Minutes – Interim Meeting
ASCSU Executive Committee
Teleconference/Zoom conference
5 December 2014
8:00 - 14:00

1. Call to Order: 8:06 a.m.

2. Attendance: Julie Chisholm, Steven Filling, Susan Gubernat, Diana Guerin, Chris Miller, Praveen Soni, Steven Stepanek.

2.1 Time Certain - 8:30-9:30 - Extended Executive Committee

3. Approval of Agenda with updates below:
   Liaison time: noon.
   Lunch until 1 pm.
   Will ask chairs about rejoining Exec, to report as needed.

4. Approval of Minutes
   Teleconference[s]: 10 Oct, 18 Nov: approved

5. Announcements
   None

6. Reports
   Chair Filling met this week with Guerin and Stepanek on different subcommittees of three people moving forward 3-4 names for each subgroup for the Wang awards. Next step is that all committee members will review and then identify the recipients; still planning to announce winners in January. Good consensus was reached each time in their deliberations.

   Institute for Teaching and Learning (ITL) Search: Guerin reported that the search committee met Tuesday at the CO. There were only three applicants for the position; the committee interviewed them and is hoping for more. They had some concern about over-representation from the Long Beach area, yet this is probably due to the requirement to reside there. The committee forwarded comments to AVC Chris Mallon through their committee chair. Now it’s wait and see in terms of what Mallon decides. Filling agreed to discuss the description of the job and the residency requirements.
requirement with AVC Ron Vogel to express concern about its geographical requirement and the impact that may have had on the pool of candidates.

Vice Chair Miller reported on the Associate Director of Academic Policies search to which she and Guerin were appointed. It drew very few applicants (12), and the majority were not qualified. Interviews were scheduled for next week on Dec. 10, and the search committee have just learned that two have withdrawn, including the one clearly qualified individual The search is being suspended and Mallon will reconsider. As in the search above, Excom’s advice on this position is needed since, again, the residency requirement may be a reason for the sparseness of the pool. As above, Filling will broach the issue of these searches with the Chancellor, and hopes to do so in a group meeting with him.

Chisholm reported on the Course Modalities task force: So far, the CO has already come up with descriptions that resemble those in the ASCSU resolution of last year; the task force is now trying to ensure theirs match the ASCSU descriptions.

Discipline Council people are having difficulty scheduling a meeting, and won’t do so until January.

7. Old Business
7.1 Attendance at Interim Meetings
There is a need for conversation about coordination of the entire day given that our schedules are interdependent. Extended Exec and Exec need to meet, and liaisons have to meet at the same time, and report back. When committee meetings are foreshortened, or start later, or if committees are now organized to work in subgroups, problems can ensue—in the last instance, assigning work to a single person or a few persons in a subgroup may mean work does not get done. There was discussion of how Exec needs to pay more attention to manage the work of the committees.

7.2 120/180 Update and Discussion
Letters granting exceptions have now been sent out to campuses from the Chancellor. Questions coming up: What if program want to now increase units? What about new programs? Modified programs? At the senate chairs' meeting questions like these arose, and it was suggested that campus chairs send Exec their concerns. Maybe Exec can reach out to campuses to identify a point person for particular programs. Should we identify a senator do so for engineering programs? Concerns include how GE is working across the system and for transfer. The advantage of a discipline council in Engineering, vs. the Engineering Deans group, as a reference point for these issues was discussed.

Exec members felt it important to prepare some questions to ask the Chancellor about system-wide GE and accreditation issues going forward. Not an independent group but a joint group with CO staff. How might there also be a better model for future work on this issue with the new Executive Vice Chancellor? Other curricula beyond Engineering could experience an impact in their GE curriculum, e.g., Music, International Business.

Is there still work to be done to assess how the exceptions process went forward on the various campuses? Do we need campus narratives as well as better assurance of a process going forward that protects shared governance when exceptions are sought?
7.3 **Academic Affairs funding faculty consultants through ASCSU**
Filling has needed to learn more information, but doesn’t yet have the data from the ASCSU office. Will carry this issue forward.

7.4 **Governance Issues [SJSU & Chico]**
Filling has consulted with the Senate Chair on the San Jose campus; she acknowledged that they feel as if they are in a “downward spiral” there. The ASCSU resolution on no-confidence votes was shared with the San Jose faculty leadership, who would like some help in approaching the Chancellor on their continuing concerns about their administration. Trustee Stepanek’s site visit last Monday to SJSU involved meetings with faculty and students; he attended their senate meeting and cabinet meeting; their president wasn’t in attendance, and his conversations must remain confidential. Unlike at Chico, however, there doesn’t seem to be a path forward. SJSU senate leadership will continue their talks in Feb. and March, with a possible vote of some kind in March. There may be some conversations at the BOT in January. (Note: Filling attempted to address the SJSU situation with the Chancellor privately at the Academic Conference, but there was little time for a confidential conversation). Both Filling and Stepanek want to find a way get this on the Chancellor’s radar. Meanwhile, the Chico Senate Chair is supposed to meet with their president soon to discuss campus climate conditions there. Filling will follow up on the Chico situation.

