EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE INTERIM MEETING MINUTES
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2015
8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Zoom Meeting

1. Call to Order
With a quorum being present, the meeting was called to order.

2. Approval of Agenda

3. Attendance (proposed)
   a. Extended Executive Committee (8:30-9:45) - The following ASCSU Executive Committee members were in attendance: Steven Filling (Chair), Christine Miller (Vice Chair), Robert Keith Collins (Secretary), Praveen Soni (At-Large), Steven Stepanek (Faculty Trustee), Darlene Yee-Melichar (At-Large) Tracy Butler (Academic Senate Office).
   b. Extended Exec (8:30-9:45a.m.): The following ASCSU Standing Committee Chairs were in attendance: Manzar Foroohar (FA), Denise Fleming (APEP), Tom Krabacher (FGA), Catherine Nelson (Academic Affairs), Mark Wheeler (Legislative Specialist).

4. Liaison time (12:00 - 12:30)
   Liaisons met with standing committees.

5. Executive Session (1:00 - 2:00)
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).

6. Approval of Minutes
   September plenary meetings - The Minutes will be approved at a future meeting.

7. Announcements
   At-Large Senator Darlene Yee-Melichar and Secretary Robert Keith Collins will attend the CSSA plenary at San Francisco State University on Saturday, October 10, 2015.

8. Reports
   a. Chair
      The Extended Executive Committee heard a report from Chair Filling. Central in the report were the following points:
I. Chair Filling visited CSU Humboldt and met with the California State Student Association (CSSA) Liaison. CSU Pomona was also visited and the open presidential search issue was discussed. EVC Blanchard is being consulted. Director Van Cleve seems to be the primary contact person.

II. It is important to remind old and new liaisons of the importance of shared governance and that the ASCSU is not a subdivision of Academic Affairs.

III. The Academic Senate should monitor Human Resource systems for potential impact on faculty.

IV. The Sustainable Financial Model Report was also discussed.

V. The Academic Technology Steering Committee met for the first time this year. Security may be an issue, if information systems become centralized. Additional concerns have been raised about Instructional Technology (IT) and faculty and student usability to ensure success.

VI. $2.5 million dollars have been appropriated for Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activities (RSCA) funds.

VII. Tenure density and the need for a value assessment of the research being done within the CSU were also discussed.

VIII. The Provosts have asked for clarification on the meaning of tenure density and the impact of reassigned time on tenure density (e.g., What role does the hiring of lecturers play in tenure density assessments? To what extent can Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activities (RSCA) impact tenure density?). The Student –Faculty ratio of 18:1 was discussed and STATWAY and QUANTWAY were of interest to provosts.

IX. The Intersegmental Committee of the Academic Senates (ICAS) met on September 25, 2015. A report status update was requested from The Open Ed Resources Council (OERC). The need for the report by the deadline was stressed. AB 798 (Sponsored by the California State Student Association (CSSA)) ensures seed grants for campuses to create Open Ed Resources. The senate must pass an affirmation of participation and goals. The California Community College (CCC) BA degrees were discussed and the importance of continued consultation with the California State University (CSU) was stressed. Upper division General Education was also discussed.

X. The following concerns and questions were raised:
   1. Are there any new developments at Chico State and were any questions raised at SLO?
   2. Faculty consultation seems to be a concern on campuses.

b. Committee Chairs

I. Academic Affairs (AA) -The Extended Executive Committee heard a report from AA Chair Catherine Nelson. The committee will engage in the following:
   1. Edit the proposed conceptual criteria for a Masters Degree.
   2. Consult on potential revisions to Title V.
3. Examine the Honorary Degree Policy, solicit feedback, and make revisions.

4. Discuss and examine GE transfer among campuses and GE B4 Quantitative Reasoning.

5. The following concerns and questions were raised:
   (a) Might a White Paper be necessary?
   (b) Is it possible to look at in-residence credit on Course Match?
   (c) It is possible to examine the mechanisms for faculty consultation?
   (d) What is the mechanism to resend the granting of an honorary doctorate degree?

II. **Academic Preparation and Education Programs (AEP) -** The Extended Executive Committee heard a report for AEP Chair Denise Fleming. The committee will engage in the following:

   1. Discuss the implications of Smarter Balanced test scores.
   3. Discuss legislation on teacher preparation.
   4. Discuss Specific Data/Report Requests.
   5. The following concerns and questions were raised:
      (a) Is it necessary to shift Sullivan from liaison of FGA to AEP liaison?
      (b) It might be important to have him concentrate on AEP.

