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Executive Committee
Minutes
Conference Call – July 10, 2012

Attending: Brodowsky, Butler, Cheyne, Filling, Guerin, Miller, Nelson

1. Approval of agenda – Approved as Amended
2. Approval of minutes – June 24, 2012 – Approved
3. Member Announcements - none
4. Chair’s Report
   a. STEM Presentation: Andrea Renwanz-Boyle is finishing up a project she was working on with CO staff regarding sustainability and building STEM. This is related to a grant that Beth worked on. She will be going to Washington DC in the next week or so with the CO team. We worked together to add in ASCSU as a partner in the presentation.
   b. Call for AAUP Summer Institute: Jim and I decided to go, and we have registered. No one else expressed interest. AAUP provided us both with funding. Senators Filling and King will also attend.
   c. Follow up on ASCSU Resolutions (AS-3073-12): Steven has agreed to take the lead on this, and he will be putting together a proposal on how to implement to share with us in the near future.
   d. SB 1052: Tom spoke at the hearing, and the bill is passed to the next step. Is there any provision for academic freedom in this bill or has the subject been broached? Could it be amended to include this if it is not already included?
   e. BOT meeting: Catherine and I will be attending the meeting.
5. Agenda items for meeting with Chancellor Reed and Cabinet (7/16/12 at 11:00 am)

EXEC discussed potential questions and topics for its discussion with the Chancellor. Consideration was given to the fact that the Chancellor has announced his retirement.

- How can ASCSU be more productive in working with BOT?
- What advice do you have for the next Chancellor for dealing with the ASCSU?
- What have been your largest frustrations in working with the ASCSU?
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- What have been notable contributions of ASCSU from his perspective?
- Are the specific actions the ASCSU could take to support any of the CSU initiatives?
- What about the finance committee recommendations? Are there any he would signal as more important to do for the next chancellor?
- Do you see stability in the CO or does he expect turnover in the executive ranks?

6. Debriefing of 7/16/12 meeting – 11:45 debriefing after the meeting with the Chancellor
   a. 11 am with the CO – Nelson and Guerin attend in person, Christine, Steven, by video, and everybody else by conference call. Tracy will set up conference call for debriefing.

7. ASCSU Budget Specialist

   David Hood will be appointed Budget Specialist now given the seriousness of the budget this year, and the budget specialist position description will be referred to FGA. FGA will be asked for its recommendation to EXEC regarding the need for a budget specialist or how FGA will carry out those functions this year.

8. Search Committee Appointee for Senior Director of Research and Development: EXEC approved the appointment of Senator Goldwhite.

9. ASCSU 50th Anniversary Celebration: Chair Guerin circulated documents prepared by Senator Tarjan. This would be an opportunity for faculty to meet with CO personnel and BOT in line with the Academic Conferences held in years past. It would be a good opportunity given the arrival of a new Chancellor. It is scheduled for March 14. This would interfere with the Plenary. Registration fee could be put on the travel claim. EXEC is concerned about the costs of a program as outlined in the documents from Senator Tarjan. We are asking him to review the scale and costs with the 50th anniversary committee and also to discuss other funding sources as in previous years this was paid for by the CO.

10. ACSCSU comments at the BOT Meeting. Topics:
   a. Input on Chancellor Search Process
   b. Reiterate dire need to incorporate faculty in resource discussions early and often as these budget decisions have dramatic effects on the curriculum.
   c. Budgetary impact on shared governance.
   d. Being careful about taking on new initiatives in tight budget times.
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e. How can the BOT manage public perceptions of a small group of people choosing a chancellor, paying him or her a larger amount of money than the outgoing chancellor? How can they be mindful of making how such an announcement will play given the timing of a ballot initiative, looming pay cuts, and higher tuition?

The search committee responses to the input from the various constituencies will be monitored.

11. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.