ASCSU Extended Executive Committee Meeting  
Munitz Room – CSU Chancellor’s Office  
21 January 2015  
08:30-10:00  
Minutes

1. Call to order: 8:38 a.m.

2. Attendance: Julie Chisholm, Bill Eadie, Steven Filling, Denise Fleming, Manzar Foroohar, Susan Gubernat, Diana Guerin, Thomas Krabacher, Chris Miller, Praveen Soni, Steven Stepanek
   a. Liaison time [3:30]

3. Approval of Agenda: approved

4. Approval of minutes 5 December 2014: approved

5. Announcements

Chair Filling reported that, on the matter of the CSU response to the CCC pilot programs, the Executive Committee will meet with Lars Walton and Chris Mallon at 1 pm today to discuss a process for review of the program proposals that would include faculty and campus expertise. The Chair of Academic Affairs is also invited to attend this meeting. Filling noted that yesterday’s press releases about these pilot programs were somewhat inaccurate: the list reported on by the media doesn’t entirely jibe with what the CSU was presented for review. Filling has communicated with Chancellor White and with Lars and hopes to bring an accurate picture of the scenario to the ASCSU plenary tomorrow. The focus of the afternoon meeting today will be on a way to go forward with a review process that includes faculty in identifying duplication between the CCC proposals and CSU programs and curricula.
Guerin noted that the State of the CSU address, which is on the BOT agenda next Tuesday and is slated to be live-streamed, will be important to remind people about. It is currently scheduled for 12:30, although, given past practice, could be delayed.

In response to questions, Filling shared news about Senator Shane Frehlich’s current situation. There doesn't appear to be a match for a bone-marrow transplant at this point, unfortunately. More chemo could be in the offing, and new research suggests there could be a half-match. Donations for Frehlich and family from ASCSU members so far have amounted to 1400 dollars; further donations should be sent directly to Filling. The question was raised: can sick leave be donated from another campus to help out in this situation through the Catastrophic Leave program? Can and will an exception be made in this instance, since senators are willing, across campuses, to donate sick time to Frehlich? Filling promised to address this issue with Vice Chancellor for Human Resources Lori Lamb and to report back, with the hope of developing an inter-campus donation process.

6. Reports

   a. Chair’s Report (Steven Filling)
   Filling noted that he will be reporting more to the body on the proposed pilots of community college baccalaureates (per SB 850) tomorrow.

   He noted that he has heard of some incongruities in MPP searches on campus, and suggests that campuses bring this up with Lori Lamb.

   On the matter of enrollment targets: Filling reports that all campuses want authorization to increase their targets, which now fall between 2 and 4 % increases.

   Re: the Sustainability Task Force on which he sits, together with Trustee Stepanek: There is discussion of shifting funding away from an FTES model. The task force is discussing how to find a way to revamp financial aid, in particular, SUGS, which could involve a reduction but not an elimination of them. He noted this could well be a contentious issue for a number of campuses.

   He reported that the CSU Director of Financial Aid will address this plenary on financial processes, SUGS, and campus issues.

   The newly-named Executive Vice Chancellor Loren Blanchard will be in Long Beach next week for formal BOT approval. Filling said that Blanchard will meet with him and Vice Chair Miller to begin discussing how to embark on a productive relationship.

   b. Academic Affairs (AA) (Bill Eadie, Chair)
   Eadie reported that the committee had a light agenda for today’s meeting. His committee is keeping a placeholder in the agenda for SB 850 issues, in case a resolution is needed later in the day. Ongoing projects of the committee are moving forward. The project on active
learning is moving along, with emphasis on the relationship to the strategic plan. Their project on assessment, specifically related to campus SLOS and ILOS, which WASC is placing emphasis on, is going forward; he expects to have a report on such by year’s end. AA’s agenda also has a placeholder for a report on the Ethnic Studies Task force; to date, no report has been forthcoming. He suggests that Senator Kensinger, who serves on the task force, address the committee in order for AA to have a head start on any issues that emerge. Regarding the Intermediate Algebra requirement: Eadie noted that there has been some progress made on that issue in GEAC. Ultimately, each sub-group of AA will break up to discuss how to move forward with their particular charge. The committee will also introduce at plenary a commendation resolution for planners of the 2014 Academic Conference.

c. Academic Preparation and Education Programs (APEP) Denise Fleming, Chair
Fleming reported that during their interim meeting in December there was continued discussion of the ERWC (Expository Reading and Writing Course) and the grade correlation that enables students who’ve taken the course at the high-school level to move into Freshman English. She noted that responses from members of the system’s English Council have made the situation more complex—not just in their response to the need for a grade of B and not of C, as is current practice, to be the minimum grade acceptable, but also because some English Council members object to the course’s being used to define college readiness in any case. Meanwhile, Eric Forbes has reiterated to the committee that the Early Start pilot and readiness testing have shown that there are definitely more students who are going to be “conditionally exempt”, especially in mathematics. Fleming notes that the Chancellor’s Office says to allow as many as possible to fulfill their requirements via Early Start, and that brings up questions about resources available to do so. APEP continues to ask for data on readiness measures. Ed Sullivan has been invited to address the committee to discuss these.

