

**Academic Senate of the California State University
Academic Affairs Committee Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, May 5, 2010
10:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Anacapa Room**

Members Present:

Andrea Boyle, Vice Chair (San Francisco); Margaret Costa (Long Beach) ; Susan Gubernat (East Bay); Steven Filling (Stanislaus); Patricia Kalayjian (DominguezHills) Jim LoCascio (San Luis Obispo); J. Ken Nishita (MontereyBay); Paul O'Brien (Stanislaus); Jim Postma, Chair (Chico); C.E. Tapie Rohm (San Bernardino); and Mark Van Selst (San Jose).

Guests:

Ken O'Donnell (CSU CO)
Diana Guerin (ASCSU Executive Committee)
John Tarjan (ASCSU Chair)
Bob Buckley (Chair, APEP)
Chris Miller (APEP member)
Visiting Faculty Scholar from Beijing, China

Agenda

1. **Welcome and Call to Order:** James Postma, Chair at 10AM
2. **Approval of the Agenda:** Agenda approved with the following additions:
 1. Jim Postma will provide information on the following additions: (A) Executive Vice Chancellor search update (B) discussion of business fee.
 2. There will be an AA meeting at 9AM on 5/6 with Joni Finney
 3. AA members may wish to consider a possible resolution on discontinuance processes

John Tarjan congratulated Ken O'Donnell on a successful conference yesterday

3. **Approval of the Minutes from the Meeting of April 9, 2010:** Minutes approved
4. **Chair's report:** Jim Postma reported on the following:
 1. John Tarjan noted that 5 finalists will be interviewed next week for Jeri Echeverria's replacement. Search committee members are pleased with the applicant pool.
5. **Administrative Reports:**
 - 5.1 Jeri Echeverria, Executive Vice Chancellor and Chief Academic Officer- EVC Echeverria noted the following:
 - (A) There is work on the graduation initiative with the successful completion of 7 workshops. and the CO is trying to get behind the campuses on this initiative.
 - (B) Perfecting the EO on Early Start is ongoing and EVC Echeverria has drafted a copy of the EO and is going to consult with the Early Start Task Force regarding the EO prior to submission of this to Chancellor Reed.
 - (C) Discussion of SB1440 is ongoing. Questions were raised about SB1440 including where s the most powerful juncture for the senate to have input- in the law itself, following

approval of the legislation, or both? An additional question was raised regarding merit of faculty in both systems advising their chancellors on these questions.

- (D) EVC Echeverria notes that the search for EVC is going forward. EVC Echeverria stated that she will work on a smooth transition and will be available to the new EVC from Santa Rosa.
- (E) Summer arts program is going forward with the selection of a new site.
- (F) Allison Jones has been testifying in Sacramento on a number of bills and issues.
- (G) EVC Echeverria was asked about the DPT legislation (not initiated by the CSU)- CSU is in a difficult position with this as related to the doctorate in nursing and the DPT. What happened- campus reps went to legislators in support of the DPT and the CSU decision was made not to move forward in support of this. EVC Echeverria suggested the public statement that accreditors back off from the doctoral requirement and that recognition of the very fine education offered in the CSU should be required. The ASCSU could support their colleagues in this discipline. Challenges to the DNP if the DPT is supported were identified as potential problems. Faculty of the senate stand in support of their faculty in this endeavor. Mark Van Selst noted that we have resolutions in support of authorization of independent doctoral degrees.
- (H) EVC Echeverria notes that the Early Start EO includes information that states that students will not be kept from being admitted as they attend Early Start course work. Presidents have the authority to make acceptions but acceptions should be a rare occurrence and EVC Echeverria does not want to see lots of students at the end of their program requesting accept- ions. Students have been concerned about this and the recommendation is that 2 student reps from the CSAA serve on the task force. EVC Echeverria is getting input from a number of groups (international students were not addressed and this information has been placed into the EO draft) There is a cost now for remediation and the feeling is that Early Start would cost money that is already being spent.
- (I) There is work being done on a certification process for students who have completed work within the CSU. This work will be completed this spring.
- (J) Currently, there is a lawsuit related to summer course funding to self support. The letter sent out this winter by both EVCs could have been interpreted as a violation of 802. Currently, there is a response to clarify 802 and this will be done slowly over the next year. There is no rush to address all of the 802 issues at this time.