III. **Faculty Affairs (FA) -** The Extended Executive Committee heard a report from FA Chair Manzar Foroohar. The committee will engage in the following:

   1. Discuss and revise Second Reading Resolution AS-3223 on the “Suspension of CSU Background Check Policy”.
   2. Discuss and revise Second Reading Resolution AS-3228 on the “Additional of an Emeritus/Emerita Faculty Member to the CSU Board of Trustees”.
   3. Discuss RSCA and how funding can be increased.
   4. Discuss and revise the resolution on including Lecturers in campus orientation programs.
   5. Discuss the need for a new resolution on shared governance.
   6. Discuss the need for revising the policy on Intellectual Property.

IV. **Fiscal and Governmental Affairs (FGA) -** The Extended Executive Committee heard a report from FGA Chair Tom Krabacher. The committee will engage in the following:

   1. Examine federal guide pamphlets. Will the ASCSU be able to purchase copies this year?
2. Update the legislation matrix.
3. Examine the 2016-17 support budget and expand what was being requested in the resolution.
4. Examine the Resolution on system and campus public acknowledgement of donors to campuses for inclusion of California taxpayers.
5. Examine the collective bargaining situation and the potential exclusion of faculty from participating in capital lobbying efforts.
6. Attend budget advocacy stakeholders meetings next week for clarification on the roles that the academic senate can play during this bargaining period.

7. The following concerns and questions were raised:
   
   (a) It is important to consider inviting Lori Lamb to November plenary.
   
   (b) How many campuses have written resolutions supporting open searches?
   
   (c) SB172 Support Resolution, superintendent will create an advisory panel. Will the Chancellor’s Office (CO) make an effort to ensure that the ASCSU is on the advisory panel? It would be nice to have a faculty colleague offering input.
   
   (d) Faculty should be involved in the discussion.

   c. Liaisons (12:30)

   i. Liaisons met with Standing Committees and presented the following talking points:

   1. Academic Senate budget is the same as last year and travel will be supported for campuses with a third senator.
   3. In order to cut down the time between the passage of resolutions and dissemination of this information to our colleagues, the Executive Committee is looking into expediting responses from CO.
   4. It is important to increase faculty input on the Sustainable Financial Model Task Force Report.
   5. It is important to increase advocacy visits within districts and Sacramento and work jointly student on advocacy.
   6. Senator Yee-Melichar is looking for contributions of book reviews and senator spotlights for the November newsletter. The October 2015 issue is out. Thanks to all who contributed to this issue of our Faculty to Faculty newsletter.
   7. ExCom is waiting on the governor’s action on AB798.
   8. 12 campuses have passed resolutions in support of open presidential searches and a few more are expected to come next week.
II. Liaisons reported back the following:

1. Academic Affairs (AA) Liaison At-Large Senator Praveen Soni reported that the committee is drafting resolutions on shared governance and including lecturers in faculty orientation programs, which they plan to bring to the plenary floor. The committee is also revisiting the CSU policy on Intellectual Property. Faculty voice is needed in these areas, as they have a direct impact faculty success. The committee is concerns with how many presidential searches have been closed.

2. Academic Preparation and Education Programs (APEP) liaison Vice-Chair Christine Miller reported on concerns held by Math Council and other stakeholders that the Quantitative Reasoning Task Force would not be able to report in November. Is it important to wait for resolution responses. Math council will meet a week from today. The resolution can be found on the website. Liaison Miller further reported that the committee would like to know if ExCom could create a process for ensuring a timely presentation. APEP will look intersegmentally at quantitative reasoning and believe that the work of the task force is important and want to know when it can be populated. The following concerns and questions were raised:
   
   (a) If the CO does not believe that a task force is necessary, the what would be our response?
   
   (b) Perhaps allocations to campuses should be discussed at plenary.
   
   (c) For people having to pay out of pocket, it may be important to have them contact the Academic Senate Office. Rehearsing of basic spending parameters will be important. This will remind all that we do not expect participants to cover the costs that the state doesn’t.

3. Faculty Affairs (FA) liaison Secretary Robert Keith Collins reported that FA is examining the CSU policy on Intellectual Property, background checks, and shared governance. Faculty Affairs believes that it is important to support open presidential searches and support our faculty that are dealing with open attacks on their academic freedom. A Resolutions are being prepared to address the latter concern.

4. Fiscal and Governmental Affairs (FGA) liaison At-Large Senator Darlene Yee-Melichar reported that FGA recommended that the ASCSU not get caught between the CSU and CFA. It is possible to draw lines of distinction. We need to focus on campuses and the system and coordinate with students. It is important to explore and coordinate advocacy efforts and meet with leadership. FGA is engaged in discussing the importance of in-district advocacy and common talking points. FGA will also examine the role of research and sponsored programs to the Sustainable Financial Model Task Force Report. FGA would like to know if the ASCSU has the budget to pay for legislative
booklets. Is it possible to buy the guides for the committee? Is it possible to subscribe to the online version? Purchasing one will enable the information to be shared without added cost.

