Executive Committee

Friday, October 12, 2012
8:00 am – 2:00 pm
Minutes

1. Call to Order 8:00
2. Present: Guerin, Filling, Brodowsky, Miller, Nelson, Postma, Cheyne
3. Approval of Agenda – Approved as Amended
4. Exec Comm Minutes of September 12-14, 2012 – Approved as amended
5. Member Announcements - None
6. Chair’s Report
   6.1. Chair Guerin met with Michelle Pilati, President of the Academic Senate for the Community Colleges - The ASCCC have a prescribed shared governance consultation process in Title V that Pilati has shared with chair Guerin. Pilati expressed concerns about SB 1440 process – did not have enough CSU faculty signing up – Chair Guerin emailed senators and senate chairs. We want the CSU campuses at the table where the transfer curricula (TMCs) are established. We might want to have a report from Postma and Swerkes to address the issues. Chair Guerin agreed to attend the next meeting.

   Guerin is working on the SB 1052 OER bill signed by Governor. ICAS is expected to have faculty in place on this by March. Guerin will update us after upcoming meetings with other chairs.

   Follow-up on opinion pieces for Prop 30 – the coverage of newspapers is being considered. The focus is whether it should be targeted to specific papers, or blanketed to all papers and signed by all three segments.
6.2. Chair Guerin reported on the Chancellor’s Search. We will make a formal invitation Chancellor White to come to the November (or January) Plenary. Guerin commented on Chancellor White’s notions of Shared Leadership – as opposed to Shared Governance.

6.3. New senators appointed – Lillian Castaneda from Channel Islands and Andrea Boyle from SFSU

6.4. Newsletter update – The chair thanked Chris Miller and Glen Brodowsky for their work on this project. Not all campus senate chairs have access to the distribution lists on the campuses, and this is an impediment to disseminating the newsletter to all faculty.

6.5. Regarding feedback concerning WASC re-design, Guerin will ask senators to work together to create ASCSU response and also send out a request for campuses to provide feedback directly to WASC.

6.6. ASCSU Constitutional Amendment ratified by 6 campuses (FU SM PO ST CH SLO).

6.7. Academic Council Meeting – Robert Turnage presented a budget report. Much is hinging on PROP 30. He discussed the difficulty of refunding student fees, a serious bid for restoration of funding, and the government working on a multi-year budget for the three segments. Progress has been made in getting the state to invest in higher education. We have planned for the contingency on campuses should PROP 30 not pass. Munger is funding ads against PROP 30 and for PROP 32. If PROP 30 does pass, it will make it more difficult to raise tuition politically.

Ralph Wolff attended and discussed the WASC redesign.

Marsha Hirano-Nakanishi provided preliminary report on the first implementation of Early Start.

Sheila Thomas (Extended Ed Dean) is compiling a list for all online CSU programs. She is also soliciting other states regarding their requirements on CSU teaching students within their states through Cal State Online.

CSO – Online education is of great interest to the Governor. Guerin and Ullman attended a CSO communications meeting. Topics are communications to internal constituencies as well as communications with the legislature. They are working on the external facing website (calstateonline.net). Right now, it is being run through the CO intranet.

Provosts expressed concerns about the EXECUTIVE Orders concerning international programs. The centralization would significantly hamstring
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campuses’ ability to respond to opportunities if the required CO approvals take too long.

7. Faculty Trustee Report

Trustee Cheyne expressed her concern about the 120-unit maximum as well as the Chancellor’s authority to grant exemptions. Will do what she can to help out in her capacity. There have been some suggested strategies for Faculty Trustee to undertake with regards to the issue. The Trustee has asked for further direction for how she can help us.

The Trustee is concerned about BOT consideration of trigger cuts and health benefits, as well as faculty assigned time and sabbatical leaves. The BOT has acted on proposed changes to health care that asks employees to take on a significantly larger portion of health care costs than in the past. The additional part of the concern is that every year health care costs increase for the CSU, which means that the burden will increase on employees as well. Implementation will require legislative and union action so that is where we will need to focus our attention in order to follow the consequences of this decision.

Trustee Cheyne visited Sonoma State for the opening of the Weill Center. She enjoyed the event and the opportunity to meet faculty.

Trustee Cheyne will be visiting San Marcos in November.

The Trustee expressed her delight at the inclusion of the stakeholder group at the end of the Chancellor search process and the outcome of the search with the appointment of Tim White.

8. New Business

8.1 Faculty Trustee Recommending Committee

We should have done this in September as Trustee Cheyne is in her second year in the position. We have a policy that dictates how this is to be done. We will elect the committee in November with assistance of clicker technology from CSUF.

8.2 ASCSU 50th Anniversary Committee -

Tarjan agreed to chair. Filling will be EXCOMM contact. We have a dropbox folder on the 50th Anniversary. All who volunteered will be
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appointed to the committee. The event will happen on March 14 from lunch until 5 pm. We need a list of invitees and invitation wording.

8.2 November Plenary Agenda –

Social will be hosted by Academic Affairs. There was a discussion about how to acknowledge the retirement of Chancellor Reed. Incoming Chancellor Tim White will be invited, as will EVC Ben Quillian.

8.3 Smoking ban on campuses (Postma) –

Brodowsky will do some research on similar smoking bans in the state of California and will report back in November.

8.4 Memo from EVC Quillian (CSU Reserves)

Unrestricted reserves – FGA will come up with a list of questions – Filling will also develop additional questions. Reference Quillian’s memo on unrestricted funds.

8.5 Flow Chart: Shared Governance –

Rather than continue to only point out lack of shared governance or timely faculty involvement, we will attempt to operationalize and define shared governance. The community colleges have process in Title V where consultation process is delineated. We need to add a time element because there is concern that this process holds things up.

8.6 CSUN Conference Follow-up –
There was a short debriefing of the October 11 Funding the Future of the CSU conference at LAX.

9.0 Adjournment:

EXEC adjourned at noon so that members could attend their respective standing committee meetings as liaisons.
10.0 **Revisiting the 120 Unit Issue** –

AA was informed that the BOT item will go forward as an information item on the November BOT Agenda and will not be acted upon until January, 2013. Nonetheless, the timelines for programs to come into compliance with unit limits will not be changed. It was suggested that in the interim, research be done to investigate whether or not high-unit major students take a longer time to graduate.

Trustee Cheyne had no additional information to add. In her report to the BOT, Chair Guerin asked to have the item pulled from the agenda and there has been no formal answer to that request. Chair Guerin will send a letter to the BOT asking them for a response to this request.

It was suggested that we might wish to ask Mallon and others in the CO to respond. The BOT knows only what the Chancellor gave them in the packet of information – and the BOT is responding to that information.

There have been some suggested strategies for Faculty Trustee to undertake with regards to the issue. The Trustee has asked for further direction for how she can help us.

Can Trustee Cheyne present our concerns to the chair of the BOT about issues surrounding the 120 units, whereby the minimum is required by Title 5, but presidents can set maxima on their own campuses for various majors without having to be approved by the CO or the BOT. Thus, does the whole substitute motion have to go to the BOT because there is no Title 5 implication?

11.0 **Adjournment at 2:00**