5.2 Christine Mallon, State University Dean- Ken O'Donnell reported that Chris Mallon is currently working on nursing legislation AB1295. Ken O'Donnell he has been working on GE, including the very successful GE conference held yesterday.

5.3 Other

6. Liaison Reports:

- 6.1 Academic Technology Advisory Committee (ATAC): Steven Filling, Tapie Rohm)- No report
- 6.2 California Academic Partnership Program (CAPP): No report
- 6.3 Chancellor's Doctoral Incentive Policy Advisory Committee: No report
- 6.4 CSU Ed.D. Advisory Committee: Tapie Rohm, Jim Postma: No report
- 6.5 Disabilities Advisory Committee: Ken Nishita :
Ken Nishita provided a nice written report regarding this committee. The mental health report was briefly discussed. The questionnaire for the next cycle will include individual campus responses and the survey will be developed by an individual with survey research experience.
- 6.6 English Council: Susan Gubernat:

Susan Gubernat notes that she will be participate in a conference call about Early Start tomorrow. Susan prepared a report regarding the work of the council. Jim Postma discussed concerns about not admitting students who need remediation rather than starting Early Start work prior to beginning studies.

6.7 Commission on Extended University: No report

6.8 General Education Advisory Committee: Mark Van Selst, Margaret Costa, Patricia Kalayjian Jim Postma

The GE conference held yesterday was well attended with some good ideas presented including how people can go from a check box approach to a path approach for selected programs and the CSU looked good regarding this issue. The Chico plan for GE progression was discussed with 10 paths proposed; this will be a new GE plan that will be in place in the next 2-3 years. No feedback from the President's task force on GE at this time. An outcomes based approach to GE may be under consideration next year. Recommendation for next year is to explore outcome measures. Ken O'Donnell notes a resolution supporting outcome measures for GE on a pilot basis and then working with grant funders to get money for small, faculty driven pilot projects. Assessment parameters could also be included in the resolution as a suggestion. Faculty should be in charge of the assessment processes. Ken O'Donnell noted that he can help with the identification of best practices in this area and is willing to work with AA on these issues for next year's committee. The use of assessment at the student level is new for the CSU and the use of assessment at the course level for upper division GE (3 courses) many be addressed in a pilot study. Cal Poly Pomona is working with Riverside CC on a project that is related to this area. Definition of success in the Compass Project has been defined with a series of criteria according to Ken.

6.9 Institute for Teaching and Learning:

Paul O'Brien noted that the committee meets tomorrow morning- no major issues identified

6.10 International Programs: No report

6.11 Library Directors, Council of (COLD):

Jim Postma noted that there was a court case recently that blocked the University of Georgia from posting information on their website. There were no implications identified with this at this time

6.11 Student Health Services Advisory Committee:

Andrea Renwanz-Boyle noted that the committee met last month and will not meet again until the fall.

6.12 Sustainability Advisory Subcommittee Education and Research: James LoCascio, Paul O'Brien – No commentary to date

6.13 Other: None

7. Old Business

7.1 **AS-2942-10/AA College-Level Examination Program (CLEP)** –Revisions made by Mark Van Selst were reviewed by AA members and the resolution was approved for second reading tomorrow

7.2 **AS-2947-10/APEP/AA Consultation on Decisions Regarding Academic Information Technology-** No changes offered by AA members at this time. AA will be a co-sponsor of this resolution.

