemented to track students who transfer from one campus to another. Jeri Echeverria also commented on the October meeting where faculty were viewed as an obstacle, noting that this was problematic (the data from the meeting was not for public consumption and was taken out of context) and suggests that people move forward with these issues. Mark Van Selst noted that perceptions are about percentages rather than actual numbers and Jeri Echeverria responded that if the CSU used numbers there will be additional criticism.
 - C. Jeri Echeverria is interested in not losing sight of access and responded to a question about the request for monthly reports. The reasons for monthly reports are: (1) an interest in hearing from campuses and (2) use of a system to get information and keep focus and awareness on changes in this area.

- D. The question was raised about GWAR and the issue of standards. Jeri Echeverria believes that these issues are best addressed by faculty and students...
- E. MBA student fee issues were discussed including how fees are used on each campus and these issues have been resolved...discussion of the AA resolution was included in the dialogue. Jeri Echeverria notes the attempts of the CO to make this better.
- F. Jeri Echeverria also spoke about the CLA and will speak to provosts about how and if the CLA information is used.
- G. Troops to College initiative was discussed and Jeri Echeverria suggested a discussion with Allison Jones. A discussion of high school special enrolled programs was held and Jeri Echeverria states that she is opposed to enrolling 9th graders in college courses. Mark Van Selst asked whether these students are taking classes and the state is paying twice for these classes but the students are not full time in each of these areas and it was noted that Jim Blackburn agrees about the double funding issue. Additional issues regarding 9th graders were discussed and Jeri Echeverria is looking at the high school scholars programs at this time.
- H. Jeri is going to recommend a 2 year phase in period for early start programs including cut scores on ETP and ELM as they correspond with SAT scores. The English group recommended that the cut scores be lowered, that Early Start begin for at risk students, and those students in the middle have nothing done for remediation at this time. It was also noted that the CSU cut scores are higher than in many other states.

5.2 Christine Mallon, State University Dean reported on the following:

- A. Questions about DPT legislation- individuals outside of the CSU got the legislature to write a DPT bill and while this is current legislation it is not official at this time from the CSU perspective. The CSU is going only for the DNP legislation at this time. The UC is not opposed to the DNP at this time and the central argument in support for the DNP is increased nursing faculty development.
- B. The foster youth initiative was discussed and will be on the BOT agenda and the legal people noted that the language in this item will not be changed.
- C. AB1295 (8927 5) is the current legislation regarding articulated nursing pathways. Liz Close from Sonoma State University will coordinate communication regarding this issue with Chris Mallon and Andrea Boyle from the ASCSU will serve as a consultant on this issue. Chris Mallon notes that help will be needed at the campus level regarding this legislation to make sure that students can't repeat courses and that change will be made on the campus level.

- D. The other ongoing issue is related to international programs. As the CSU cuts class sections, the CSU may not be able to offer students the 12 units required by federal law to international students.
- E. EO802 continues to be an issue with questions raised about the definition of what “supplant” means and whether programs can be moved from general fund to self support. Chris Mallon notes that the big picture is important but if we cut general funding for programs then the legislature will cut CSU funding. The only exception is for this summer when courses can be offered through self-support. Chris Mallon and Jeri Echeverria are developing a letter to campuses explaining the issue of supplant. The importance of meeting the criteria of EO802 was discussed by committee members.
- F. Margaret Costa asked questions about graduate courses at Long Beach- campus issues should be handled on each campus and a definition of self-support was provided (private funding for courses with a campus by campus decision about revenue decisions).
- G. Chris Mallon notes that the chancellor does not want to see fees going up and wants to have fees help students. The question was raised about mechanisms for students who need to re-take classes- Chris Mallon noted that students can get a waiver and people soft can address this. Jim Postma raised the question- about those students who need to repeat beyond the limit but can’t register through open university and general fund at the same time...these students would need a waiver and an exception to repeat the course. Jim Postma noted that a waiver for exceptions is not good policy.
- H. Chris Mallon has noted great turnover in academic affairs at the individual campuses and before a campus can develop a program proposal they must turn in a proposal that is approved at the CO level. Proposals need to meet Title 5 and CO requirements. The CO has very specific requirements for baccalaureate degrees that are not always being implemented.

5.3 Leo Van Cleve reported on International Programs in the Chancellor’s Office

- A. The status of students in Chile was discussed (students are currently in Santiago and doing well). The importance in his office of knowing where students are in times of disaster has increased in these times. Campuses do the actual student tracking and the CO does not account for each student. There are about 6,000 CSU students who go abroad yearly and problems occur when activities are not coordinated through the international office. Planning is important for international travel.
- B. Discussion of the 12 unit minimum for international students which is both federally required as well as part of the educational code was also noted. Leo talked with people in the system last week and noted that this was an issue for first time students who don’t get to register prior to arriving at campuses in August. Ideas and plans were proposed including block registration of students including GE registration to avoid these problems.

There is no state wide policy at this time and no problems have been identified for the spring semester.

