Extended Executive Committee Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, January 20, 2016  
Munitz Room

1. **Call to Order**  
   With a quorum being present the meeting was called to order.

2. **Attendance**  
   a. Extended Exec time certain 8:30-10:00 - The following ASCSU ExCom members were in attendance: Steven Filling (Chair), Christine Miller (Vice Chair), Robert Keith Collins (Secretary), Praveen Soni (At-Large), Darlene Yee-Melichar (At-Large), Steven Stepanek (Faculty Trustee).  
   b. The following ASCSU Standing Committee Chairs were in attendance: Manzar Foroohar (Chair, FA), Denise Fleming (APEP), Tom Krabacher (FGA), Catherine Nelson (Academic Affairs), Deborah Roberts (Vice-Chair, FA).

3. **Loren Blanchard/ Leon Van Cleve time certain 11:00**

4. **Liaison time 3:30 - 4:00**

5. **Approval of Agenda**  
The Agenda was Approved.

4. **Approval of Minutes**  
December 4th, Zoom meeting. The Minutes were Approved as Amended.

5. **Announcements**  
   a. Senator At-Large Yee-Melichar reported that four administrative searches were successfully completed at SF States University.  
   b. The following concerns and questions were raised:  
      i. Is it possible to get on the Chancellor’s meeting schedule?  
      ii. To what extent are campus senates encouraged to support ASCSU resolutions?  
      iii. Is it possible to push for greater interaction between the ASCSU, the Chancellor, and his cabinet?  
      iv. Is it possible to meet with EVC Blanchard before the BoT and engaged in agenda setting? Is it possible to offer the CO potential meeting dates in advance?  
      v. How effective is the summarizing of the Resolutions?
6. Reports

Chair
Chair Filling reported that Garrett Ashley was requested to include faculty representation on the University Relations search committee. The request was approved and Senator Tom Krabacher has been selected as the ASCSU representative. Chair Filling also reported that he participated in a conference call on the governor’s budget. During this discussion, representatives from the department of finance mentioned that the budget is in good shape; however, prudence is necessary, given the possibility of future recessions. Liability for Public Employee Retirement System (PERS) was also discussed. PERS continued to be a matter of concerns, as accounting standards have changed and unfunded liabilities are of issue. The CSU bond rating has not changed. Comments on higher education were also part of the discussion, particularly issues of affordability, alignment, as well as using technology to address budget issues. Particular attention was given to the College Textbook Affordability Act of 2015 (AB 798), the Sustainable Financial Model Task Force Report, and funding models based on student success. Strengthening pathways into the work place were also discussed. Chair Filling further reported that Udacity and the promise of a money back guarantee are gaining attention within the legislature. An allocation of $3 million dollars would go to connect k-12 to university on expository reading. $35 million of one time money on energy efficiencies would also be given high priority. In December the ASCSU and CFA discussed Academic Freedom. The group met and Senator Foroohar drafted policy. EVC Blanchard has sent a response. The Academic Technology Steering Committee met last week. The CSU has decided to move forward with the shared student information system. Additional steering committees have been established that do not include faculty. It is important that the ASCSU pay close attention to the need for faculty and staff representation. Matrices for student success were also discussed. The Provost’s Council met and discussed four-year graduation rates and was informed that they would see the Intellectual Property Policy in the near future. Chair Filling also informed the ASCSU that the New Presidents for Sonoma State University and San Jose University would be announced at the BoT and that Chancellor White would give the “The State of the University” address on Tuesday during the BoT. The allocation of $10 million for California Community Colleges B.A. pilots, the decline in the numbers of K-12 teachers, and the 30,000 denied eligible students were also discussed. Financial Aid and SUGS are embedded in the Sustainable Financial Model Task Force Report. Senator Glazer contacted Chair Filling regarding bill to increase four-year graduation rate. He suggested that the current 19% graduation rate should be increase to 25%. Chair Filling was informed that legislation would be introduced that would allow students to commit to a non-mandatory four-year contract. This contract would be supported by stable tuition, advising, and the student would be required to maintain acceptable grades (e.g., 2.75 and above.). Last week Chair Filling attended the ICAS coordinating meeting. SB 1440 Transfers and pathways were also discussed. The following concerns and questions were raised:

a. What are the top takeaways for the CSU?
b. The economic justice argument won’t work. Performance based funding discussions must be wedded with the need for continued lobbying in Sacramento.

c. How does collective bargaining intersect with Academic Freedom?

d. If the CFA has included Academic Freedom in collective bargaining, then how does this usage limit discussions on the subject with the ASCSU?

e. It seems that administration does not distinguish between the definition and principle of Academic Freedom and contractual language. It is important for the CSU to define – like the CSU mission – what the system believes is Academic Freedom.

f. It is important to send the CO information related to AAUP statements.

g. Does anyone know how the matrices for new faculty hires were created?

h. To what extent would this four-year contract impact first generation and underrepresented students?

i. Have we made any headway in IPED’s changing of the definitions of four-year and six-year graduation rates? This may be a way to ensure consistency between student lived realities and ASCSU observations. Is it possible to have a new portrait of the new student? Who is this new student? How might this contract impact the new student? What impact has the economy had on students?

j. Is it possible to adjust the four-year definition by one semester?

