

Academic Senate CSU

Faculty Affairs Committee

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Friday December 9, 2011

10:00 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.

Conference Call

Present: Brodowsky, Foroohar, Gubernat, Klink, Lessow-Hurley, Monemi, Nelson, Sabalius, Thobaben

Guests: Beth Ambos, Leo Van Cleve

1. Approval of Agenda: Approved
2. Approval of Minutes: [November 2, 2011](#). Approved with one change regarding the intent of RSCA resolution forthcoming.
3. Announcements: Diana is serving on Trustees Advisory Committee for CSUF campus president. Glen led the meeting.
4. Chair's Report. Glen provided an update from Executive Committee meeting this morning. There is a bill in the assembly proposing to require two courses in ethnic studies as part of GE. FAC was praised for the report on faculty composition. With respect to early faculty involvement in BOT initiatives, Herb Carter suggested that the BOT could call on ASCSU members to testify when issues are being discussed and/or faculty can participate on the committees/task forces.
5. Review of [Chancellor's Office response to September 2011 ASCSU resolutions](#). FAC members are concerned that the response on the FAC resolution regarding campus president searches does not directly address the issue of campus visits during campus president searches.
6. Reports/Guests/Time Certains
 - 6.1. Beth Ambos, *RSCA Report, 2007-08*
Beth reviewed the report with FAC. Members discussed what can be done with the report as a means of evidence-based efforts to restore RSCA funds. This may also relate to retention of faculty.
 - 6.2. Implications of Assigned Time Reduction for Faculty Governance.
FAC members discussed how much should faculty accommodate this. Should we do compensation on a per course basis or on a per dollar basis?

This is a tough one for quarter campuses where people will teach 6 courses. The general consensus was that the course release is the appropriate compensation for the time spent on governance. Members were concerned about the lack of transparency in the way this was done. In the long run, we need to look at whether we only have one senator rather than two. Whatever else EXEC is discussing, we need to frame it in a workload context and how the

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work is going to be reduced commensurate with the cuts in assigned time. Many will forego committee work and only come to Plenary. What of campuses that don't buy out assigned time when others do? Ethical response – are there enough of us willing to refuse assigned time to express solidarity with those who do not get it? Is there a two-tiered system for those campuses who can afford it and those who can't? We need to have assigned time for everyone or reduce workload. We cannot do business as usual. If we were properly funded as a senate, we would not need additional temporary funds to participate in initiative discussions.

- 6.3. Kevin Baaske, Executive Committee
The issue of the ASCSU budget was the primary discussion item.
7. Resolutions
 - 7.1. Academic Freedom and Faculty Rights Pertaining to Sponsored Research. Saeed drafted the resolution; members reviewed it and forwarded the resolution to Tracy (copied to Beth Ambos) for the January plenary. Members thanked Saeed for a well-crafted resolution.
8. Discussion Items
 - 8.1. Extended University/Self-Support Programs (Glen/Romey) – Sent to EXCOMM, and will be sent to Karen Haynes, who chairs the statewide commission on the Extended University as information to inform further discussions.
 - 8.2. Petition/resolution on early faculty involvement in CSU Initiatives. Concerns arose about the lack of teeth of such initiatives about faculty voice in shared governance and faculty control of curriculum. The issue extends to the discussion of the cutting of ASCSU funding and whether or not it can continue to function effectively in light of budget cuts. If we are to do a resolution, we should ask for some action. FAC intends to withdraw or table the previous resolution in favor of one that is more action oriented. Such actions go up to and include a vote of no confidence in the chancellor. A subgroup of FAC will work on this.
 - 8.3. Student's rights to record classes (Judith)- Not discussed due to lack of time.
 - 8.4. Access to Excellence and Faculty Recruitment and Retention (Diana)-As noted by Executive Committee, an excellent report that will be posted on the ASCSU website as a white paper. FAC may pass a resolution calling for dissemination to all campuses.
 - 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? (Referred from Executive Committee)-Not discussed due to lack of time.
 - 8.6. Update of FA-Related ASCSU Reports - [Faculty Productivity](#) (Diana/Marshelle)-Not discussed due to lack of time.
 - 8.7. Establishment of office of Emeriti Affairs at CO and campus rights of Emeriti (Diana)-Not discussed due to lack of time.
9. Adjournment at 1:15 p.m.