6. Liaison Reports see:

<http://www.calstate.edu/AcadSen/Committees/SystemwideCommList.shtml>)

- 6.1 Academic Technology Advisory Committee (ATAC): Steven Filling, Tapie Rohm (<http://www.calstate.edu/ATAC/>) Steven Filling reported on this- noting that website is out of date at the current time but no other news to date.
- 6.2 California Academic Partnership Program (CAPP): (<http://www.calstate.edu/CAPP/>) No report.
- 6.3 Chancellor's Doctoral Incentive Policy Advisory Committee: (<http://www.calstate.edu/HR/CDIP/>) No report.
- 6.4 CSU Ed.D. Advisory Committee: Tapie Rohm, Jim Postma (<http://www.calstate.edu/AcadSen/Records/Resolutions/2006-2007/2793.shtml>)
- 6.5 Disabilities Advisory Committee: Ken Nishita (<http://www.calstate.edu/SAS/SSWD.shtml>). Ken Nishita noted that the next meeting is in April and the committee will review survey data at that time. Jim Postma asked about textbook accessibility issues and Ken Nishita noted that the group gets a report on clearinghouse activity but the actual faculty using the texts are not available. Jim Postma asked for information regarding the use of texts and actual use of texts and costs.
- 6.6 English Council: Susan Gubernat (<http://csuenglishcouncil.wordpress.com/>) The next meeting in mid-April. There is interest in early start program initiation- this is on the BOT agenda for their next meeting. The mandate is that students need to start early start as they begin CSU studies but they do not need to complete early start program before admission and this does not preclude admission to the CSU.
- 6.7 Commission on Extended University: (<http://www.calstate.edu/eo/EO-811.pdf>) The new hire for dean position starts April 1, 2010. Chris Mallon notes that all new programs must go through the CO.
- 6.8 General Education Advisory Committee: Mark Van Selst, Margaret Costa, Patricia Kalayjian Jim Postma – (<http://www.calstate.edu/AcadSen/Committees/geac/index.shtml>) President's task force will visit GEAC at their next meeting but this is not an official event. Mark Van Selst notes that there are issues related to upper division GE and that any findings from the President's group will need to go to GEAC and the ASCSU. Chris Mallon also notes that no one is going to deal with curricular issues at this time despite changes in the CO staff.
- 6.9 Institute for Teaching and Learning: Paul O'Brien (<http://www.calstate.edu/itl/>) The next meeting in March
- 6.10 International Programs: (<http://www.calstate.edu/IP/>) No report.

- 6.11 Library Directors, Council of (COLD): (<http://seir.calstate.edu/protected/cold/>) No report.
- 6.12 Student Health Services Advisory Committee: Andrea Boyle (<http://www.calstate.edu/eo/EO-943.html>) Andrea Boyle noted that the next meeting next week. The mental health task force results will be discussed at that meeting.
- 6.13 Sustainability Advisory Subcommittee Education and Research: James LoCascio, Paul O'Brien (<http://www.calstate.edu/cpdc/sustainability/policy.shtml>) No report.
- 6.14 Other- None.

7. Old Business

- 7.1 Defining Baccalaureate Credit – Update – Advice regarding this issue- don't do anything at this time. The CCCs do not get to self-certify courses unless they are developing new program. A working group will meet by teleconference next Weds to discuss these issues.
- 7.2 ICAS White Paper on Transfer – AA will re-consider this when there is additional information on transfer issues available.
- 7.3 AS-2937-10/AA: Opposition to AB 440, as amended (July 4, 2009), Beall. California Community Colleges: Student Transfer. The resolution was discussed by AA members and will be presented at the 3/11 plenary session.
- 7.4 AS-2938-10/AA: Openness of the Accountability Process in the Graduate Professional Business Programs. The resolution was discussed by AA members and will be presented in first reading at the 3/11 plenary session.
- 7.5 AS-2939-10/AA: Use and Implementation of the Collegiate Learning Assessment (CLA) – Members of AA reviewed this resolution, made selected editorial changes, and will present the resolution at the 3/11 plenary session.
- 7.6 AS-2940-10/AA: Proposed Repeal of Title 5 Section 40503 Relative to Bachelor of Vocational Education Degrees – Members of AA reviewed this resolution, made selected editorial changes, and will present the resolution at the 3/11 plenary session.
- 7.7 Other: None.

8. New Items of Business:

- 8.1 College-Level Examination Program (CLEP)- Recommendation to review this resolution and present in 1st reading with the understanding that the resolution will come forward in second reading in May. Resolution was edited by AA members.

- 8.2 Troops to College- Need research on what funds are currently available in the CSU for vets and also to explore the need for comprehensive veteran services that are fully funded. Boyle will contact Allison Jones for additional information to develop a resolution draft in April.
 - 8.3 Proposed Title 5 Revision: Student Housing Priority- Resolution was edited and reviewed by AA members...resolution will be presented at the 3/11 plenary session.
 - 8.4 Learning Management Systems- No resolution needed at this time.
 - 8.5 Affordable Learning Solutions Campaign- Specific issue related to presentation of syllabi to a central repository was discussed but no resolution needed at this time.
 - 8.6 Closing the Gap & the Graduation Initiative- Issues discussed by AA members but no resolution proposed at this time.
 - 8.7 College Credit for 9th Graders-Issue discussed – Mark, Andrea, will collect information on this issue for discussion at the April meeting.
 - 8.8 Other - Next meeting is April 9th, will be teleconferenced from 10:00 -12 noon.
- 9.0 Other:
- A. Presentation from Bob Buckley from APEP regarding a resolution on cuts to use of technology on college campuses and the need for understanding what happens when you give away resources and how reductions in IT services impact Academic Programs. Resolution to be sent to campus senate chairs, deans, provosts, and IT people. Bob Buckley will draft a resolution to be reviewed by AA members and may be ready for presentation at the 3/11 or 3/12 plenary session.
 - B. Buckley Barrett discussed the resolution regarding AB440 and revisions made by AA members for introduction into the plenary on 3/11

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m. by Chair, *Jim Postma*.

Meeting minutes submitted by *Andrea Boyle*