Executive Committee Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, March 2, 2016  
8:00A.M. – 5:00P.M.  
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).

3. Leo Van Cleve time certain 11:00
Director Van Cleve reported that EVC Blanchard was in Sacramento attending a meeting on student success. CSU Pomona and Fullerton were recently visited. Inclusion and closing the achievement gap continues to be the foci of activities and discussions. A central question emerging from discussions is as follows: How do we move forward and create an arena for collaboration between the CSU and campuses. Director Van Cleve also reported that EVC Blanchard expressed his appreciation of the ASCSU review of legislation. It is important that conversations around common ground continue and collaboration continues on the presentation of the CSU budget and the Academic Conference. The following concerns and questions were raised:
   a. It would be useful to have an understanding of what demands are being made from students (i.e., Black Lives Matters, Ethnic Studies, etc.). It is important for the ASCSU to have an understanding of the issues.
   b. It is important to improve communication, particularly face-time, with the Chancellor.
   c. Is it possible to obtain meeting dates with the Chancellor in advance?
   d. It is important to re-consider the roles that ASCSU can play in the success of CSU concerns.
   e. It is important to consider the CCC’s’s goal to use Title V to suggest that 65 units are needed for their degrees and the implication of the CSU 120-unit cap.
f. Is it possible to examine the allocation pathways of the $11 million to the campuses?
g. It is possible to get data on hires that have occurred systemwide?
h. It is important to know that AVC Merryfield is tracking campus searches.
i. It is important to remember that the goal of ASCSU shared governance concerns was to produce a policy and not a collective bargaining issue.

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

**Academic Affairs (AA)** – Academic Affairs Liaison, At-Large Senator Soni, reported that the committee continues to discuss resolutions in preparation for plenary. AA Chair Nelson asked whether or not EXEC wanted to co-sponsor the Resolution on Concerns About Campus Presidents’ Communications Regarding Classroom Discussion of Possible Strike Action.

**Academic Preparation and Education Programs (APEP)** - APEP Liaison, Vice Chair Miller reported that the committee continues to discuss Questions were asked RSCA Fund software and Senator Wheeler’s SDSU Academic Freedom Statement.

**Faculty Affairs (FA)** – Faculty Affairs Liaison, Secretary Collins, reported that the committee continues to work on the Resolutions on Reaffirming the Principles of Shared Governance within the California State University (CSU) for Second Reading and In Support of Increased Funding for the Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activities (RCSA) Program in First Reading. FA will also discuss the creation of a resolution on Islamophobia. Filling accompanied Secretary Collins to convey concerns related to ensuring the success of the shared governance resolution.

**Fiscal and Government Affairs (FGA)** - FGA Liaison, At-Large Senator Yee-Melichar, reported that FGA spent the day editing and reviewing the bill priority list. The priorities will be listed in the Resolution on 2016 Legislative Advocacy Positions of the Academic Senate California State University. This Resolution will appear in First Reading and a Waiver will be requested. FGA is also discussing a Resolution Regarding the Evaluation of Online Teaching for First Reading. Central in this resolution is the address of concerns raised about how the Department of Finance seems to be counting on online education to increase CSU access without additional funding. FGA also consulted with Meredith Turner, Assistant Executive Director & Chief Governmental Officer and Andy Martinez, Senior Legislative Advocate on the benefits and needs of student participation in legislative lobbying.

5. **Approval of Agenda**
The agenda was approved.

6. **Approval of Minutes**
12 Feb Zoom meeting. The minutes were approved.
7. **Announcements**
   
a. **ITL Advisory Board**
   
   Senator Yee-Melichar reported that the ITL Advisory Board met yesterday. It is a 16-member board. According to the By-laws, the ASCSU is entitled to five representatives on the Board. The Board is in the process of revising its By-laws. The question posed by Senator Yee-Melichar was whether or not to leave the membership from ASCSU at 5, rather than reduce it to four. The Board agreed to leave representation at 5 senators to the ITL Advisory Board.

b. **ASCSU Faculty-to-Faculty Newsletter**

   Senator Yee-Melichar reported that the ASCSU Faculty-to-Faculty Newsletter is now online. She requested that all Standing Committee Chairs remind their members that contributions to the next newsletter are welcome and thanked them for their contributed reports.

