ASCSU Executive Committee Teleconference
June 17, 2014
Minutes

Present: Steven Filling, Susan Gubernat, Diana Guerin, Chris Miller, Praveen Soni

Meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM.

1. **Approval of Agenda.** Approved without changes.

2. **Approval of Minutes of June 10:** approved as amended.

3. **Announcements:** Miller attended screening of “The Ivory Tower” documentary, sponsored by 20 Million Minds. Should she write up her impressions to share with ASCSU since the film is of import to us? The movie was screened at Sacramento at the Crest with KYZ and some legislators in attendance. CSU was featured prominently in the segment on MOOCs (where Sebastian Thrun and Udacity did not come across well). In some respects, the film could be seen as a “hit piece” on higher education, Miller reported, with new building construction and rising administrative salaries taking the most hits; the problem of four-year graduation rates was also a concern.

4. **Legislative Issues:** The Chair has sent a letter of support for AB 46; the bill requires that third-party providers provide info re. student demographics and success patterns. Filling talked to the authors to convey the sense that the ASCSU doesn’t want to interfere in campus autonomy. Current modifications suggest that the CSU might now go along with it. Filling will be in attendance, testifying at the Senate Education Committee meeting tomorrow. At issue also is AB 2153, the CFA-sponsored legislation on supplanting, which the bill defines as shutting down sections in state support and then opening them in self-support. The CSU itself is supporting 2610 instead (Note: the ASCSU continues to have a “Watch” position on this bill). Language from the task force has been added, defining supplanting as eliminating an entire program or fulfilling graduation requirements via special session. Both bills have a large majority in favor on committees. The question was raised if Legislative Analyst Tom Krabacher could provide any advice in this matter. And is there data from the last five years as to how many courses have been supplaned in the CSU? Soni noted that 2153 subsumes 2610, which is more restrictive. Both bills came out of a report from the State Bureau of Audits citing 900 instances of supplanting. The question raised is that, should 2153 go down, should we support 2610? The Chair will testify on 46 and 2153, with clear positions on both, while representing the differences between 2153 and 2610. The question was also raised: Should there be revised positions on other bills as they...
evolve? For now, the consensus is to stay with what the ASCSU thought originally, creating a support letter for 2153 and sending it out to the Senate as well as to remain as “Watch” on SB 850.

5. The Executive Committee Planning Retreat will be held at Turlock. The Chair remarked that his intention for scheduling it on the Stanislaus campus was for people to become more sensitive to the situation of smaller campuses, as well as the fact that, since it is his home campus, he has more control of the facilities there. He has made hotel reservations at the Fairfield Inn and asks that all be there by 6 pm on Thursday, July 10 and plan to adjourn on Friday July 11 at 3 pm. We will be meeting at Faculty Development Center on campus and the Chair will insure that people have parking permits. There is a possibility for car-pooling among the members from SoCal. Excom members are urged to get agenda items to the Chair this week.

6. Extended Executive Committee Meeting: The intent is for a one-day retreat in early August in Long Beach and to invite Chancellor’s Office staff to the afternoon session. The timeframe would be the last half of the first full week of August, Thursday or Friday, August 7-8, with Excom members arriving the prior evening. The Chair will send out a Doodle poll. Among possible agenda items: the past committee chairs’ end of year reports to be circulated so that the new chairs can see what has been done, determine if there are overlaps and possibilities for co-sponsorships, and to assist in planning next year’s agenda.

7. Referrals to Standing Committees: The issue of academic freedom is one such issue; some Senate members may be attending the AAUP Summer Institute and may report on the discussions there. It was noted that “academic freedom” seems to belong on FA’s agenda rather than being treated as an issue for a special committee (to be discussed at the retreat). Material on sexual assault on campuses from last year’s AAUP institute that Miller has already shared with FA could also be an FA referral. Other possible referral items include: a committee on veterans’ issues; the multiple requests to reconsider ASCSU election procedures; continuing concerns about 120/180 (we are not yet in receipt of the report on exceptions. The Chair will write to EVC Smith on this matter and will discuss it with the Chancellor during their upcoming meeting). Another issue to refer to committees (to be discussed at the retreat) involves shared governance procedures vis a vis the Chancellor’s Office, including an ASCSU plan of action, that is, what to do in response to the CO responses to resolutions? The Senate also needs to focus on work done at the system level on metrics such as grad rates, job placement, system-wide GE policy, in light of the fact that the LAO wants to see links between funding and performance metrics. This may be a matter not only for FGA but for all committees.

8. ICAS Schedule: Friday, Sept. 26 is scheduled for ICAS meeting on Sac State campus.

9. The State Budget: Should there be a statement from the ASCSU on the final budget decision to add 142 M, but forego the 95M additional million requested? The Chair will draft a response and share it with Excom before issuing.

10. Meeting adjourned at 10:21 AM.