Executive Committee

MINUTES
Wednesday, January 16, 2013
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 pm
Time Certains:
8:30 Extended Executive Committee
11:00 Chancellor White
Munitz Room, Chancellor’s Office

Present
Guerin, Filling, Brodowsky, Miller, Nelson, Postma,
Cheyne, Butler

Call to Order
Meeting was called to order at 8:04 a.m.

Approval of Agenda
Agenda was approved as presented.

Approval of Minutes
December 2012 Minutes were approved as presented.

Member Announcements
1. Brodowsky provided an update on online course
development and the need to send the message
that resources are needed to support proper
implementation. The Governor has earmarked
$10 million to online instruction, but how do
ASCSU and the faculty provide advice how these
monies can be best used to develop, implement,
and evaluate online learning? ATAC was suggested
as the venue for this recommendation.

2. Cheyne will meet with Mallon about the 120/180
issue at 10 am.

Staff Report
Budget report delayed until Jan 17.
Chair’s Report
Written report submitted.

Trustee Report
Trustee Cheyne is working on the Baccalaureate unit issue that is currently on BOT agenda. She is preparing a document for next week’s BOT meeting. She was asked to get information about the status of the interim presidents.

Old Business
1. Brief reports on Exec Comm assignments
   a. Closing the loop on resolutions – Steven – no update.
   b. Newsletter - Chris and Glen – Discussed soliciting an article about Chancellor White’s visit to the Senate and following up on unasked questions to see if we can ask them of the chancellor.
   c. New Senator Orientation – Catherine offered a brief report on the committee information list to be distributed electronically.
   d. SB 1440 – Jim – EXCOMM strategized about future plans. The inter-relationships among CID, SB1440, and articulation was discussed.

2. ASCSU 50th Anniversary – Reviewed attachment and discussed potential stand-in for the Chancellor, who will not be able to attend. The agenda was discussed as between 1 and 5 PM followed by a reception. Questions to be addressed during breakout sessions were discussed. (“How can faculty, working through shared governance, shape the future of higher education in a changing technological, economic, political, and global environment?”). The sessions will be followed by a reporting out of the discussions.

3. Smoke Free CSU Resolution – Moved to the plenary agenda as a second reading item.

New Business
1. CO Response to November resolutions – We expect this Baccalaureate Unit Limit will be in the chair’s report to the BOT and we await input from the plenary. There is a concern about the timing of responses from the CO.

2. Advisory Committee on Services to Students with Disabilities – Appointed Betsey Eudey.
3. Smarter Balanced Assessment Joint Committee - Need faculty to attend meetings to provide advice on the replacement for EAP. Appointed Jim Postma, Mark Van Selst, Maghild Lien, Glen McClish, Robby Ching, Sandra Chong.

4. Special Committee on MOOCs – Feedback from the standing committees will be submitted to the Chair by Thursday, Jan 17 at 8:30 am.

5. SJSU-Udacity Contract – ASCSU leaders worked with CFA and other two segment senate chairs to identify key communication points at the event sponsored by Twenty Million Minds at UCLA. The statement developed by Filling recast the role of the faculty as cutting edge cautious in using technology, when online instruction is appropriate and under which circumstances. That is, pedagogy must match student needs.

6. Tolerance Committee - We will work on a statement to be posted in our minutes that will be available on the website rather than respond to repeated emails. This should be vetted through legal counsel.

7. Appointing faculty to SB 1052 COER Council – Need to appoint 3 CSU faculty. Criteria – use of OER materials, various disciplines representatives, 1-3 year commitment, half time for at least a year. We should send out a call to campus senate chairs, faculty development directors on campuses, CC to Provosts. Also put it into the Faculty-to-Faculty newsletter and on Merlot.

8. Committee assignment for Andrea – we should consult with returning Senator Boyle and make the appointment based upon that.

9. FGA request for vice chair to be on system budget advisory committee as an observer. Diana will request that Jim be copied on the LD for committee communications.

