ASCSU EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2015
8:30a.m. – 4:00p.m.
Munitz Room

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

2. Attendance
   a. The following ASCSU ExCom 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. Liaison time (3:30)
      Liaisons met with their respective committees.

3. Approval of Agenda
   a. The Agenda was approved.

4. Approval of Minutes
   a. 17 August, 2015 face-to-face minutes
      The Minutes were approved.

5. Announcements
   a. Announcements were made. Three senators, Eadie, Neto, and Davis, will be invited to meet from 2:30p.m. - 3:00p.m. The Chancellor’s Office (CO) Liaison to Fiscal and Government Affairs (FGA) will be determined in the near future. Senator Soni will remind chairs to collect $35.00 for senators to the social fund.

6. Reports
   a. Chair Extended
   b. ExCom heard a report from Chair Filling. Central in this report were the following points:
      I. The Academic Council of provosts will be meeting on September 29, 2015. Chair Filling will attend on September 30, 2015. Senator Soni will attend at the second part of the meeting on September 30, 2015: 9:00a.m. -12:00p.m.
      II. The Intersegmental Committee of the Academic Senates (ICAS) met in June and the University of California (UC) Academic Senate will take over to lead the meetings this year. Open Education Resources work will
continue. A report will be produced later this fall. Several discussions on California Community College (CCC) Baccalaureate degrees occurred. Central in their concerns is upper division General Education (GE) and the quality of their BA programs. The issue before us is what to do with those that want to transfer to the CSU. CCC has said that they will propose changes to Title V.

III. A statement on Natural Science Competencies was created last year. Senators are encouraged to provide comments.

IV. CCC mentioned that they want to switch from the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC) to the Western Association of Schools & Colleges (WASC).

V. Trustee Monville will not be seeking reappointment to the Board of Trustees (BOT) next year. Trustee Becky Eisen will be invited to the November plenary. Mandeville will be attending the plenary tomorrow.

VI. The issue of tenure density was raised with the Chancellors Office (CO). The BOT may ask the CO for a matrix on addressing tenure density. Targets set in ACR 73 may be of concern.

VII. Chair Filling attended the CFA Fall kick-off. The California Faculty Association (CFA) and the CO are at an impasse. CFA President Jen Eagan will explain process at plenary.

VIII. The Provost of CSU San Bernardino was dismissed without consultation. The response from the CO was that shared leadership was not shared decision making.

IX. Last week, Chair Filling visited CSU Chico. Invited to Senate retreat. 1/3 faculty, 1/3 students, and administrators. Turned into an open forum. Shared governance issues are of great concern. Shared governance statements can be found in HIRA, campus constitutions, BOT collegiality statement, etc.

X. Executive Vice Chancellors (EVC) Loren J. Blanchard and Lori Lam visited Chico and participated in a panel and discussion. The focus of their participation was on the need for a new president. Faculty were interested in the search process. It is important to share with our colleagues that the search process should be open. It will be important to examine presidential searches.

1. The following concerns and questions were raised:

   (a) What can we do to ensure that candidates are brought to campus and campus is allowed to offer input?

   (b) Is there a way to expand faculty leadership participation in the search process?

   (c) Is it possible to get evidence to support the need for greater faculty involvement?
XI. WICHE has removed the vast majority of the information that lent the illusion that the CSU and Academic Senate support the Passport. WICHE has been told that the CSU will be a discussant.

XII. The Task Force will take feedback on the Ethnic Studies Report until the end of September.

XIII. The committee behind the Sustainable Financial Model Report has not met since April. Vice Chancellor (VC) Relyea will attend plenary to discuss the report. Senators should examine this information and share widely.

XIV. A request for increases in the Academic Senate travel budget has been made.

XV. Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC) will convene over next year’s funding.

XVI. Senate Chairs are meeting Oct 8, 2015.

XVII. Research, Scholarship and Creative Activities (RSCA) will be funded at 2.5 million. Allocations for campuses will be determined at a future date.

XVIII. A handout will be provided at plenary on emergency procedures.

XIX. Director Leo Van Cleve will be sitting in on the plenary.

XX. Discussion of the CC BAs of Auto design, resp. therapy, occupational health services, etc. will continue to be discussed. It is important to convene the discussion groups on these BA degrees as soon as possible. It is important to show where consultation was effective and where it wasn’t.