9. Appointments
   a. WICHE conversations update - The item was discussed. The following appointments were made:
      I. Human Society & the Individual 2 (sociology, criminology, economics, psychology, etc.)
      II. Patrick O’Neil BA Anthro*
      III. Reza Peigahi SA Library*
      IV. Teamwork & Value Systems 3 (maybe communications, psychology, business ethics, etc.)
      V. Patrick O’Neil BA Anthro
      VI. Reza Peigahi SA Library
      VII. Chris Nagel ST Philosophy*
      VIII. Galen Pickett LB Physics*
      IX. Rolando Pollard SJ Org Psych
      X. Lynda McCroskey LB Comm Studies*
      Note: Asterisks indicate appointees.
   b. GE (B4) - The Item was discussed.
   c. Other - Degree Programs Education Abroad - Director Leo Van Cleve had requested names for the committee.

10. Old Business
    a. Academic Conference Planning follow up - At-Large Senator Soni and Vice-Chair Miller brought and discussed a preliminary plan for the next Academic Conference. The following concerns and questions were raised:
       I. What has the Chancellor said?
       II. Support of the conference should continue.
       III. External funding sources need to be sought.
       IV. There needs to be an acknowledgement of the budget materials and summary (i.e., various budget scenarios, etc.) created by Senator Soni. These were asked for with a deadline of three weeks.
       V. Is this an ASCSU conference or a CSU conference?
       VI. The option for holding the conference at CSU Maritime will continue to be examined.
    b. CO Response to September resolutions - The Item was discussed.
    c. Legislation update (additional bills, review of positions) - SB172: The Item was discussed.
d. ICAS and CA OER Council - The Item was discussed. ICAS will have a draft report by December 1, 2015.
   I. Plenary Guests - The Item was discussed. These individuals have confirmed. Hanley will bring more reasonable data on Course Match. It might be necessary to raise the issue of discipline councils in relations to course match.
      1. November
         (d) Taylor
         (e) Sullivan
         (f) Blanchard
         (g) White (Half Hour)
      2. January
         (h) Eisen
         (i) White
         (j) Blanchard
         (k) ??

e. Sustainable Financial Model draft report - The Item was discussed. Feedback has been received. Information will be compiled and sent to the task force. The following concerns and questions were raised:
   I. FGA will be reviewing the feedback. Is it possible to add more feedback?
   II. It is important to write a dissent opinion.
   III. For the summary, these are some directions that need to be explored.
   IV. There needs to be more consistent definitions regarding task forces and work groups, etc.
   V. The report should not just include input but also changes.

f. ASCSU budget update - The Item was discussed. Chair Filling met with Leo, and Lillian and Tracy. The outcome is that funding will remain consistent with that of last year. $75,000 has been allocated to the academic conference. Business and Finance decided allocation. The following concerns and questions were raised:
   I. How does this division know about Academic Affairs enough to make allocations?
   II. It is important to provide sufficient information when making cases for ASCSU allocations.
   III. It is important to have more direct communication on compensation for ExCom, funding of third senators, etc. Budget information should be shared with the plenary in November. Travel reconciliation will also be examined.
   IV. Is it possible to talk with EVC Blanchard about resource allocations and previously communicated budget needs?
   V. Are we an accepted budget item or are we part of academic affairs?
   VI. It is important to ask the Chancellor about how this organization works.
11. New Business

a. Legislative Advocacy Plan - The Item was discussed. It is important to start the advocacy plan early and continue efforts from last year. How do we build relationships with policy maker and the legislature? The following concerns and questions were raised:
   I. Is it possible to have FGA or other senators attend meetings with local legislators?
   II. Is it possible to have common talking points?
   III. Is it possible to present qualitative data (i.e., narrative)? Is it possible to talk with the CSSA leadership about how to gather the narrative information from students and faculty?
   IV. It is possible to have the information come from the students? It is important to partner with students?
   V. It is possible to have students attend local legislative activities?

b. Executive Session
   I. Presidential Searches - The Item was discussed. The following concerns and questions were raised:
      1. More than one person is uncomfortable with the lack of transparency.
      2. Long discussions of whether confidential searches impact the campus populations has occurred.
      3. There is one campus that believes open searches are useful.
      4. Is it possible that these Resolutions can result in a compiled Resolution in November to show a more unified voice?
      5. Senator Soni will write the resolution.

II. Shared Governance
   1. Chico
   2. San Bernardino
   3. other
   The Item was discussed. The following concerns and questions were raised:
      4. To what extent does this information relate to shared decision making?
      5. Is it possible to consult further with our colleagues?
      6. To what extent might our colleagues need to consult with AAUP?
      7. It is important that ExCom does not impose upon this situation.
      8. Is it possible to have a delegation report to ASCSU.
      9. Has the Faculty Trustee been consulted?
      10. Is it possible that the non-transparency is resulting in presidents not working out?
      11. How do we systemically move forward?
12. Adjourn

The ASCSU Executive Committee adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Robert Keith Collins, ASCSU Secretary