Executive Committee and Extended Executive Committee Minutes

December 7, 2012

Participants
Executive Committee: Guerin, Filling, Brodowsky, Miller, Nelson, Postma
Extended Executive Committee: AA Yee-Melichar, APEP Tarjan, FA Baaske, FGA LoCascio
Faculty Trustee: Cheyne

Call to Order
Meeting called to order at 8:15 a.m.

Approval of Agenda
Agenda approved as amended

Approval of Minutes
Minutes of November 7, 2012 approved as submitted.

Member Announcements
Bob Buckley, Chair of APEP is hospitalized and will not attend.
Glen Brodowsky attended a CMS meeting at his campus and will keep serve as liaison for Executive Committee to CMS Common HR system for faculty.
Christine Helwick has announced her retirement.

Chair’s Report
Standing Committee Chairs joined the meeting in time for the Chair’s Report:

WASC Redesign Feedback from ASCSU: Chair Guerin reported on an effective process used to prepare ASCSU comments to WASC on the revised handbook and process. The group has subsequently received a new revision of the handbook, and she will compare the ASCSU report to the new revision.

CSU Long Beach Event: President King Alexander hosted an educational forum with Academic Senate Chairs and Community Colleges. The discussion centered higher education in a post proposition 30 California.
Little Hoover Commission: Chair Guerin was interviewed by a representative of the commission to discuss issues concerning higher education. She will attend a hearing of the Little Hoover Commission at Long Beach City College in the next few months.

Constitutional Amendment on Academic Freedom: CSU San Bernardino became the 11th campus to approve the amendment. It was not approved by CSU Northridge. As we approach ratification, we should work toward getting this on the BOT agenda.

SB 1052/1053 Update: This is the open educational resources bill (Steinberg). Chairs of three segment academic senates met with the senator and his chief of staff. There is no matching money yet, which is required to match state funding, but there are leads. The chief of staff mentioned that UCLA is hosting a conference on MOOCs, and faculty leaders should attend. In Sacramento today, Michelle Pilati is speaking at a panel on online education.

Cal State Online Update: See below in EVC Quillian’s comments.

Governor’s Tolerance Committee: Tracy Butler is investigating whether or not this task force is still active.

Interim Chancellor Ben Quillian’s Report to Campus Senate Chairs: At yesterday’s meeting of the campus senate chairs, Dr. Quillian outlined the following list of issues he has prepared for Chancellor White:

1. Cal State Online might need more seed money – up to $5 million being considered; the business plan is not yet well developed, too razor thin.

2. SUG: nationwide, there concern about middle class subsidizing the students with financial need through fees

3. CMS: CSU beginning work on HR and accounts payable

4. Quarter to Semester conversion – presidents are working on this and interested in moving to a common calendar

5. Capital priorities: campuses have needs for renovation and repair

6. Recruiting senior faculty and administrators with the pension reform will be a challenge given the salary cap

7. Purchasing at system level—continuing to search for efficiencies and leveraging system size for better contracts

8. Strategic enrollment targets – can’t afford to take continue taking students at the margins; changes to enrollment targets may differ across campuses

9. Healthcare benefits—CSU pays more costs than other state agencies, and Quillian understands that employees cannot be asked to pay more without helping to offset the costs, particularly given no raises for several years
10. Cap and trade law—three CSU campuses generate power and are exceeding the limits allowed, costing $3 million

**Trustee Report**
The BOT meeting minutes have gone out. Trustee Cheyne reported that at her campus Senate meeting, it was announced that Chancellor Reed would retire on December 7 and that EVC Ben Quillian would be interim Chancellor until the arrival of Chancellor White. Trustee Cheyne will work with the ASCSU on the 120/180 unit limit agenda item.

**Old Business**
**Brief reports on EXCOMM assignments**
- ASCSU 50th Anniversary – Filling – no change.
- Closing the loop on resolutions – Filling – list is up to date not including November.
- Newsletter – Miller – As we prepare reports/articles, we need to write for a broader audience (free of acronyms and names that may unfamiliar to rank and file faculty). Tracy Butler updated the committee about the process of using the newsletter template.
- New Senator Orientation – Nelson – May offer another orientation in the spring to discuss the work of the standing committees. Information will also be provided for new senators online.
- SB 1440 – Postma – Philosophy and Spanish TMC approval is imminent.
- Smoke-free CSU
- Waiting for CO response.