XXI. Zoom conferences will replace the toll-free dial in.

1. The following concerns and questions were raised:
   
   (a) Will any training be provided?
   
   (b) When will training occur?
   
   (c) It is possible for Chairs to volunteer a Zoom training for their members.

XXII. GEAC has discussed STATWAY. The Math Council is not in favor of replacing intermediate algebra with STATWAY, as it takes out the vast majority of algebra. The CCC is pushing to make the STATWAY pilot permanent. There are issues that arise with the statistics used to support the viability of STATWAY. The pilot will continue for three years for five campuses.

1. The following questions were raised:

   (a) It seems that this discussion may end up in a presentation to the BOT.
(b) It is important that the BOT receives a holistic – rather than selective - presentation of the situation. Too much anecdotal evidence is being used.

(c) CAP seems to be an alternative.

(d) PowerPoint slides used during the meeting are public.

(e) Is it possible to create a White Paper?

(f) It is important to have a first reading resolution that suggest that we are discussing these issues, the bar, and calling for a disciplinary group to revisit the relationship between the CSU bar on quantitative reasoning and STATWAY.

(g) Do APEP and Academic Affairs have the background to get this job done?

(h) It is important to consult with discipline specific faculty.

(i) How long are we willing to wait for an answer on STATWAY?

(j) Was there appropriate assessment done?

(k) It is important to pay close attention to themes of race and socio-economic background.

c. Committee Chairs

1. **Academic Affairs (AA)** - The Extended ExCom heard a report from Chair Catherine Nelson. Central in this report were the following points:

   1. The committee will discuss the Ethnic Studies Report.
   2. A co-sponsored APEP and FGA Commendation Resolution on CSU CASHEE Decision will be explored.
   3. The applied baccalaureate degree will be examined.
   4. Master Degree requirements, conceptual requirements for the MA, and necessary Title V changes will also be examined.
   5. The Ethnic Studies Task Force Report, the Sustainable Financial Model Report, and STATWAY will also be examined.

   (a) The following concerns and questions were raised:

   i. Will the applied BA be a discussion or resolution?
   ii. Will waivers be requested?
   iii. It may be useful to consult widely on the workload issues discussed.
   iv. A long-standing concern is that we need a statement on what constitutes upper division course work.
   v. The Sustainability – Campus as a Living Lab working group will create a model on a system wide minor.
vi. Sections 8.1-8.2 of the report on Access to Excellence might speak to some of these issues.

vii. It might be a good idea to get the campus senate chairs involved in the discussion of upper division, GE, as some campuses already have active definitions.

viii. To what extent is a system wide minor possible? Is this not a campus specific issue?

ix. Is Academic Affairs (AA) still paying attention to Course Match? Is it possible to get an update on the current numbers, etc.?

II. Academic Preparation and Education Programs Committee (AEP - The Extended ExCom heard a report from Chair Denise Fleming. Central in this report were the following points:

1. New members will be introduced. Chancellor’s Office Liaisons will not be able to meet with APEP until tomorrow.

2. APEP will review the 2014-15 Annual Report and the Committee’s Charge.

3. New business will include a debriefing with Mark Van Selst and other GEAC members on APEP about the GEAC meeting yesterday, particularly the new iteration of statistical curricular pathway pilots.

4. Beverly Young has retired and will no longer be the APEP liaison. The committee will work on a Resolution for her.

5. APEP will consider two resolutions that pertain to no longer be the APEP liaison and the committee will work on a Resolution for her.

6. If time permits, the committee will review the sustainable financial model.

III. Faculty Affairs (FA) - The Extended ExCom heard a report from Chair Manzar Foroohar. Central in this report were the following points:

1. The committee will engage in the following:

   (a) Academic Freedom and Shared Governance

   i. A CSU working group on Academic Freedom policy will convene this fall after the arrival of EVC Blanchard.

   ii. There are several cases where shared governance has been problematic. Faculty has been excluded from search committees. The policy on background check for CSU employees is also of concern. The committee will examine the extent to which this
practice impacts minorities. The possibility for Resolutions will also be discussed.

iii. The committee will explore the issue of including lecturers in orientation programs for new faculty.

iv. The committee will review the Ethnic Studies Task Force report for possible actions and recommendations.

v. The 1987 report on RSCA will be revisited. The committee will also revisit the CSU policy on Intellectual property, as it related to online courses.

