Academic Senate CSU

MINUTES:
Executive Committee, ASCSU
June 1, 2012

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

1. Call to Order
Meeting Convened at 8:23 a.m.

2. Approval of Agenda
Agenda approved

2. Chair Announcements
Chair welcomed attendees to CSUF

   Exploring the possibility of using Drop Box for sharing documents
   
   Discussed briefly: outlining goals for the year similar to CSSA
   
   Will discuss timelines for second reading items and streamlining processes

3. Committee Leadership Assignments

   On the upcoming call with Extended Executive Committee, members agreed that the Chair will explain to the body how committee chairs and vice chairs were assigned based on the following criteria:
   
   a. Interest expressed on forms
   b. Gender/Region/Campus Size criteria

   The chair will also solicit input as to which criteria to prioritize, add, or delete in future years.

   Committee Membership Assignments shall be made with respect to the following considerations:
   
   a. We start out with the senators’ first preferences, then move onto other criteria
   b. Committees should be approximately equal in size
   c. Diversify campus representation on the same committee – benefits to committees (how policies affect campuses across the system) and
campuses (senators can give more detail about the work of multiple committees)
d. Attempt to balance preferences vs. cross campus and other aspects of diversity

3A. Extended Exec Committee: Summary of discussion – Teleconference
Convened @ 9:00 AM

Committee chairs Baaske, Buckley, Soni, Van Selst, and Yee-Melichar all joined

1. Chair updated the Committee Chairs on 5/31 meeting of EXEC

2. Added one item to agenda: CO liaison appointments to committees.

3. Committee Membership Assignments: A committee-by-committee approach was used. Input from Senator Interest Forms was used to guide assignment decisions as a first pass. Other criteria were then considered to yield committees of approximately equal size.

APEP Chair Buckley noted that it has been difficult to staff APEP since it took on a different charge from its predecessor, TEKR. The senate does not fully appreciate the scope that should be broader for APEP. Need people with interest in community colleges.

In the end, every senator was assigned to either his or her first or second choice committee, and there was unanimous agreement as to committee assignments.

4. Resolution timelines for next year. FA Chair Baaske described his suggested strategy for working on resolutions between plenary meetings. Concern was expressed about the following three issues.

a) Wordsmith activity on the floor of the plenary cuts into productive time.

b) Getting second readings during the plenary and then being asked to vote on them without having time to review them carefully.

c) Challenges for the Senate Office staff in terms of copying and distributing the resolutions.

The committee chairs agreed, in principle, to require a deadline for 2nd reading items – along with supporting materials- to be submitted to the staff prior to the Wednesday meeting of the Plenary. This will alleviate the problems listed above. However, this does not preclude
the possibility of last minute, time-sensitive resolutions that require swift responses such as waivers of first reading.

Baaske will provide a one-page proposal of his proposal for review and comment by Extended Executive Committee.

5. Item – Paperless ASCSU - deferred due to lack of time

6. Committee Chair Comments

Need for quick notes on resolution sent to vice chairs and chairs right after plenary (Yee Melichar)

Drop Box and Eluminite to facilitate interim meetings (Buckley).

Asked that committee chairs send their comments to Secretary before Plenary to facilitate minutes being done expeditiously. (Baaske)

7. Adjournment of Teleconference: 10:19

4. Legislative Specialist Issue (Miller)
This is eye-opening issue – how strongly the for-profits are heavily lobbying Legislators. Marty Block claimed that ICAS is virtually invisible. We are NOT currently on their speed-dial. We need the faculty voice representing higher education – not just the administrative voice working to advocate with the legislature.

Do we need to provide assigned time (0.2 per semester for a year) to a Legislative specialist on the ground in Sacramento – someone who can be on that speed-dial to respond to legislator’s questions? EXCOMM agreed that we should pursue such an analyst position.

The next ICAS meeting is on June 25 in Sacramento from 10-3. Both old and New Exec should attend. New Exec Comm will meet Sunday evening.

5. Brief Bargaining Update provided by Filling.

6. Discussion with AVC Ron Vogel (questions from EXCOMM)

6.1 How do you envision our working relationship?

Vogel believes that communication is most important in terms of working together. He acknowledges that we won’t see eye-to-eye on all issues, but open communication is important in the governance process. He wants to learn more about how the Senate envisions shared governance.
Will he meet with EXEC on a regular basis?

Vogel is willing to have a time certain on the EXCOMM agenda. Last year he was liaison to FGA. He would like to ensure that the committees feel that their CO liaisons are the best matched to the work of the committees upon which they sit. Their assignments should be viewed as an opportunity to engage in shared governance.