7.5 **Capitol Visits [January]**
The fall lobbying planned with the legislature didn’t work out, so January lobbying is being discussed. Filling is talking about scheduling such with FGA Chair Krabacher and Legislative Specialist Swartz, possibly scheduling a day or two in Sacramento for “meet and greets,” and also spending time talking with consultants to committees. Doodle poll may go out to confirm dates and availability.

7.6 **Performance Measures [Laura Metune & Monica Henestroza]**
Filling sent Monica Henestroza the ASCSU resolution on performance measures passed at the November plenary. He hopes to talk further with her and Laura Metune, who have sought ASCSU counsel on the matter of performance measures, with some hope for improvement. If there is a meeting, it was agreed that it would be a good idea for Vice Chair Miller to accompany Filling for note-taking and support.

7.7 **Monthly Budget Reports**
Deferred.

7.8 **Veterans Affairs [holding on Swartz]**
Deferred.

7.9 **SB 850 process follow-up**
Deferred.

8. **New Business**

8.1 **Appointment – Pathways**
Bill Eadie (San Diego Senator and Chair, ASCSU Academic Affairs) was appointed.

8.2 **SB 15 position**
Deferred.

8.3 Biweekly call [late Dec/early Jan]
Deferred.

8.4 ICAS issues [15 Dec]
Deferred.

8.5 Role of standing committee liaisons [CO]
Deferred.

8.6 Legislative Specialist duties
Deferred.

8.7 Guests for January Plenary
So far the list includes: Chancellor White; EVC of Human Resources Lori Lamb (with an emphasis on ways to work on hiring, in particular); Gerry Hanley and Eric Forbes on CourseMatch; Elvyra San Juan; Ed Sullivan. Possible BOT members to invite: Norton, Eisen, Kimball, Faigin.

Additional items:
The need to see a COERC budget: after multiple conversations with the Director, Filling has yet to see a final budget. Meanwhile, the COERC Director wants to move forward with an RFP in January. ICAS needs to approve.

Committee Chairs’/Liaisons Report Back Post-Committee Meetings:

FGA Chair Krabacher:
• Committee may explore interest in the subject of net neutrality;
• Discussion of LAO reports: both useful. Cal Facts is a snapshot of the current CA economy, nothing new but a good reference, fact-wise. The blog on the economy and taxes provides periodic updates; though not currently crucial, it is worth monitoring on a regular basis to explore information in the interim between LAO reports.
• As FGA Liaison, Miller discussed that there may be support for SB 15, but the committee will need to see the language of the bill as it develops; she hopes that Filling will follow up with the press and Krabacher with Block’s office. There is also a need to monitor SB 850 mission creep, especially in light of comments heard at ICAS about possibly going over 60 units in community college transfer degrees. (See ICAS minutes when available.)
• Possible legislative score-card could be in the offing, though not necessarily what CSSA has pursued.
• Can FGA look at the Wiley library journals agreement and the expenses involved for campuses?

AA Chair Eadie:
The committee did not get to the Mallon report, but spent time talking about the various subcommittees’ projects: active learning, high-impact practices or engagement strategies—these are moving well. Members are suggesting best practices across the system for those struggling (or not) with assessment. Senator and GEAC Chair Van Selst addressed the Algebra II issue, also moving forward—it remains controversial, and the committee needs to take in all sides. There is a desire to
follow up on Ethnic Studies but not to duplicate the task force work currently underway (Was advised to consult with Loretta Kensigner, who is on that task force). Ken O'Donnell reported on EO 1065 changes: essentially, the interest is in the 2.0 GPA for the Golden Four; O'Donnell says campus officials are in agreement about a “C” grade required in all four. He reports major improvements in the current draft of EO 1065 and will get it back to Exec for final consultation. Michelle Pilati will attend January meeting to discuss pilot program on linked learning.

The committee also reviewed their advice on SB 850 and modified it slightly. They want to add a specific time period for whoever is reviewing these degrees to make sure consultation occurs between the CSU reviewing committee and the community college proposing the baccalaureate degree. Dialogue needs to occur before results are permanent. Re: Academic Sustainability task force: interest expressed in how SUGs are being discussed. Finally, AA will share hosting the reception at the January plenary.

APEP: Chisholm had to leave the call; will send a written liaison report for APEP. Says there is little information to share; the meeting seemed to end abruptly.

FA Chair Foroohar
FA: faculty are interested in doing some data collection but have found no structure they can work in. There is a concern about letting faculty know that it is a matter of academic freedom and they should not be denied access to data. Will share a recent memo on the subject with Exec and hopes that Exec will discuss with the Chancellor. FA is also concerned that there have been no CO responses to the resolutions as of yet, though the expectation was that the ASCSU would see them before the interim meetings. The committee members are working on two resolutions in second reading. They do not expect any first-reading items for the January plenary.

9. Adjournment: 2:03 p.m.