Present: Glen Brodowsky, Manzar Foroohar, Diana Guerin, Eileen Klink, Catherine Nelson, Romey Sabalius

1. Approval of Agenda
   Approved as amended.

2. Approval of Minutes
   Minutes of March 14, 2011 were approved as submitted.

3. Member Announcements
   3.1. Informal report from Shared Governance Task Force. There are no new developments since the May plenary. The second readings of the three resolutions presented at the March plenary is the current focus.
   3.2. Senators should be receiving lobbying materials in the mail from FGA in the next day or two for the district visits mentioned at the March plenary.

4. Chair’s Report
   4.1. Christine Helwick will support the constitutional amendment as submitted in the March plenary resolution, although she objected to the inclusion of the “For decades...” paragraph in the rationale.

5. Reports/Guests/Time Certain
   5.1. Kevin Baaske
      5.1.1. Exec Comm will be meeting with ICAS at the Capitol on 4/24/12.
      5.1.2. Exec Com will be meeting on 4/16/12 to discuss the graduate student SUG issue. Committee members provided feedback in opposition to cutting graduate student SUG on such short notice.
      5.1.3. Glen and Eileen will work with Bernadette to write a resolution in recognition of Beth Ambos.

6. Review of Chancellor’s Office Response to March 2012 Resolutions
   6.1. Not available.

7. Resolutions
   7.1. AS-3061-12/FA Endorsing the Joint Statement on Academic Freedom by Presidents Armstrong (California Polytechnic University, San Luis Obispo); Hellenbrand (California State University, Northridge); Welty
7.1. Change numbering in body of resolution after #3; Edit first line of rationale: “The recent attacks by interest groups on the faculty...”; Remove the fourth footnote text and add a link to University of Exeter. Forward to Tracy for second reading in May.

7.2. AS-3064-12/EX Receipt of “CSU Faculty Profile: Proportion of Tenure-Track/Tenured Faculty and Demographic Trends, 2001-2009” Report (Merged with 3067 per suggestions from March plenary; see next).

7.3. AS-3067-12/FA Receipt and Endorsement of Recommendations in the “CSU Faculty Profile: Proportion of Tenure-Track/Tenured Faculty and Demographic Trends, 2001-2009” Report on Commitment 2 of the CSU Access to Excellence Strategic Plan (Correct “Receipt” instead of “Receipts” in title; Forward to Tracy for second reading in May)

7.4. AS-3068-12/FA Calling for the Review or Creation of Campus Policies on Emeriti Faculty (For second reading in May). Finalize at May interim meeting.

7.5. AS-3625-12/FA Amending the Constitution of the Academic Senate, The California State University (ASCSU) to Include Advancing Academic Freedom (Manzar; for second reading in May). Ready for plenary; Diana will give it a final review prior to forwarding to Tracy.

8. Discussion Items

8.1. ASCSU Calendar 2012-2013 – Scheduling of Virtual Meetings

The consensus was that one virtual meeting was preferred, as the current practice is working well; that the specific times should be included on the calendar resolution and clearly communicated to senators at the beginning of the year; the meeting time length of 3 or 4 hours is working well (either 9-noon or 10-1 for standing committees). We can schedule a second interim if we need it. There was a concern that it would be even harder to get a quorum if there were two shorter meetings.

8.2. CSU Agreement with CourseSmart, Follett, and Cengage. Members not interested in discussing this with Gerry Hanley, as issues addressed at the March plenary.

8.3. Cal State Online

Glen reviewed the two documents that he distributed electronically to the members. He will also review the AA white paper to see if there are FA issues that should be addressed in a resolution and report back at our May meeting that have not been addressed in prior ASCSU resolutions. Note: We may want to work with AA on a resolution. Glen was thanked for his work on this issue.

8.4. Members have heard that faculty are being urged (coerced?) to put their courses online. Glen and Diana will discuss how to address this and report back in May.

8.5. Academic reorganization on campuses. What are the definitions of college, school, department, and division and how does this affect restructuring on campuses? What is the role of faculty in such decisions and policies? He cited two issues: 1. definition of academic units (departments, schools, colleges, etc.). Romey described renaming/retiling on his campus (divisions to colleges). Is this restructuring? Did faculty have a role in the process? Glen shared a report that might be helpful. Should campuses have a policy on this? 2. The
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reorganization of units. When we create policies, we almost need lawyers there to help us envision all possible situations. “Meaningful faculty consultation” is too vague; policies should include details on the process, such as the clear procedures to be followed. Specific methods to demonstrate faculty input/voice should be specified. Also, feasible timelines for consultation should be in the policy. “Prior consultation with faculty should take place” is too vague. Romey will look at prior ASCSU resolutions pertaining to restructuring, reorganizing, merging, and eliminating programs in preparation for May meeting. It was mentioned that merging of programs is being done in lieu of eliminating. Local senates should review their policies to ensure that “prior consultation” and “meaningful faculty consultation” are concretely operationalized.

8.6. Review of Access to Excellence Progress Report, particularly Commitment 2 on pp. 2-6 of 29 Diana has requested from Margie the updated faculty recruitment report mentioned in the progress report. Members also want to ask her for any updated or recent information on faculty turnover.

8.7. Update of FA-Related ASCSU Reports. Diana requested to table until May.

8.8. AS 3070 on SB 1052. Members listed the following questions/concerns:
   a. What does “open” mean? When you apply it to Wikipedia, it means that anyone can change it. Or does it mean that anyone can access the information?
   b. Updating the books? How would regular revisions take place to keep the material current?
   c. Pressure to adopt these materials? Concerned that this would happen.
   d. The Council that is being proposed—3 from each segment. To develop the materials and review—how can we give this job to them away from faculty the departments?
   e. Concern that ASCSU would be asked to make it happen without adequate resources to carry out the work of the Council.
   f. Attach a copy of the bill to the resolution.
   Is this a dangerous way to accomplish the goal of textbook affordability? Cheapest is not the best. Should the ASCSU have a resolution opposing or stating serious concerns about SB 1052?

8.9. Resolution on bargaining
   Members looked at previous resolutions pertaining to CSU-CFA bargaining. Members did not wish to put forth a resolution on this issue at this time.

8.10. Sale of class notes and exams (Course Hero). Manzar will bring a resolution from SLO Academic Senate. Diana was asked to invite Christine Helwick to come to our meeting in May.

8.11. Student’s rights to record classes (Judith). Not discussed.

9. Adjournment
Meeting adjourned at 12:53 pm.