**Extended Executive Committee**

**Agenda**
Approved.

**November Minutes**
Approved.

**Standing Committee Chair Reports**
- AA – Darlene – Ron Vogel attended in place of Mallon and O’Donnell. Pasternack has agreed to sit in as an observer of CSO meetings. On the Baccalaureate Unit Limits, Mallon provided a revised timeline who has explained that this is not a proposal to limit the number of units students can earn, but a limit on the number of units of degrees. The conversation focused on analyzing data to determine whether or not high unit majors take longer to graduate. The committee is waiting to see what is coming back to the BOT agenda in January to weigh in on the process. On the consolidation on the three executive orders on international education, Chancellor Reed signed them without faculty consultation. AA will weigh in on the signed EOs before following up. Postma noted that the signed executive orders are posted on the CO website. A small subcommittee was set up to
discuss the indicators and compare across campuses to determine best practices and work on a white paper on the commitment to addressing achievement gaps AA in the Access to Excellence Strategic Plan.

AA will follow up with APEP on C-ID. AA has been requested to approve a policy speaking to the 2.0 GPA requirement on the CSU Golden Four. At this time, AA would like to refer this back to the campuses. In January, AA will take up discussion of the system-wide grading system. AA would like to contribute to the discussion on the resolution on SUGS. Individuals will share their thoughts with Soni and Postma. AA is interested in co-sponsorship of APEP resolutions on SCIGETC, EXCOMM on a Smoke-free CSU Resolution, as well as the APEP resolution on the individual characteristics of CSU campuses.

In terms of new business, AA will invite Judith Lessow Hurley to its meeting to follow up on a request from COLD concerning CSO and the use of library resources.

AA commended the chair and sub-committee on their work on the WASC redesign feedback. Individuals will send comments to Guerin.

- APEP – John Tarjan

APEP is perfecting three resolutions for second reading. Other issues on the APEP agenda include the Smarter Balance Common Core to replace EAP as well as a report from the English Council on remediation.

There has been a request from EXCOMM dealing with CAPP and its executive director. EXCOMM will follow up on the director search.

Update on the SB1440 webinar. Certain campuses and community colleges were pointed out as exemplars of how to implement (and not to implement) SB 1440.

- FA – Kevin Baaske

FA tweaked, but has not completed tweaking, its bylaw change on electing chairs. The committee decided to retain the proposed method of having the committees elect their chairs rather than the entire ASCSU electing the committee chairs.

At this point there are no additional resolutions on the agenda.

Regarding following up on FA authored resolutions passed last year, the chair reported that he has been directed to convey that once a resolution is passed, it is the bodies, not a committees. Therefore, any follow-up should be undertaken by the Executive Committee, not a standing committee. But if this view does not prevail, FA does not like the three options given it: red=on our current agenda, yellow=taking action, and green=satisfied. We propose a fourth color, mauve=not satisfied, but not on our agenda. FA believes that this option is desirable in some situations where, for example, we ask for something to occur and it does not, but asking again is unlikely to yield a different outcome or the passage of time makes the action irrelevant.
The committee might not be satisfied, but it doesn’t wish to retain it on its agenda.

FA discussed, but declined to act, on the following issues:

1. Assuring faculty rights in online endeavors—Senate Chairs have been reminded, several times, to look at their Intellectual Property policies and to create them if they have none or to update them if they need updating.

2. Absent additional information we are not convinced that private donors are interfering with faculty research, scholarship or creative activities.

3. FA has tabled the role that faculty have in the decision of whether or not to convert to semesters for the time being.

4. FA does NOT wish to ask campus senates to consider establishing a policy for the election of faculty to presidential search advisory committees because it is too paternalistic—although we might suggest this via the senate chairs list serve.

5. FA is going to discuss the WASC guideline that calls for institutions to have clearly define “the governance roles, rights, and responsibilities of all categories of full- and part-time faculty.”

6. FA declined to add the issue raised by the Chair at SFSU regarding the passing grade for GE courses, thinking that this was an AA matter.

- FGA – Praveen Soni

FGA discussed feedback on the WASC guidelines revisions.
Planning for Spring Advocacy – Members of FGA, in concert with EXCOMM, hopes to go to Sacramento. Discussion with EXCOMM focused on the best strategies for the timing and frequency of visits.