Liaison Reports
1. FA
   a. Asked if FA will be responsible for the March social given that it is the 50th anniversary.
   b. Closing the loop – they did not get a magenta option to use when they are not satisfied with the follow up – what are they going to do? What happens when they are not satisfied with the response and there is
nothing further to be done. EXEC needs examples of specific resolutions so that it can respond to this concern.

c. Input on MOOC task force – The SJSU issue has been blown out of proportion. Focusing on MOOCS and Udacity is too narrow; the issue is broader in terms of technology and distance education in the CSU. We should begin by talking about what kinds of hybrid and online programs are already being done in the CSU.

d. Session with Chancellor White – They are encouraged, but will take a wait and see approach. They do have some questions to ask the Chancellor through the newsletter and through the Chair.

2. AA
   a. Some feedback on questions for the New chancellor. What is sense of the character of the CSU? What are his thoughts about the value of campus autonomy? Also asked about what he feels about ASCSU and CFA.
   b. AA had a presentation from SDSU about closing the achievement gap. Would like to have them make the presentation to the full ASCSU.
   c. Very interested in task force on MOOCS.

3. APEP
   a. Had a similar response to broadening the scope of MOOC task force and looking at what types of hybrid and distance education.
   b. Working on rationale on resolution concerning unique characteristics of each campus.

4. FGA
   a. FGA has not yet seen the Faculty Trustee’s document on baccalaureate unit limitations
   b. SBAC joint committee – Concerned about big gap between 8th and 11th grade and some data about declining trends among HS graduates.
   c. MOOCS – need to look beyond the US model
   d. FGA talked with Robert Turnage about how SUGS work in the CSU budget. FGA will withdraw its resolution on SUGS. There is some need for some latitude on further action.

**Liaison Planning**
1. January 19th CSSA – Jim (Chico)
2. January 25th Alumni Council – Diana (Teleconference)
Meeting convened at 8:34 a.m.

Committee chairs Yee Melichar, Buckley, Baaske, and Soni joined Executive Committee.

1. Agenda - Approved
2. December Minutes – Approved as amended.
3. Standing Committee Chair Reports
   a. Academic Affairs – Darlene
      i. Video Conference with SDSU Provost and AVP Student Affairs looking at AA’s take on the A2E Strategic Plan and the progress toward closing achievement GAPS
      ii. 120 unit limit
   Extended Exec offered advice to Trustee Cheyne on her alternative BOT agenda item for Baccalaureate unit limitations. AA has discussed this. The one item that arose was the concern with a reference that disparages the UDGE provision. This is where the issue began, and it comes back to this point. AA may put forth a resolution to this end. There is a concern about refocusing the issue on GE, but GEAC decided not to pursue a formal memo to WASC about this. IF AA weighs it, it will be informally, rather than a resolution.
   iii. Other agenda items to be discussed:
      1. Consolidated Eos on International Programs
      2. Access to Excellence
      3. CSO – sending an observed to the board meetings – Pat Kalayjian
      4. AA will collaborate with APEP on AS 3078 resolving the CID numbering system
      5. Grading Structures for the Golden Four
6. COLD request for ASCSU resolution on CSO and library resources.
7. Request for joint committee on value-added metrics
8. Working with APEP on AS 3010 support for SCIGETC and GE Breadth
9. Resolution reaffirming importance of and access to graduate programs.
10. Resolution requesting task force studying tuition and financial aid in the CSU related to SUG (reaffirms a 2006 ASCSU resolution)
11. Resolution on continuing oversight on WASC accreditation and inclusion of UDGE in the guidelines (should be a waiver).
12. MOOC – AA will provide input regarding SJSU and Udacity

b. Academic Prep & Education Programs – Bob
   i. Three second reading resolutions being worked upon
   ii. CID split decisions related to TCM – need to make process recommendations in a follow-up. Postma provided background.
   iii. Smarter Balance Common Core Statewide Standards – The tests being developed will replace EPT and ELM. Guerin reported on the Provost meeting in early January. We will need faculty involvement in the assessment piece. AA – Academic Senate joint committee – There would be 5 faculty representatives experienced with EPT, ELM, and EAP who will work with academic affairs.
   iv. Early Start – there are questions about the data presented, much of which is anecdotal.
   v. SB 1440 and Star updates provided by Ken O’Donnell and implications for individual campuses.