**Vice Chair**

Vice Miller will offer a report at a future meeting.

**Liaison reports from committees [time certain 4:00]**

**Academic Affairs (AA)**

Chair Nelson reported that the Academic Affairs committee would continue discussing the importance of keeping track of CCC AA degrees and transferability. The committee would also engage in discussions of the differences between MA and BA degrees and differences between upper and lower division courses. The Academic Affairs committee would also edit the resolution on “Faculty Role in Evaluation of Transfer Credit for Online Courses” to be presented during plenary in Second Reading. The Honorary Degree Policy and Competency Based Learning Initiative would also be examined. Director Ken O’Donnell would meet with the committee to discuss the graduation initiative, high impact practices, and integrated courses of study. The goal of this discussion is to formulate seamless transfer between lower division and upper division courses. The roles that high impact practices, real world experience, whether or not industry representation will be invited to establish learning outcomes would also be discussed. The following concerns and questions were raised:

a. What role might high impact practices play in transferability?

b. It seems that students are being exempted from background checks.
**Academic Preparation and Education Programs (APEP)**
Chair Fleming reported that APEP would continue discussions around the role of quantitative reasoning in mathematics, a possible resolution calling for a 4th year of high school math requirement, the UC Articulation Conference, and the current legislative push for computer science as a viable course to meet the quantitative reasoning requirement. CSU Faculty Trustee Stepanek would meet with APEP at 2:30p.m. to share his insights on the computer science matter. In response to questions from the floor at last Plenary about a perceived underrepresentation of males in the teaching profession, Chair Fleming would share some research with the committee. APEP would also receive a presentation from Bechtel. Additional APEP discussions would center on the newly passed Student Success Act, the need for continued monitoring of this act, textbook affordability, and the need for a white paper to assist internal and external constituencies in understanding the changing profile of the CSU student. Regarding a possible white paper, the group suggested including contextual information on persistence and closing the achievement gap, four-year pilots, and remediation. The following concerns and questions were raised:

a. It is possible to explore persistence and closing the achievement gap?
b. Is it possible to explore the four-year pilots?
c. CSU Faculty Trustee Stepanek will meet with APEP at 2:30p.m.
d. To what extent might the new student discussion be seen as rationalizing remediation?
e. Will the committee discuss the UC Articulation Conference?

**Faculty Affairs (FA)**
Chair Faroohar reported that FA would present a Second Reading resolution on the “Inclusion of Non-Tenure-Track Faculty in Campus, College and Departmental Orientation Programs” and another one on shared governance. FA would engage in extensive discussion of the latter resolution. FA would also introduce a resolution in First Reading on “Restoring Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activities (RSCA) Funds as a Line Item in the CSU Operation Budget” and possibly another one on the rise of Islamophobia. The latter would ask for support for students and faculty that face this phobia in education and educational support programs for campus communities. Chair Faroohar further reported that FA would also hear reports from VC Lori Lamb and AVC Margy Merryfield from Human Resources (HR) and CFA President Jen Eagan. The committee would have quorum; however, two members would be absent and one would be late. The following concerns and questions were raised:

a. Is it possible to obtain the information on employee compensation to be presented at the BoT meeting?
b. Is it possible to look into the language of EO 1096 and call for an expansion to include the issues of micro-aggressions behind Islamophobia?
c. Is it possible to ask EVC Blanchard when the Task Force will be constituted? It is important to place discussion of the Task Force on the Agenda?

**Fiscal and Government Affairs (FGA)**
Chair Krabacher reported that FGA would have quorum. The committee would have two resolutions returning in Second Reading on “Recognition of California Taxpayers for Their Support in Funding the CSU” and “Request for Joint Task Force to Develop an Action Plan for Increasing Tenure/Tenure-Track Density in the CSU”. The latter is co-sponsored with FA. FGA would also prepare the “Commendation for Karen Y. Zamarripa, Assistant Vice Chancellor CSU Advocacy and State Relations”. The committee would also discuss strategies for in-district advocacy. Senate approaches would also be explored to ensure strategy effectiveness and packets containing advocacy strategies would be mailed to campuses. FGA would also continue monitoring new legislation to prepare for the March plenary. Best approaches for monitoring would also be part of this discussion. Details on the packet content and legislative positions would be presented at a future meeting. Chair Krabacher further reported that FGA would examine the Government Relations Report that is on the BoT Agenda and meet with Christian Osmena from the California Department of Finance. The following concerns and questions were raised:

a. To what extent might donors want to deduct money from their taxes if they are recognized as supporting the CSU?

b. Is it possible to also address bills that do not have CSU in the title and may inadvertently impact us?

7. Adjourn
The ASCSU Extended Executive Committee Adjourned at 10:00a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Robert Keith Collins, ASCSU Secretary