8. **Reports**

   **Chair**

   Chair Filling reported that he gave a presentation at the BoT kickoff and that there would be ongoing conversations on specific campuses regarding the strike. The CFA suggested that it is important to have issues dealt with locally. During the strike the campuses will be empty. The academic senate offices will be open; however, business will be limited, as faculty will not be engaged in work. A listing was sent out regarding Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activity (RSCA) allocations. An information sheet would be prepared for campus senate chairs. Chair Filling also reported that Dr. Zed Mason, Associate Dean of Research and External Support would serve as Interim Assistant Vice Chancellor, Research Initiatives and Partnerships. During their last plenary the Academic Senate Chairs were concerned about the relationship between faculty information and development efforts on campuses. These concerns will be addressed at a future plenary. Executive Vice Chancellor (EVC) Blanchard was consulted about the need for more meetings between the CO and the ASCSU. Presidential searches and campus visits are the reason why meetings been limited. ExCom would continue pursing strategies for increasing meetings with Chancellor White. Chair Filling further reported that the Intersegmental Committee of the Academic Senates (ICAS) met in February and that the meeting schedule would be changed to April 5 due to the potential CSU strike. Christian Osmena of the California Department of Finance has been consulted monthly and his concerns centered on getting faculty for the CSU and the need for compensation. Mr. Osmena would consult with FGA and phone in to the meetings. Chair Filling attended the California State Student Association (CSSA) meeting. Although students did not discuss the possible strike, extensive discussion occurred on Open Education Resources (OER). There is also a strong federal push for OER. Chair Filling also attended the California conference of the American Association of University Professors (AAUP). Senator Mark Wheeler spoke on academic freedom.
and San Diego State’s efforts to create a policy. The resulting policy may be a model to observe. The Quantitative Reasoning Task Force met last week. Professor Kate Stevenson from CSU Northridge and Common Core gave presentations. The Lieutenant Governor Newsom’s staff also attended the meeting and paid close attention to discussions. Industry was represented as well. Discussion during the meeting centered on what kind of quantitative reasoning skills would be expected of CSU students upon entrance. Industry representatives focused on computer science training; however, the CSU is not expected to train people to work in programming. Instead, individuals taught reasoning skills are desired. A-G requirements would continue to be used and Area C would need qualification as to whether or not a computer science class could suffice as a math class. Chair Filling also attended the UC articulation meeting. Discussions centered on transfer using STATWAY and CAPP. Teaching by engagement was a theme throughout most presentations. Chair Filling met with Gerry Hanley, Senior Director for Academic Technology Services. The California Open Educational Resources Council (COERC) funds will expire this year. A smaller group will replace the work of the current committee. The California Community Colleges (CCC) has expressed concerns about COERC funding. The retrospective on Cal State Online will be presented at a future meeting. It is important to understand the costs Cal State Online and what was learned from past practices. The following concerns and questions were raised:

a. Some campus presidents are suggesting that the strike structure is illegal. Is the strike structure legal?

b. To what extent would a computer science course and degree involve the types of mathematics that are in the other sciences?

c. It is important that high school algebra requirements be completed.

d. It is important to discuss why the math is so rigorous in the other sciences.

e. It is important to pay attention to conflicting initiatives.

f. Chair Fleming invited Trustee Stepanek to attend APEP.

**Vice Chair**

Vice Chair Miller reported that she attended a session on tracking during education years. Discussions were largely anecdotal. The CCC has become more aggressive on the 60 unit limit. They want 65 units. They may appeal to the legislature. Their rationale is that Title V allows for this 65 unit requirement and remediation required them to go passed 60 units. It is important that ExCom play close attention to the impact that this new unit requirement would have on the CSU and the extent to which time to degree would factor into this issue also needs to be discussed. The following concerns and questions were raised:

a. Is a resolution necessary that calls for maintaining the integrity and quality of our current transfer pathways?

b. To what extent might the 120-unit limit be rescinded?
c. How do we balance intersegmental collegiality with appropriate self-advocacy?

d. It is important that the resolution points out the successes already had.