7.3 **AS-2948-10/APEP/AA Impact of Enrollment Management Decisions on Academic Programs-** No problems identified at this time by AA members

- 7.4 **AS-2950-10/APEP Facilitating Students' Academic and Career Goals in a Time of Economic Constraints-** AA declines to co-sponsor this resolution at this time
- 7.5 **Early Start Programs-** Jim Postma noted we have discussed this and passed a resolution earlier this year. John Tarjan noted that he is on the Early Start committee looking at implementation plans along with Bob Buckley. John Tarjan does not know what will happen but notes that the task force is looking at programs on campuses that already work. The policy would allow the CSU to offer intensive English courses. Math and English councils would put together rubrics to allow for reciprocity within the system (a centralization process). The English Council states that campuses should be free to do whatever they want. John Tarjan suggests that AA ask for feedback related to the resolution that was passed earlier this year by asking members of the CO staff come in to update the committee
- 7.6 Changing the Subject (See item 9 below.)
- 7.7 Other: None

8. New Items of Business

- 8.1 **Report of the Mental Health Task Force:** Report was sent to AA members last week. Jim Postma noted that there was a request for a resolution regarding this task force report. AA members had a discussion regarding the task force report and many issues related to the report were discussed. Steven Filling noted that members of the psychological services group on his campus had not seen the report and also expressed concerns about the case made for moving employees from CFA bargaining units. The report will be reviewed and potential resolutions related to the report developed in the fall.
- 8.2 **SB 1440 Student Transfer Achievement Reform Act (STAR):** Tapie Rohm asked how well we have done on LDTP in the past. Jim Postma noted that there was a lot of work done in this area but there was not a mechanism for problem solving included in this work. Tapie Rohm noted that there are problems with agreement on CCC and CSU upper division and lower division courses and in many instances the courses are the same. LDTP- course articulation efforts were noted to have generated problems in the past. AA members will continue to discuss these issues.
- 8.3 **Resolution on Appropriate Preparation in Facilitating Efficient Transfer: In Response to SB1440 (Padilla) and AB2302 (Fong):**
Mark Van Selst presented a resolution in response to this and provided context related to SB1440. The current thinking is that 59 units will be accepted for transfer (18 units in the major and the rest of the units in GE). It was voted by AA members to co-sponsor this resolution with either EXCOM and other co-sponsors. Suggestions for improvement of the resolution were offered by AA members including the addition of the legislation in the rational.
- 8.4 **Troops to College – Possible Resolution:**
Paul O'Brien and Andrea Boyle will continue to work on a resolution in support of mental health services/supports for veterans for the fall semester. Questions were raised about the funds available for veterans in general and Paul O'Brien is investigating these issues with his campus chief of police as relates to a future AA resolution. Susan suggests that there should be some consideration for faculty support in addition to student support services and this should be considered in the resolution.

8.5 AB 2382 Doctor of Physical Therapy:

Chris Miller (APEP member) came to discuss revisions to this resolution- including the 4th resolve clause that has language in support of the DPT legislation. The resolution was discussed by AA members who agreed to co-sponsor the resolution. Input was solicited from the faculty at SFSU regarding support for this resolution. There is support for the DPT and also for joint doctoral degrees.

8.6 Other:- Discussion of Successful Implementation of SB 724 for CSU

Independent EdD Degree- This was discussed by AA members who voted to co-sponsor this resolution with FGA and APEP. One suggestion was made to add a distribution list to the resolution.

9. Time Certain: 9:00 a.m., Thursday, May 6:

AA members will attend a session with Dr. Joni Finney, Graduate School of Education, University of Pennsylvania.

10. Other: Susan Gubernat noted that there are student concerns on her campus related to the MBA fees as students note that they are paying more in fees but receiving fewer services than other students and the classes they need are not available. Jim Postma noted that faculty asked for participation in the committees looking at how fees are spent on each of the campuses. Susan Gubernat requested information from other campuses about this issue.

11. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned by Jim Postma, Chair at 4PM.

Meeting minutes submitted by Andrea Boyle.