- The following concerns and questions were raised:
  - Why should campuses endorse the system-wide statement?
  - To what extent should the Wisconsin law against tenure be examined?
  - Will the committee examine the $15 minimum wage issue?
  - Policy says that administrators can determine which faculty should be subject to background checks.
  - It is important to see what campus senates have to say about background checks.
  - How are faculty supposed to do background checks on faculty members?

IV. Fiscal and Government Affairs (FGA) - The Extended ExCom heard a report from Chair Tom Krabacher. Central in this report were the following points:

1. The FGA Agenda will be as follows:
   (a) Finishing up loose end from spring legislative calendar. 36 bills are being monitored.
   (b) The statuses in the legislative bill grid will be updated. This update will be presented at the plenary.
   (c) Fact finding on legislation will be engaged.
   (d) The formation of a small advocacy group to Sacramento will be explored. Their goal will be to meet with staffers.
   (e) The Ethnic Studies Task Force Report and the Fiscal Sustainability Report will be examined.
   (f) The Applied Baccalaureate Degree will also be examined.
   (g) The following concerns and questions were raised:
i. Within the Financial Sustainability Report, no appendix exists. Was this presented to the BOT? Is this possible to see the appendix?

ii. Is it possible for FGA to relay to legislators that Academic Freedom is a CSU priority?

iii. Is it possible for the committee to weigh in on whether or not campuses without Student Success Fees will be able to ask for them?

iv. SB 172 SB 707 will be examined.

V. Liaison Reports - Liaisons reported back from their assigned committee.

1. Academic Affairs (AA) - At-Large Senator Soni reported back from Academic Affairs. The committee was involved in discussions of developmental work needed, the importance of visiting legislators in the fall, Zoom conferences, Friday meeting concerns.

2. Academic Preparation and Education Programs (APEP) - Vice Chair Miller reported back from APEP. The committee is continuing discussion of STATWAY, Co-Sponsoring of a Resolution on GEAC recommendations and their own Resolution on Minimum Standards for B4. The following concerns and questions were raised:

   (a) What implications might these hold for looking at achievement gaps?

3. Faculty Affairs (FA) - Senator Collins reported back from FA. The committee is continuing discussion on Academic Freedom, suspension of the background checks policy, and a Resolution on the need for an Emeritus/a addition to the BoT.

4. Fiscal and Government Affairs (FGA) - At-Large Senator Yee-Melichar reported back from FGA. The committee is in discussion on a Resolution Endorsing the Budget Request, a Resolution of CSU Support for SB 172 and SB 707 (Gun Free Campuses), and responding to the Sustainable Financial Model Report.

7. Vice Chair Report
   A Report will be given at a future meeting.

8. Old Business
   a. CCC BA continuing concerns
      The Item was discussed. CCC BA will be discussed with Assistant Vice Chancellor (AVC) Chris Mallon.
b. Legislative Specialist duties
The Item was discussed. Central in this discussion was the Sustainable Financial Model Task Force Report. AB 798 Open Education Resources (Dept of Finance will re-write a larger part of the bill.). Chair Filling will consult on this information this afternoon and will suggest that senators look at the current bills coming forward. Joint visits between Trustees and ASCSU Chair will be encouraged. This will enable members of the CO to understand the faculty position. It is important to broaden communication vectors so that foci are on the CO, Trustees, faculty, and students. The following concerns and questions were raised:

I. It is important to be clearer on ASCSU concerns that should be taken to the BOT.
II. It is important to have input and information sent to the Faculty Trustee before the BOT meetings.
III. It is important to present faculty perspectives in a clear and concise way, through multiple channels, and in appropriate contexts.
IV. It may be important to get our collective voice out through the press to increase our visibility.
V. It is important for more campus visits to be conducted by representatives of the ASCSU.
VI. Campus autonomy should be at the center of discussion that impacts the curriculum.

a. Tenure Density
The Item was discussed.

b. ASCSU Budget Report
The ASCSU budget is not inclusive of all requests. Chair Filling and Ms. Tracy will examine what is missing and whether or not RSCA money has been allocated. Request of additional amounts may be a possibility. A definitive allocation has not been presented. Current Salary table requests are being submitted. The following concerns and questions were raised:

I. Is our assigned time at a vacant rate?
II. Which statewide senators attended the Admissions Advisory Board meeting in Oakland? Is it possible to have them give a report to the plenary?