Another issue for APEP to address is the new federal regulations for teacher preparation, which call for an annual assessment and rating of every program—an unfunded mandate, as evidenced in an SF State review by faculty. Millions of dollars are involved, ten times as much as the feds have estimated. With test-based accountability and problems of validity, new teachers will be loath to work in high-need, low-performance areas. The committee has drafted a new resolution on the matter and shared it with their CO liaisons. Fleming drew people’s attention to Bev Young’s analysis and call for withdrawal. Given the timeliness of the situation, APEP will probably request a first-reading waiver.

d. Faculty Affairs (FA) (Manzar Foroohar, Chair)
Foroohar first suggested that to prepare for the above-referenced meeting with the new Executive Vice Chancellor that a list of issues that the senate had dealt with in the past be drawn up and presented to him in order to focus on the issues and the role of shared governance.
She noted that the two resolutions that the committee has been working on—on academic freedom and on the role of non-tenured faculty in shared governance, both in second reading—are nearly ready; they will be presented on the floor at the plenary.

Other issues that the committee is working on that could become actions: revisiting the RSCA report of 1987 to look at its award formula. In 1987, 14.5 M dollars were recommended, whereas currently it has been much less from the CO, i.e., about 2.7M. The old formula would suggest an estimate now of 23 M per year. The committee is also interested in pursuing a request for more resources for recruiting t/t faculty, perhaps by suggesting a reallocation of the hiring budgets for MPPs. During the period 2003-2012 the CO’s Human Resources have numbers showing that FTES have increased 4.4% but the average faculty salary has not kept pace with such increases. What seems to have gone up quickly are the positions in student services but not in instruction.

Forooohar noted that there are no new developments in the presidents’ reviews. Likewise, the committee has heard little about the Ethnic Studies task force work.

She reported on a new memo on international travel to high-hazard areas that supersedes last year’s memo. This new memo gives more for the decision to allow faculty to travel to such areas to campus presidents and not to the CO. While the memo promotes campus autonomy, an unintended result is that faculty could be treated differently on different campuses. She noted that is not a question of insurance; no one has been turned down for insurance reasons. But campus presidents now approve such travel before it gets to the insurance company and there could be violations of academic freedom in decisions not to allow travel. At the same time, there is no structure for reporting violations of academic freedom, system-wide. Should there be a resolution on the matter? Should campus senate chairs be alerted to this situation? In reply, it was suggested that a statement on the matter, linking to AAUP principles, could be prepared for the newsletter, which goes out to campuses. Another suggestion was for an article on the issue of academic freedom itself in the newsletter. AAUP-related conferences on academic freedom in March at East Bay and in June in D.C. were also alluded to.

On the matter of tenure/track hiring, Filling noted that Lori Lamb is interested in further discussions of a more systematic approach and this should be discussed in FA.

Finally, the committee is concerned that there have been no timely responses of the CO to the November resolutions. (Filling noted that he has asked nine times for the CO response.)

e. Fiscal and Governmental Affairs (FGA) (Tom Krabacher, Chair)
Krabacher reported that for this plenary, the committee is “light” on resolutions. They have prepared a resolution thanking those who lent their support to the successful efforts to pass AB 2324. The committee will ask for a waiver of this resolution, which seems appropriate, given its timeliness.
FGA also plans to come forward with draft letters, to send a more personalized response of thanks, to be used by Chair Filling. Such letters would be sent to Chancellor White, the Board of Trustees, Karen Yelverton-Zamarripa, Assembly-member Das Williams, and Governor Brown.

The committee may also work on a resolution on the effects of the proposed Time-Warner merger with Comcast, that is, its potential impact on net neutrality and access in higher ed. Krabacher does not expect such a resolution will be ready for the plenary this time, however.

The committee will hear a number of reports: Yelverton-Zamarripa will address FGA on the make-up of the new legislature and the implications for higher ed. Nathan Evans will be following up with data on the numbers of students who were eligible but denied admission. It is expected that he will have data on individual campuses. Since APEP may be interested in this report, that committee is invited to send a representative for this 1 p.m. briefing. Lori Redfearn from Advancement will speak about policies, or lack thereof, governing the use of foundation funds on campuses. Christian Osmena from the CA Dept. of Finance will speak about the governor’s budget proposal and its implications for the CSU.

The committee will also be doing some legislative monitoring, preparing for their omnibus resolution on legislation for the March plenary. Krabacher noted he will try to clarify the flow of information as people have contact with legislators, not wanting the same situation as occurred with AB 46 to emerge again (that is, how we were seen to be on the support list for that legislation). On Friday, Yelverton-Zamarripa is holding her first meeting of the budget advocacy group and has asked Krabacher to attend. He will therefore have to miss Friday’s plenary session, and he will report on the meeting. He emphasized that, given the timing, it would be most helpful if Exec could get a new FGA Vice Chair in place.

Suggestions for others (such as Andy Martinez) to receive thank-you notes acknowledging their help in getting AB 2324 passed were made. There was a question of whether or not the e-journals/Wiley issue was on the FGA radar as well. Filling said he will also ask Gerry Hanley to address that situation at the plenary.

7. New Business

   a. SB 850: See Announcements above.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Gubernat
Secretary, ASCSU