Academic Senate CSU
MINUTES (submitted by K.Davis)
10 October 2014, 10:00-1:30
Virtual Meeting

In attendance: Davis, Foroohar, Kensinger, Roberts, Sabalius, Wheeler, VanCleve
Absent: Eudey, Frehlich, Ornatowski

1. Approval of Agenda – Approved/Seconded
2. Approval of Minutes – September 3-4, 2014 (submitted by Vice Chair B.Eudey)
Deferred until minutes are reviewed
3. Member Announcements
   Committee congrats on Sen. Frehlich’s new baby!
4. Reports
   4.1 Chair: Manzar Foroohar (SLO)
   - Mtg w Extended Exec report back from Manzar:
   - AA is reviewing EO 1065 to see if CO’s proposed changes are substantive or minor.
   - AA is also looking at proposed revisions to Access to Excellence.
   - AA also waiting for results of Ethnic Studies Taskforce
   - APEP: looking at high school readiness – collecting data to gauge effectiveness of tests.
   - Academic Conference – location transferred to CO and away from non-union hotel
   - Exec is also looking at Student Success Fees and all standing committees’ recommendations on this issue.
   - Discussion on the possible impact of Student Success Fees on state support from Sacramento
   - New Task Force: FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY Task Force w Faculty Trustee on it – will meet every other week – looking at budgeting formulas and how campus allocations are set and to review the budgeting process and make suggestions
   - Question: do Student Success Fees factor into campus budget allocations for campuses that collect them? (We do not know – several FA members curious)

Sen. Kensinger provided Ethnic Studies Task Force report:
- Task force has set up surveys all over campuses – they have good data –
- Report is in draft form
- The latest Task Force mtg was primarily about getting better results from some campuses, wider response would be desirable
- Task Force Report scheduled to become available to ASCSU and other stakeholders by Dec/January

5. Review of Chancellor’s Office Response to Faculty Affairs’ Committee resolutions: N/A
6. Second Reading Resolutions
6.1 “Resolution on Improving Campus Response to Sexual Assault and Sexual Violence.” (Sen. Kensinger is lead author of this resolution)
- Discussed revised version of 3192 based on floor feedback from first reading
- Suggestions made/taken on draft resolution, to be discussed at Nov. face-to-face FA meeting

6.2 “Protecting the Academic Freedom of California State University Faculty Facing Harassment From Outside Political Pressure Groups.” (Sen. Foroohar is lead author of this resolution)
- Discussed proposed changes/revisions to the first draft of this resolution
- Suggestions made/taken particularly with regard to the specificity of the Rationale
- Next draft to be discussed at Nov. face-to-face FA meeting

7. Potential New Resolutions
7.1 Role of lecturers in shared governance (Sen. Davis is lead author of this proposed resolution)
- Davis will be meeting with lecturer leaders from 7 or 8 campuses following CFA Fall Assembly and will take notes and craft a resolution for introduction at November FAC meeting before Nov plenary

7.2 Resolution on academic freedom policy- (Senators Orntowski, Frehlich, Wheeler, Foroohar)
- Sen. Foroohar reported to the committee that this resolution is still in progress
- General discussion of thrust and direction of this resolution:
  - General Counsel wants us to show compelling reasons why we must update the old policy of the BOT
  (Current BOT language is from 1971 and is 2 short paragraphs in length)
  - Suggestion: we can show the 1971 BOT policy falls short of AAUP policy to make a compelling case for the insufficiency of the current policy
  - Additional compelling arguments: the 1971 policy does not mention email or any other technology in terms of privacy, usage and principles of academic freedom
  - Discussion concluded with FA committee members’ agreement to put together a list of reasons to present to General Counsel at/before the November plenary

8. Additional topics for discussion
8.1 Student “Success” Fees
- Student Fee discussion - concerns raised:
  On some campuses student success fees were supposed to replace all older Category 2 fees however this didn't occur on some campuses including CalPoly, SLO, where these new fees do not supplant older fees but have been added to the pre-existing fees

