September 12, 2012, 3:30 pm – 5:00 pm, Munitz Room

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

1. Meeting with Ralph Wolff (WASC) – See New Business item 7 A.
2. Planning for tomorrow’s social (Exec Comm hosting)

September 13, 2012, 8:00 am – 3:00 pm, Wallace Room

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

1. Call to Order 8:02 AM
2. Approval of Agenda – Approved as Amended
3. Approval of Minutes – July 31, 2012 Approved
4. Member Announcements (please see Extended Exec Committee agenda) – Update on the EXEC sponsored social.
5. Chair's Report
   a. Trustee visits to plenary – Guerin reported on an email she received. She had enquired about the possibility of having trustees visit ASCSU meeting. It was explained that, because we have a faculty trustee, it is not necessary to have other trustees present. We will, however, consider further invitations to other trustees, especially when there is a topic of mutual concern.
   b. Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium and College Readiness. Beverly Young of the Chancellor’s office has asked ICAS to put this on their agenda. This is going to eventually replace the EAP. It was suggested that we may want to schedule a conference call with EXCOMM and Bev Young before ICAS.

6. Faculty Trustee Report

   Trustee Cheyne provided an update on the Chancellor Search. The committee conducted a round of interviews in San Francisco on Sept 11-12 and is on schedule for the final round of interviews to occur on October 3. EXCOMM notes that there have been no responses to the
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suggestions and input from faculty through open forums. Chair will send an inquiry to follow up with the search committee.

7. New Business

a. Meeting with Ralph Wolff (WASC) – Follow up. We need to solicit, collect, and collate faculty driven input from local campuses to make appropriate recommendations to WASC for the new handbook. Local campus feedback should come from those who have served on local accreditation teams. If local campus feedback is to be included in ASCSU response, feedback is needed by December 1. We will solicit a group of senators to craft an ASCSU response. We will invite David Hoo to lead this taskforce.

b. BOT Agenda – EXCOMM will meet with Chancellor Reed on Friday, September 14.

c. CSO concerns. Concerns have arisen concerning intellectual property rights for online course content. Chair Guerin will discuss these concerns with EVC Smith. Recommended there will be conference call with Guerin, Smith, Quillian, Welty, Ullman, Benavides. EXCOMM considered whether or not the ASCSU should follow up with a white paper that addresses these and related issues. EXCOMM also discussed the possibility of a resolution affirming what we have done so far. There are concerns that many decisions about how CSO fits within the CSU have yet to be resolved. The ASCSU resolution should point out research from the original White Paper to make campuses aware of when talking to CSO leadership. EXCOMM committed to discuss CSO during their liaison meetings with standing committees to solicit questions that we should bring up during the meeting with President Welty on 9/14. Some issues to consider would include:
   i. Intellectual Property Rights
   ii. The consistency of pricing across campuses.
   iii. Decisions concerning which programs are to be provided by which campuses.

d. Appointment of Senator to Student Mental Health Advisory Committee: Kimberly King was appointed.

e. Appointment of two Senators to Review Employee Climate Survey. Two senators were appointed, Senators Kaiser and Krabacher. Margie Merryfield will be sharing the results with FA.

f. 50th Anniversary – EXCOMM discussed how we move this forward and include the energy and leadership of John Tarjan. We will seek senators interested in serving.

g. Chancellor’s Response to May Resolutions 3074. EXCOM considered whether or not to schedule a meeting with Ron Vogel in response to Resolution 3074.

h. ASCSU Priorities 2012-13 – Over the summer, EXCOMM, in consultation with the CO, discussed a list of priorities for 2012-13. There is a need to prioritize the list.

i. Alumni Council has wishes to send a Liaison to ASCSU. Members agreed a liaison would be welcome.
Meeting on with CO Concerning BOT Agenda Item: Called to order at 2:05

Present: Brodowsky, Cheyne, Filling, Guerin, Miller, Nelson, Postma, Miller, Van Selst
Ephraim Smith, Mohammed Qayoumi, Chris Mallon

The meeting concerned the BOT Agenda item regarding substitute motion on 120 unit degrees. Qayoumi and Smith explained that programs in excess of 120 units will need justification for exceeding the limit. The main goal is to bring the number to 120 for all majors in the CSU.

Qayoumi explained that a one-size-fits-all approach to achieve this goal is not appropriate. Instead, campuses need close collaboration between the President, Provost, Dean of Engineering, and Senate Chair to implement the changes. He explained that at CSU East Bay, the Deans of Engineering wanted to get rid of upper division general education (UDGE), thus reducing their program from 207 to 180 quarter units.

He joined Science, Engineering and Business Deans at a meeting in San Diego to investigate how they could work together to achieve the end goal of “increasing throughput of the CSU.” The desired goal was the reduction of programs to 120 semester units without simply lopping off UDGE, but rather letting campuses decide the best way to manage down to the 120 credits.

The system has set September of 2014 as the target date for having all campus programs at 120 semester (180 quarter) units. This will be done in two phases, beginning with programs currently between 121-129 units being adjusted to 120, followed by a second phase targeted at programs currently in excess of 130 semester units.

The discussion then turned toward differences in focus between administrators, who are concentrating on financial and operational efficiency, and faculty who are focusing on maintaining academic quality. The main question coming from members of EXCOMM was how the item got onto the BOT agenda without first coming to the ASCSU and the faculty. This was of special concern because EXCOMM had met with Academic Affairs officers at the CO twice over the summer to identify large, curriculum related issues that we would be expecting to work on this year.
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EVP Smith explained that the goal of bringing programs down to 120 units has been discussed for many years. This is especially true on Academic Council (made of CSU Presidents) as recently as 1.5 years ago. President Quayomi explained that the goal has already been accomplished at CSU East Bay.

However, Executive Council is not made up of Faculty and members of EXCOMM expressed concern that faculty were not consulted. It was explained that the system has been collecting the justifications for why the programs are over 120 units for a decade but GE Breadth and Campus requirements were off the table. This led to a question of whether this is a local campus or system issue and how it got onto the current BOT agenda.

EVC Smith explained that the issue has been on the radar since 2008 and that the Senate and Faculty had not made any movement on the issue, and that at the Presidents’ Meeting in August, the Presidents asked the Chancellor to put the item on the BOT agenda.

Chris Mallon, who has been the CO Liaison to AA for 7 has brought it to the committee. ASCSU hasn’t gone back to the campuses with the message. The administration is disappointed with the lack of action.

Conversation then turned to moving forward. The decision was between entirely withdrawing the motion, or putting forward a substitute motion aimed at achieving the 120 unit goal but taking the elimination of 9 units of UDGE off the table. Campuses and the ASCSU would then be expected to work out the details of how programs currently over 120 units (a minority of programs in the system) could reach that goal. The meeting ended with the expectation that a substitution motion would be presented at the BOT.

Upcoming Events – Senate Executive participation
i. CSSA Leadership 9/17 at 4 pm (Conference call): Diana, Chris, Catherine
ii. BOT 9/18 and 9/19: Diana, Jim
iii. CSSA 9/15/12 (Fullerton) Diana
iv. ICAS 9/28/12 (Sacramento): Attending: Diana, Glen, Chris, Steve
v. Not attending: Alumni Council 9/29/12 (San Marcos) due to scheduling conflict