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

**Academic Affairs (AA)**

Chair Nelson reported that the Academic Affairs committee would resolutions for format and conceptualization. The Resolution on Selection of Faculty to Serve on Honorary Degree Committees would be revised for Second Reading and the Resolution on Concerns About Campus Presidents’ Communication Regarding Classroom Discussion of Possible Strike Action would be drafted for First Reading and a waiver would be requested. A Resolution on Tracking Associate Degrees for Transfer would also be drafted. Chair Nelson further reported that the committee would meet with Nathan Evans, Chief of Staff, Academic and Student Affairs and Eric Forbes, Assistant Vice Chancellor (AVC) Student Academic Support. Central in this meeting would be consultation on the issues surrounding the resolution on campus presidents’ response letters about the strike and online education. Formulas related to workload and undergraduate research space will also be discussed. AVC Mallon would also be consulted on the Title V Masters Degree Requirements. The following concerns and questions were raised:

a. It is important to suggest that messages come from some presidents and not all.

**Academic Preparation and Education Programs (APEP)**

Chair Fleming reported that APEP would meet with Ruth Yopp-Edwards from Bechtel would visit with APEP and Joan Bissell and Jim Postma would phone in for this discussion. The resolution on the new student profile in first reading may be tabled until the May meeting, in light of the food insecurity issues that have arisen. The committee would also discuss the Second Reading Resolution on Support for Four Years of Mathematics as a Requirement for Admissions to the California State University. Conversations would center on the need for bifurcated pathways. The following concerns and questions were raised:

a. Is it possible to have a resolution that places the transfer issue in a larger context? Which legislation works and which does not should be the foci, rather than the CCC.

b. It is important to consider timely implementation to facilitate effectiveness in transfer.

c. It is important that APEP discuss senior year math. This issue was under discussion at the UC conference and emphasis was placed on taking math during the senior year, rather than before.
Faculty Affairs (FA)
Chair Foroohar reported that FA would discuss one Second Reading resolution and three First Reading resolutions. The resolution Reaffirming the Principle of Shared Governance Within the California State University (CSU) would be considered for revision. The resolution on the Rise of Islamophobia would be discussed in relationship to the campus specific examples that have now been gathered to support concerns and deficiencies raised in the previous draft. The resolution In Support of Increased Funding for the Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activities (RCSA) Program would also be discussed. Central in this discussion would be the creation of a rationale for why the current $2.5 million allocation is not enough. Chair Foroohar further reported that FA would continue discussing campus presidents’ response to the possible strike and CSU policy on Background-Checks and more information would be sought on the potential impact of this policy on applicants to the CSU.

Fiscal and Government Affairs (FGA)
Chair Krabacher reported that FGA’s work would be divided between finalizing bill priorities and advocacy planning. A First Reading Waiver would be requested for Resolution on 2016 Legislative Advocacy Positions of the Academic Senate California State University. FGA would review legislation for direct and indirect interest and impact to the CSU. The committee has assisted greatly with the monitoring. 105 bills have been reviewed, conference calls were had, and the priority list created would be refined today. A focused tier-ranking will be used, as has been in the past. Emphasis will be placed on issues of immediate concerns. APEP has been consulted on the significant amount of legislation related to teacher preparation. Higher education place holder bills would also be watched. Chair Krabacher further reported that the ExCom recommendation to contact stakeholders has been engaged; however, CSUEU has not begun their monitoring of legislation. The April 12, 2016 advocacy date allows an extra week for planning. FGA would also introduce a Resolution Regarding the Evaluation of Online Teaching in First Reading. The 2014 California State Student Association (CSSA) reports would be reviewed for relevance to the resolution. The Academic Affairs committee would also be consulted. This goal of this resolution is to call for action for governing how courses are administered on campuses, the number of courses offered, and who takes the classes. Lastly, FGA would meet with AVC Margaret Merryfield, Academic Human Resources to review the faculty recruitment report. The following concerns and questions were raised:

a. Will APEP be making recommendations to the FGA on the Omnibus bill?
b. All recommendations would be open to change. 1800 new bills were introduced before the deadline.
c. It is important to review the recommendations with a page-by-page process.
d. Will we be meet for orientation before meeting with legislators?
e. The following process will be used: Assemble at 9:00a.m. and meeting at 10:00a.m. We will end at 5:00p.m. Everyone should stay as long as possible.
f. Will consistent talking points be developed surrounding the strike?
g. Will district office visits occur before or after capital visits?