FGA has heard back from three campuses regarding the SUG resolution and is eagerly awaiting responses from others. FGA is considering a resolution on the compensation of Chancellor White. FGA is considering sustainability in the CSU and higher education. FGA also discussed the support budget for the CSU and how it relates to both access and quality. CSU SLO is coming out with its report on quarter/semester.

Baccalaureate Unit Limit
Asked AA to look at the process for achieving this goal on a program-by-program and campus-by-campus basis. Trustee Cheyne is interested in developing an alternative to what is already on the BOT agenda.

New Chancellor Transition
ASCSU polled to determine priorities to share with Chancellor White. EXCOMM factor analyzed the items solicited from the committees. This resulted in four categories (see attached).
EXCOMM New Business

Planning for January Plenary
Invitees are Chancellor White, a representative for CMS, and a representative of CSO.

Special Committee Concerning MOOCS in the CSU
Guerin, Filling, and Brodowsky will work on a charge.

Advisory Committee Re: Campus President Selection
FA will take up the issue of encouraging campuses to develop policy on election of at-large members of Advisory Committee to Trustees Committee for Selection of Campus Presidents.

Services to Students with Disabilities Committee
We will put out a call for an additional senator to serve on this committee.

ASCSU Observers to SBAC
Guerin will ask the Chair of FGA what the committee’s position is with respect to the Budget Specialist.

Liaison Committee Assignments
• Guerin will go to Academic Council meeting in January
• Postma will go to CSSA in Chico on January 19
• Filling will go to BOT meeting in January
• All of EXEC will attend ICAS on January 11
• Guerin will attend Alumni Council Conference Call January 25

Adjournment
Meeting adjourned 2PM.
Attachment: ASCSU Priorities

Redesigning Shared Governance
1. Consultation process prior to [curricular?] items appearing on BOT; clarifying the role of Executive Council. (EC1)
2. Respect for shared governance—faculty included at the formative stage of drafting strategies to deal with challenges that confront the CSU. For example, the last year has seen controversy with CO engaging in CSO, GE, 120 units changes without faculty input. In our view budget transparency is part of effective shared governance. (FA1)
3. Honoring faculty control of and primacy over the curriculum. (FA5)
4. Shared Governance: (1) follow ASCSU Resolution ASCSU 2489; the Chancellor and ASCSU chair will present to the body the state of shared governance (2) policies for academic restructuring. (FGA2)
5. Moving from shared governance as a reactive process to one of participatory problem analysis and problem-solving in which AA and ASCSU go together to the BOT with recommendations. (APEP1)
6. Restoring ASCSU budget to allow senators to meet
7. Reinstituting annual retreat with senators, executives, and trustees (This is what I was trying to remember at the end of the call—Diana)

Investing in Academic Excellence
1. Academic excellence and quality – Faculty hiring, degree unit limits, technology assisted learning. (EC3)
2. Investment in faculty, as expressed in A2E/FA report on faculty, including tenure-track faculty hiring and development. (FA2)
3. Faculty morale, workload, and compensation. (FA3)
4. The need for a GSI salary increase for the faculty. (FGA1)
5. Support for faculty development. (FGA4)
6. SFR going wrong way

CSU Mission and Strategic Planning
1. Concern of privatization of public higher education. (AA2)
2. Role of CO of centralization vs. campus-level decision-making. (AA3)
3. Vision of one system of 23 campuses vs. 23 universities loosely connected. (AA4)
4. Revisiting the mission of the CSU and aligning the strategic plan with the mission: (1) the suitable mix of teaching and research (2) for each campus there should be an appropriate baseline budget for technology/tools. (FGA3)
5. Positioning and then branding of the CSU. (FGA5)
6. CSO and its proper place in the CSU. (EC2)
7. System driven versus campus autonomy. (EC4)
8. CSUnity – speaking with one voice to the public and Legislature. (EC5)
9. Communication – improving internal and external communication. (EC6)
10. System driven versus campus autonomy. (EC4)

Academic Quality
1. Cal State Online and MOOC could be so big as to redefine the University. (FA4)
2. Development of discipline councils. (AA5)
3. Revisiting the mission of the CSU and aligning the strategic plan with the mission: (1) the suitable mix of teaching and research (2) for each campus there should be an appropriate baseline budget for technology/tools. (FGA3)
4. Support for faculty development. (FGA4)
5. The importance of accreditation and the role of WASC as the accreditation body. (FGA6)
6. CSO and its proper place in the CSU. (EC2)
7. Cal State Online and MOOC could be so big as to redefine the University. (FA4)