6.2 What agenda items do you have for us?

Nothing distinct from what we have on our agenda. See item 6.8 below about AVC Vogel’s question about what we would like him to do.

6.3 How is ASCSU perceived by BOT/CO?

Vogel said that everyone including all the EVP’s and Academic Affairs staff respects the Senate. Depending on the issue, they are not always sure what level of input is appropriate or desired in terms of liaising with the Senate’s committee structure.

Vogel sits in on the plenary of ASCSU as well as the BOT. The agenda of the BOT is structured and with so many reports, key Senate resolutions may appear to get lost. The sheer number of resolutions makes presenting and focusing on the most important resolutions challenging. Because the Chair of ASCSU is able to give a report to the BOT, it provides greater access to the Trustees than the Academic Affairs Staff.

6.4 How can we expand our opportunities to interface with the BOT board?

Considering the duties and available time of the BOT members, probably not. The ASCSU chair summarizes resolutions and addresses the BOT regarding important Senate issues. Vogel feels that it would be better to hone in on the important issues rather than giving each resolution equal time.

6.5 How can we clarify the roles of the liaisons and CO personnel in their dealings with the ASCSU?

We need to talk to committee chairs to establish written roles and responsibilities regarding the liaison. Vogel stated he will draft a document and send it to the Executive Committee. CO liaisons could be invited to an extended EXCOMM committee meeting early in the academic year.

6.4 How can we work more directly and effectively with CO/BOT? How effective are our resolutions and how can we do something different that
would be more effective? Would white papers on issues be better than resolutions?

Improvement – Ron and AVCs could meet with Extended ExCom to discuss how to work more effectively together. The past year has been a good example, but the more communication the better.

6.5 What are the oncoming challenges this year?

Ongoing activities: Cal State Online will be important to watch, and also SB 1440, Early Start, and Graduation Initiative.

6.6 How can ASCSU be a more proactive participant in meeting these challenges?

Guerin questions if all faculty know about these initiatives like graduation initiative? The assumption that the faculty are aware and informed of issues needs to be challenged. How does this information filter down to faculty in the trenches? How does the CO communicate with Faculty and Staff? Does the ASCSU have a way to communicate with all faculty about these initiatives? (SB1440, Graduate Initiative, CSU Online). Guerin will be seeking system-wide distribution list for ASCSU to improve its communication with all CSU faculty. She is concerned about the textbook initiative coming down from the legislature from Steinberg. Are there sufficient resources to do all the work of writing, editing textbooks? How will they be kept current? Will faculty feel pressured to use these books? Can one book meet the needs of UC, CSU, and CC students?

6.7 What is the faculty role in the Chancellor’s search?

Vogel stated that he has no information at this time.

6.8 AVC Vogel asked what we would like him to do to help us:

EXCOMM asked to give us a heads up when things are coming down the pike, so they don’t hit us as too suddenly. We need to find items where we have common ground with the AVC to work on strengthening the CSU.

EXCOMM asked EVC Vogel to help us instantiate the expectation of the level of responses from the CO in response to AS 3074.

EXCOMM asked if he could he suggest appropriate liaisons to committees.
Possible liaisons were discussed for each standing committee. EVC Vogel and EXCOMM agree that we need to define the scope and role of responsibilities for liaisons. Ron agreed to draft this.

The EXCOMM feels that Vogel could be more helpful by ensuring that ASCSU and senators are involved in all system initiatives early on in the initiative development. AVC Vogel can also help us understand which announcements of initiatives call for consultation and which are merely informational.

7. **Tracy Butler of the Senate Office**

Staffing of Senate Office and workload/appointing of student assistant discussed.

Discussed also process and timeframe for producing the ASCSU Directory.

Butler handed out the information about system-wide committee interests of the senators. Chair Guerin and Vice Chair Filling will make a first pass at assignments for Exec Comm review, as was done with the standing committees.

8. **Chair Guerin summarized what we have accomplished and next steps.**

Immediate action is needed concerning the Chancellor’s Search and faculty participation in the process. Reference was made to AS-23790-97/FA concerning the last Chancellor’s Search. Chair Guerin and Outgoing Chair Postma will contact Trustee Linscheid with the message being comparable, at a minimum- to the level of consultation currently used in Presidential Search Processes.

Chair will meet with EVC Quillian regarding faculty consultation in the budget process.

9. **Assignment of EXCOMM Liaisons to Standing Committees**

AA - Chris Miller
APEP - Glen Brodowsky
FA - Catherine Nelson
FGA - Steve Filling

EXCOMM will discuss what the expectations should be for the liaisons.

10. **Adjournment 1:55**