

**Committee on Teacher Education & K-12 Relations (TEKR)**  
**Meeting Summary**  
**March 10, 2004**

Attending: Calvin Caplan (also at budget summit), Marshall Cates (chair), Sam Edelman, Marvin Klein, Tom Krabacher, Barbara Swerkes, James Wheeler

Guests: Gail Hutchinson, Beverly Young (Chancellor's Office)

**I. Preliminary Business:**

Chair Cates called the meeting to order at 10:10AM. He then provided a quick overview of the agenda and made the following announcements:

- A. Chair Cates summarized the Executive Committee discussion regarding the two resolutions TEKR currently has before the full senate. Strategies for addressing the questions the ExCom raised in regarding to the resolutions were the discussed.
- B. Jim Wheeler raised the question of budget cuts to the ASCSU and their possible impact on committee structure. Chair Cates added it to the agenda and suggested discussion be expanded to include coping with budget cuts, in general.

**II. Reports:**

1. *Beverly Young* reported on five items:

- A. A letter sent by the CSU to CCTC on the continuing issue of the CCTC's position on the ability of approved programs to grant waivers. The CSU argues that the CCTC needs to change its definition of the term "approved" in this context.
- B. The fee increase topic has been pulled from next week's Board of Trustees agenda in response to criticism from the governor's office, which is holding firm to its proposed 10% increase.
- C. Questions are now being asked of the ITP Taskforce about guidelines for single subject programs. The Taskforce has not moved very rapidly on this given (1) the small number of such programs in the state and (2) the difficulty of establishing a broad consensus. Discussion the ensued regarding the state of such programs in various disciplines.
- D. Update was provided on the accreditation plan: COA has approved in concept the plan put forth by the higher educ. group, but the CCTC will not take it up until May.
- E. CCTC has proposed a plan to all university's for establishing a fifth year program—a throwback to the old credential plan. School districts are outraged, seeing it as an attempt by universities to by-pass induction. So far only San Bernardino has submitted a plan, although 16 others are developing them. Dean's group will discuss whether to oppose the fifty-year plan in general; Beverly Young feels it would be best if CSU opts out of plan.

2. Krabacher reported on two items:

*CCTC:* Little had taken place since the last meeting.

*Legislation:* The status of the following bills was summarized:

SB1415 (Brulte)—calls for a common course numbering system statewide and across segments;

SB1745 (Scott/Alpert): calls for what the authors refer to as a "dual admission" program that would require establishment of a common 45-unit core for all

majors, with students completing the common core receiving priority admission.

AB 655 (Liu): calls for combining CPEC and CSAC.

AB 1932: establishment of a community college B.A. degree.

...and several legislative items addressing textbook costs.

### **III. Legislative Days Update:**

Senators Hood and Reagan from FGA provided an update on legislative day planning. This year, campus senate delegations will visit key legislators (identified beforehand) in their districts. Key issues: the budget and its local campus impact. Other possible issues are: student fees, weakening of the master plan, and impact on quality.

### **IV. Resolutions:**

The committee completed revision of the two resolutions—AS 2641-04 and AS 2640-04—that it currently has before the senate.

### **V. PTA Meeting:**

The organization and content of the TEKR presentation at the May 6-7<sup>th</sup> PTA Conference at the Long Beach Convention Center was discussed. The committee decided that the basic focus would be on:

- the Early Assessment Project
- facilitating success/transfer

The goal is to focus on the positive, what we are doing well. Marshall Cates, Sam Edelman, and Jim Wheeler were identified as likely presenters. However, a call to the conference organizers later on determined it was too late to get TEKR the agenda, but arrangements were made to meet with the leadership for about an hour.

### **VI SciGETC (sp?) /Science GE Transfer Curriculum:**

Topic was introduced by Jim Wheeler. The agreement creates a transfer package that assists students in completing both their major prerequisite requirements as well as certification in selected GE areas (without identifying a set number of GE units). Two questions were raised:

- (1) Is the GE Committee's recommendation allowing two deferred GE courses sufficient?
- (2) Where does the recommendation go from here?

### **VII. ASCSU Budget Cuts**

Ways of coping with an expected \$150k cut to the ASCSU budget were discussed, including: reducing the number of standing committees, reducing the membership on standing committees (i.e., not all senators would have committee assignments), and campus subsidies for their senators. It was generally agreed, that if this budget reduction materializes, it would most likely be met by reductions in assigned time.

### **VIII. Meeting adjourned at about 3:15PM to reconvene briefly the next morning at 9:30AM.**

*--Submitted by Tom Krabacher*