9. New Business

a. STATWAY and quantitative reasoning were discussed. Quantitative reasoning will continue to be examined.

b. Appointment will be made at a future date. WICHE appointments will be discussed at a future date.

c. Senator Postma will informed Chair Filling of when the work on Smarter Balance work on Common Core standards will reconvene.
d. Campus Issues

1. The Item was discussed. The following concerns and questions were raised:
   1. To what extent are administrators not following campus policies?
   2. It is important to provide campuses with model policies on how to resolve shared governance issues.
   3. It is important to have campuses show best practices in policy and resolution crafting.
   4. It might be important to reaffirm statements of collegiality and shared governance.
   5. It is important to consider fit in openness of searches.

e. Conversations with the new EVC.

1. The Item was discussed. The following concerns and questions were raised:
   1. It important to share our values and views of shared governance with EVC Blanchard. This will enable the sharing of value-based information with the Provosts and present the big picture.
   2. It is important to share the issues effecting campus and ASCSU and examples of breakdowns in communication.
   3. It important to share current Students Affairs concerns and issues, how they relate to EVP Blanchard’s job, and how they will impact ASCSU.
   4. Topics may come from both arenas. Our core mission needs to be focused on education and students.
   5. How faculty and student affairs will work together to improve student success should a major theme in our conversations.
   6. It is important to copy the ASCSU chair on everything that is being sent to campuses where faculty and students are impacted.
   7. It is important to considered an Academic Freedom Task Force in tandem with joint campus visits.
   8. Today, it is important to cover the following: Cover today: shared governance, academic freedom, student affairs/ academic affairs, bullying, and tenure density.

f. ICAS September meeting

1. The meeting will be held at the CSU East Bay facility. The following concerns will be shared:
   1. CCC BA
   2. COERC
   3. STATWAY
4. The following concerns and questions were raised:
   (a) Is it possible to have a conversation with Gerry Hanley?

**g. BoT Agenda items**
   I. Fast track item from SF State
   II. New Compensation Consultant
   III. Change constraints on new presidential compensation.
   IV. It is important to examine 6 items.

**h. Diversity and Accessibility Group**
   I. This item will part of ongoing discussion. Central in this discussion was the extent that a group was needed and whether or not concerns can be addressed within the current committee structure.

**i. Academic Conference**
   I. Vice Chair Miller reported on the Academic Conference. The event was successful; however, attention must be placed on what lesson were learned from the last Academic Conference. A commitment has been given from the Chancellor, pending a reasonable budget, to support another Academic Conference. Sustainability of the conference needs to be addressed. The Chancellor’s generosity will not be infinite. Having campuses potentially sponsoring the conference after a bidding process should be considered. It is important to have the conference in a non-conference setting. Locations (e.g., Sacramento, on the Golden Bear at CSU Maritime, etc.) were also discussed, including a North/South rotation. Sacramento. Campuses presidents will need to pay for attendees and delegations to the conference, as there will be no registration fee.

Vice Chair Miller further reported that it may be a good idea to link the conference to the end of CSU Advocacy Day. This will potentially allow for the inclusion of legislators if held in Sacramento. A timeline will need to be created and a proposal will need to go to the Chancellor. There will be three committee members and two Ex members (i.e., Dr. Soni and Dr. Miller). The theme is important to create (i.e., Advocacy Day). A social media theme manifested in the qualitative data (i.e., impact on the CSU, etc.). The following concerns and questions were raised:

1. What role has social media played in the CSU?
2. What impact has social media had on the CSU?
3. Is it possible to explore the option of having event at Asilomar, as in the past?
4. Is it possible to have the Academic Conference Committee meet at 2:00p.m. on September 3, 2015.
5. A discussion is needed about how importance of BOT member presence at the Academic Conference.
6. It is important for the committee to examine a variety of options for venues.

10. Adjourn

The ASCSU Executive Committee of the Academic Senate Adjourned at 4:00p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Robert Keith Collins, ASCSU Secretary