Fiscal and Governmental Affairs Committee  
Academic Senate, California State University  

Minutes  
February 9, 2007  

Attendance: Buckley Barrett, David Hood, Fred Hornbeck, Cristy Jensen, Jackie Kegley (chair), Tom Krabacher, Dick Montanari, Dennis Muroaka, Catherine Nelson  

1. Call to Order: 10:30 am  

2. Overview of agenda provided by Chair Kegley  
   - Revision of agenda and announcements:  
   - Cancel conference call with Karen Yelverton Zamarripa, add 1:30 conference call jointly with Academic Affairs Committee and Patrick Lenz concerning alternatives to current FTES funding model  
   - Add items 7.6 Resolution on support for Dissertation abstracts (Barrett)  
   - 7.7 Budget Opacity/Transparency (Hornbeck)  
   - 7.7a CSU Bank (Montanari)  
   - 7.8 Examination of Chancellor’s Office Budget Resources: Centralization vs. Decentralization  

3. See changes in time certain (conference calls) above  


5. Chair’s Report  
   a. Jackie attended CPEC meeting  
   b. Executive Committee has been asked to join CSU Legislative Activities March 19; Jackie will represent FGA  
   c. COLD expressed appreciation for our sponsorship of resolution supporting library acquisitions; and requested that campuses adopt similar resolutions  
   d. Jackie communicated concern from Executive Committee about the lack of consultation with the Senate on various initiatives coming from the EVP Reichard’s office, e.g. Research and Graduate Studies initiatives developed in collaboration with Provosts Council  
   e. Jackie confirmed April 11 for ASCSU Legislative Day which will include participation by the FGA committee and the Executive Committee as those members are available.  
   f. Cristy and Jackie will meet on Feb 14 with Anthony Portantino, new Chair of Assembly Higher Education Committee as followup to earlier series of meetings Tom and Cristy had with Mary Gill, Deborah Doty, and Jason Murphy (legislative staff members)  

6. Reports: COLD meeting report included in Chair’s report above
7. Items of Business

7.1 Resolution on Funding: Dick Montanari reported there are no changes in wording to be submitted before March plenary

7.2 Resolution on Fees: after much discussion the committee decided to put the proposed resolution on hold (will not introduce in March); at some point possibly link it to the Fee Study resolution passed in January

7.3 Development of Resolution on Budget and Legislative Priorities for 2007-8
Discussion focused on following in anticipation of further developing resolutions in March and refining in May:

- Jackie raised possibility of endorsing the Cal Grant bills AB 171 and 175 (no action taken, but bills were assigned for tracking)
- Sentiment to affirm the budget priorities reflected in Jackie’s committee report
- Some discussion around refocusing budget priorities in a more process oriented approach, i.e. urging aggressive budget breaking out of compact limits, arguing for unmet needs, seeking full funding for grad differential, development of a stable and predictable fiscal base (Hornbeck) etc. Dick volunteered to generate ideas on the
- budget resolution and asked members to send ideas to him
- Initial decision to frame to resolutions, one on budget and one on legislative priorities

7.4 Discussion of Various Bills and Monitoring Process: the committee reviewed the list attached to the agenda and after some discussion decided to make assignments for tracking by clustering bills into 5 areas and assigning those clusters to two members each; teams will be responsible for not only watching those bills and familiarizing themselves with other initiatives/members interest in the legislative area. Teams and bills assigned are as follows:

- Tom and Cristy: Career Teach (AB 32, SB 13, SB 15, AB 178 -- members Wyland, Coto and Fuller)
- Catherine and Buckley: Financial Aid (AB 175, SB 160 -- Cedillo)
- Teacher Prep (AB 52, SB 139, SB 3, 112, and 44 – Feuer and Scott)-Jackie Kegley, who will coordinate with TEKR
- Fred and David: Academic Preparation/Curricular Issues (Coto, AB 178)
- Dennis and Dick: Accountability (Ridley Thomas)

February 23 is last day to introduce bills in the Assembly and Senate; to subscribe to tracking information on bills assigned go to www.ca.sen.gov and click on legislation on left margin

7.5 Discussion of talking points for legislative days (build on brief summary of issues in newsletter report: Stimulated by a robust discussion of Cristy’s draft on Faculty morale and Student Success, the committee affirmed the desirability of a legislative message celebrating what faculty have accomplished, but alerting legislators to the state of faculty concerns and sentiment re: failure to fund ACR
73, housing needs, salary needs, problems in retaining junior faculty. Jackie, Cristy and Tom will work on the statement prior to meeting with Portantino.

7.7 Resolution on support for dissertation Abstracts: Buckley will prepare draft of resolution

7.8 And 7.8 Budget transparency and opacity: after considerable discussion of the concerns, the committee decided to ask Patrick Lenz to provide a tutorial about the Chancellor’s Office Budget (internal)

7.9.a CSU Bank: see above item 7.7 for same direction

1:30 Telephone call with Patrick Lenz on Funding Alternatives to Current FTES model (in conjunction with Academic Affairs Committee)

Patrick provided an overview of the current environment which the CO limits the chances for any augmentations for 2007-08 CSU budget to wit:

- Overly optimistic revenue estimates per LAO
- Stronger social service policy support from Dems; Gov’s proposals re: CALWORKs is dead on arrival
- Lawsuits create billion dollar whole
- Health care reform not funded in budget
- ALL THIS MEANS IT IS POSSIBLE CSU WON’T EVEN GET COMPACT FUNDING PER LENZ
- 1% compensation did not get funded; no EOP, no student services

Identification of legislative committee chairs and scheduled hearings:

Chair of Assembly Budget Subcommittee on Education: Julian Browning (Dymally is a member)
Chair of Senate Budget Subcommittee: Jacki Scott (Smitian, Margette are friends)

March 6 is scheduled Chancellor’s Presentation to Assembly committee; April 17 is Senate

RE: fees, overall concern is securing revenues to buyout the fees

RE: CSU bank, Lenz recommended Dennis Hordyk

RE: original purpose of call (to explore alternatives to funding campuses by FTES): Patrick reported that he is working on both small campus issues and off-campus centers and he believes this will address the concerns.

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:30 pm