c. Faculty Affairs – Kevin
   i. AS 3096 – the bylaw change of standing committee chairs is in second reading.
   ii. Potential resolution regarding bylaw change in FA charge.
   iii. Will be discussing criteria to determine what will be included in CSU website for campus faculty achievement and awards and the process used to normalize additions to the website. Annually, campuses will be asked to update information in the fall. Chair Guerin reported that CO staff will develop a template campuses can use when they report and are proposing a quarterly update.
iv. Discussion and possible resolution concerning whether or not there are procedures on campuses for temporary faculty to be included in department chair elections (as per WASC guideline)

d. Fiscal & Governmental Affairs – Praveen
   i. Meeting with Robert Turnage concerning Governor’s January release.
   ii. Resolution on SUGS – not much feedback since first reading but two campuses have passed resolutions. There is a resolution on SUGS coming from AA and FGA might want to look at that one as well.
   iii. We might want to consider how the discussion of graduate SUGS relates to professional fees.
   iv. We might wish to consider what kinds of task forces or committees should be formed to address issues of graduate and professional education in the CSU.
   v. FGA is putting forward two resolutions. One concerns Chancellor White’s request for pay reduction, and the other concerns CSU Commitment to Sustainability in Higher Education.

4. Chancellor White
   Committee discussed Chancellor White’s visit to EXEC and the Senate and the plans for how best to capitalize upon the opportunity for the ASCSU to meet with him.

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Time Certain: 11:00 am – 11:30 am
Meeting with Chancellor White
AGENDA

1. Introductions
2. ASCSU Priorities
   a. Collegial Governance
   b. Academic Quality
   c. CSU Mission and Strategic Planning
3. 120 Unit Limit on BA/BS Degrees
4. Smoke-free CSU –
Summary of Chancellor White’s Comments in Plenary

Thanked us for Prop 30 support.

Shared governance – doesn’t believe in it. He believes in shared leadership. Governance is too regulatory – leadership is more visionary with shared accountability, responsibility.

In running campuses, as an individual, he can’t make decisions unilaterally and in isolation. Would like to be informed of perspectives when making decisions. There is a need for defining administrative and faculty domains.

He is surprised by lack of communication he has seen. Within the CO and the campus leaderships, he has witnessed this. However, there is a limit to how much consultation is enough and how much is too much.

He has grown up in a shared governance environment; the more minds that touch an idea, the better the decisions will be.

Likes to see people meet beforehand to plan, so time together can be deliberative.

Example was given in terms of the discussion of the baccalaureate unit limit. There should be no such surprises about what is presented to the BOT in terms of curriculum and academic affairs. The Chancellor will not pull the item off the agenda.

MOOCs present a rapidly changing set of issues. Having our learning environment enhanced by faculty and technology is the direction we want to go. We should not exclude any one over the other, but rather integrate them into a complex ecosystem. Technology supplements, rather than substituting what the faculty do.

Question: What steps do you plan to take to avoid the types of problems of other large organizations suffer from?

Answer: Communication seems to be a key issue in this system – the right people need to vet the right issues. There are lots committees and ad hoc groups with lots of acronyms. It took three weeks to get the whole list, which bespeaks an underlying problem that needs to be addressed.
Question: Please comment on the role of athletics in the CSU (given his board seat of NCAA).
Answer: Athletics has a place, is a big part of US culture. It keeps alumni connected. It can also be incorporated into the curriculum (sports marketing, sports medicine). Doesn’t support getting rid of athletics – it is part of campus life.

Question: What are your plans for handing interim presidencies?
Answer: Plan to speak to each interim president and potential interest in becoming permanent. Will consult with academic senates on each of the campuses and, if positive, will take it to the BOT.

Question: What are your thoughts about quarter to semester conversion and the limitation of baccalaureate degrees to 120/180 units?
Answer: The Chancellor is a fan of semesters for first generation students. He is interested in a common system across the campus. The costs of conversion should not be borne by the campus.

Question: What is the role of technology and distance education?
Answer: The use of faculty, technology, and community should be integrated when appropriate. The faculty vs. technology argument presents a false dichotomy.