9. Appointments
   a. Chair Filling reported on the CSU Assessment meeting at WASC. Senator Ullman would be consulted on attending the meeting. Senator Ornatowski will also be consulted on attending. The following concerns and questions were raised:
      i. Is it possible to have individuals that are no longer serving on committees to have their names removed.

10. Old Business
   a. *Quantitative Reasoning Task Force*
      Central in this discussion was intermediate algebra and possible restructuring of mathematics curricula. A sub-group of the Task Force may examine the skill sets required for quantitative reasoning. The report may ask for more study and greater communication between K-12, CCC, and UC.

   b. *Sustainable Financial Model draft report update*
      Chair Filling offered an update on the Sustainable Financial Model Task Force Report. Central in this update were the additions to the report and changes made. It is important to have faculty approval before the draft is sent out. The following concerns and questions were raised:
      i. It is important that any suggested changes be voiced now.
      ii. To what extent is this report no longer property of the Sustainable Financial Model Task Force? When was the last time that the Task Force met to discussed the report and suggest revisions? The editing of the report seems to not have completely occurred with the Task Force.
      iii. It is important to remember that input not going to the Task Force.
      iv. It is important to have a discussion of implementation.

   c. *Academic Conference update*
      At-Large Senator Soni updated ExCom on the committee plans to meet tomorrow. The planning committee would continue examining a theme for speakers. Given the CSU Chancellor’s concerns about closing the achievement gap, the committee would consider this theme for the conference. Academic and student life as a collaborative would also be discussed. Food and housing insecurity for students may be reasons behind the achievement gap and might offer attendee greater insight to student lived realities. Speakers from food pantries inviting students to share their experiences would also be considered. Conference dates are being moved to before the Golden Bear leaves dock in order to ensure a reception can be held at the venue. The following concerns and questions were raised:
      i. It is important to review the Access to Excellence White Paper.
ii. It is important to look at campuses for model programs that can be showcased during the conference.

iii. It is important to consider an invitation to CSSA leadership.

iv. It is important to consider discussion of the role of the faculty in closing the achievement gaps.

d. ASCSU budget report and 16-17 request [see below]
Chair Filling reported on planning for next year. Carryover or emphasis items will be in the new budget request. Director Van Cleve and Chair Filling will meet to discuss these items. Sample travel airfares will be offered as examples of current costs and how they have increased. Assigned time differences will also be included. It will be important to discuss senator assigned time and models for reimbursement at a future meeting. Having one interim face-to-face meeting, funding for third senator, and summer honoraria will also be discussed. The following concerns and questions were raised:

i. Is it possible to obtain discount packages with airfare and hotels?

e. Presidential Search process
Central in this discussion was campus senate chairs concerns for more open presidential searches. The Inside Higher Ed article on campus presidential searches may offer insight into the importance of presidents knowing campus culture. The following concerns and questions were raised:

i. How do we ensure greater transparency during presidential searches?

ii. How do we move forward given the current presidential search practices?

iii. It is important to know that the faculty has the ability to narrow the criteria (i.e., have a prior tenure-track academic position, etc.). This has to be done through the campus senate.

f. Tenure Density
Chair Filling reported that AVC Lamb will be sending a request for participants on the Tenure Density Task Force.

g. Shared Governance issues [FA resolution]
Discussion centered on the finalization on the resolution that will come to the plenary in Second Reading. The following concerns and questions were raised:

i. It is important to offer the committee constructive feedback.

ii. It is important to invite dialogue to the issue.

iii. It is important to show that this is a discussion on the system level.

iv. It is important to not give homework assignments to administrators.