8.2 New evaluation procedures for lecturers’ evaluation in CalState Teach
- Davis will inquire at CSU Monterey Bay (a CalState Teach campus)

8.3 Faculty spotlight awards (new awards?)
- No new awards to discuss

8.4 Contract with ELibrary (Ornatowski)
- Deferred
Executive Committee Liaison Report SUSAN GUBERNAT: Time certain 11:30am

Sen. Gubernat reported to the Faculty Affairs committee (brief summary below):

- Achievement Gap continues to exist even as graduation rates are rising (underrepresented minorities do not show same improvement in graduation rates or other measures as white students)
- Exec believes this issue is pertinent to all ASCSU committees

For FAC: a suggestion we look at the relationship between faculty diversity and student diversity and track research suggesting that student success is positively impacted by increased faculty diversity.

- Question from FAC: are there any committees looking at how graduation rate pressures make double majors harder to declare and do we have any data showing that oft-chosen double-majors like Ethnic Studies can actually help with underrepresented minority graduation success?

- Discussion topic: diverse faculty have extra pressures for mentoring underrepresented students so that they succeed but this comes at the expense of increased faculty workload and the expectation that these faculty are the ones to help failing students succeed

- Suggestion: FA should address this potential/actual consequence and how to deal with it

- Other issues from Exec: Exec is trying to craft a response to all the input from committees on Student Success Fees - response due to CO by Oct 13

- Discussion topic: How might Exec Order 1055 be modified?

- Exec is issuing a report to BOT Task Force with suggestions on how to amend or modify 1055

- Point of note: no faculty representation exists on this task force as far as we know

- Question from FAC: how are student success fees impacting campus budget requests?

- Discussion topic: CO has set up and needs faculty participation in 2 new working groups (as called for in prior ASCSU resolutions):
  a) Discipline Councils to augment Math and English Councils
  b) Task force to create rubrics for online and hybrid definitions i.e. 6 ways to think of online/hybrid delivery models for instructions e.g. fully-online, partially online- task force will clarify categories

- Discussion topic: Chancellor’s cabinet discussed exceptions to 120/180 credit issue:
  - Once all exception requests are compiled, Chancellor White will look them over, convene a committee and make decisions, and he has asked ASCSU Exec to weigh in
  - Exec plans to inform CO of instances on campuses where exceptions to limit have been denied on the campuses before progressing to the CO level

- FAC expressed concern: are campuses imposing cuts to GE as a way to reduce unit limits?
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- Sen. Gubernat reported that ASCSU Exec has heard from Long Beach that the critical thinking GE requirement was not deemed necessary by the CSULB Engineering program – this raises concern over control over curriculum i.e. incursions into purview of the faculty
- FAC concern: it’s not just critical thinking requirements coming under pressure – required GE courses in multicultural studies/ethnic studies face similar pressure
- Sen. Gubernat responded that GEAC is a flashpoint now – it’s quite significant that a lot of these issues are arising
- Discussion topic: SB850 signed by Gov: 15 community colleges can pilot a bachelors degree
- In terms of CC programs that will count toward “similar” CSU degrees: It’s up to CSU what “similar” means
- Remains to be seen whether ASCSU will have a role in adjudicating whether or not these programs should go thru - will we have a seat at the decision making table?
- Discussion topic: 120/180 limits – Chair Foroohar expressed hope that AA can craft a resolution and FA can co-sponsor
- Discussion topic: FA members have heard that campuses are already setting up policies on sexual violence and expressed concern that the November plenary may be too late for ASCSU to have any impact on the process
- Discussion topic: CO Liaison Van Cleve informed us that a new (June 3?) Exec Order 1099 (on Title IX) from CO is currently under review by the General Counsel and there will be a new Title 9 Coordinator

Meeting Adjourned 1:30pm