v. To what extent would there be a response?

vi. It is important to convey that these are suggested revisions for improvement of the resolution.
h. **Academic Freedom [IP]**
   Discussion centered on the resolution that will come to plenary in First Reading. The following concerns and questions were raised:
   
i. It is important to not have a joint response and start a dialogue on why the CFA and ASCSU are different entities.
   ii. Is it necessary for ASCSU to respond?
   iii. To what extent can we express our desire to engage in dialogue so that conversations on Academic Freedom as a “state of mind” can begin.
   iv. Vice Chair Miller and At-Large Senator Soni will assist in crafting the letter.

i. **Bullying / Inclusive Campus resolution**
   Discussion centered on updates made to the Resolved Clauses and modifications to the rationale.

11. **New Business**
   a. **Pending Legislation**
   b. **Unit 3 Strike**
      Discussion centered the importance of conveying to campuses that academic senate office staff would be open during the strike. The importance of talking points and conversations on whether or not the ASCSU will be conducting ASCSU business was also discussed.
   c. **CSU Budget Advocacy**
      Central in this discussion was the importance of collaboration in budget advocacy and support for the BoT budget.
   d. **ICAS [OER and April meeting]**
      Chair Filling reported that he discussed OER concerns with Gerry Hanley, Senior Director Academic Technology Services. Consultation with ICAS is mentioned in the new COERC charge. This will clear up CCC concerns about the council. The following concerns and questions were raised:
      
i. Will the CCC be creating OER within their system?
   e. **$11M TT Faculty hiring fund**
      Central in this discussion was the need for clarity and transparency in the allocation of funds for TT faculty hiring.
   f. **Legislative Specialist duties**
      This item will be discussed during our April Interim meeting. The following legislative talking points were raised: the strike will occur, it is important to emphasize the difference between ASCSU and CFA, and collaboration in lobbying is crucial to acquiring more funding for the CSU. The following talking points were discussed:
i. It is important to emphasize faculty participation and roles in lobbying efforts.

ii. As a faculty member, we are here representing the ASCSU and are not party to the CFA negotiations.

iii. Is it possible to refer to the fall resolution on the BoT budget.

iv. It is important to talk from positions taken by the ASCSU.

v. It is important to remind all of the following: Will this strike impact student? Yes, it would if classes are not held. Noting 2009-10, the faculty was furloughed for 10% of their salary. Far more classes were affected by the furlough than the strike. Of course students will be impacted, as we will not be able to cover the material in the classes. We do not anticipate that anyone’s progress to degree will be interrupted.

vi. It is important to expect the following inquiry: Why isn’t 2% enough? You get summers off.

vii. It is important to expect to following question: What is next, if the strike does not yield any results?

viii. It is important to consider the following answer: We are not CFA. It is important to consult the CFA.

ix. We believe that the CSU is underfunded. We all agree that the system needs to be better funded.

x. We are going to have a shortfall of 1 million BA by 2030.

xi. Our goal is to increase access, meet the state’s need for an educated workforce.

12. Adjourn

The Executive Committee Adjourned at 5:00p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Robert Keith Collins, ASCSU Secretary

Budget Priorities May 2015

a. Budget request – Liaisons will seek input from standing committee members on the following list of funding priorities for preparing the ASCSU budget request. Items i-iii are continued from last year’s request, and Exec Comm will seek suggestions and comments about any additional items. Liaisons will report following the 3:30.

i. Inflation adjustments to budget [Travel, assigned time, additional meetings]

ii. Funding for third senators from large campuses [approx $84k]

iii. Restoring Exec Comm summer honoraria [paid in 2014-15] [$5k?]

iv. Funding for additional Exec Comm members to attend BOT [$5k per]
v. Funding for first year senator assigned time (one term) [approx $72k]
vi. Funding for one face-to-face interim in spring 2016 [approx..?]
vii. Other suggestions

From the committees, liaisons reported consensus that funding for first year senators, sending additional Exec Comm members to attend BOT, and then adding a face-to-face interim in spring 2016 of interest. Also mentioned was additional lobbying in the Capitol.