
Liaison: Allison Jones (Chancellor’s Office)

I. Call to Order: 10:10 AM

II. Minutes from March 7, 2007 approved.

III. Reports:

David Hood: Reported on: (1) the Long Beach campus analysis of the Barber Report on the CSU budget. The report maintains that the CSU has a $1.2B surplus; the Long Beach analysis argues it is flawed because it’s based on a private business model not a state funding model. (2) CSU Budget Summit held previous day that focused primarily on refuting the Barber Report’s argument of $1.2B surplus.

IV. Bill Monitoring

Status of bills was reviewed prior to discussion with KY-Z, using the bill status list provided by David Hood. Areas discussed included: Financial Aid, Teacher Prep, Career Tech, Textbooks. FGA (and CSU) positions on selected bills; key items that ASCSU should continue to monitor were identified, including: SB 405. The FGA/ASCSU position on AB 1413 (Trustees), which differs from the CSU’s, was also discussed.

VI. Times Certain

Karen Yelverton-Zamarippa (11:00 AM conference call): Provided a legislative overview; main points were:

- A general sense that although it will be a tough budget, all parties want to get it done sooner than later, primarily because there is a strong desire to move on reapportionment and term limits in time for the February ballot deadline.
- Having said that, there is general sense that budget is not getting better; nonetheless, the CSU is pushing for increased funding to cover the following: nursing costs, full funding of enrollment, costs related to faculty contract agreement. Also minor capital costs issues. All this awaits the May revise. There seems to be a more favorable reception in the Legislature to arguments about over-enrollment than arguments for new initiatives.
- In this context, it is important to note that the LAO feels we are not over-enrolled and can “manage enrollment down” by not taking students still needing remediation, etc.
- Outreach funds were restored in both Committees.
- Many of the CSU-supported bills currently on suspense. Week of May 21st will be when key committee action will occur on bills, determining which will move from Appropriations and in what form.
- SB 855 moving forward by consent, SB 302 currently on suspense.
- KYZ elaborated in detail on the CSU opposition to AB 1413, which will likely go to suspense due to the high reporting costs it will require.
- AB 302 is the only financial aid bill CSU is supporting this year.
- Office of Advocacy and Institutional Relations website now has a grid on-line showing the status and CSU position on them.
- AB 178 (Coto) and SB 405 (Steinberg) are seen by CSU as being complementary in encouraging both A-G and career tech routes.
On non-resident fees for illegal residents bills: AB 286 (Cook) was not heard; it is either dead or a 2-yr bill; SB 160 (Cedillo) currently on suspense.

Patrick Lenz (11:30 AM conference call) Reported on what went on a previous day’s system-wide budget summit:

- **State budget**: Preliminary estimate of May Revise suggests budget is a more or less break-even one for this year, but suggests the 2007-2008 budget still likely to have problems; lots of uncertainties. Possible budget threats: a potential $1B court finding against the state and revenue impact of Indian gaming issues.
- **CSU budget**: $7M outreach has restored. However, mandatory costs are expected to increase $40M in 07-08. Also, CSU has taken additional 6300 students via outreach equaling $46M, which is currently unfunded.
- Money won’t there for student fee buy-out.
- Responded to “budget myths” contained in Barber report
- **Next Year’s budget**: Pressing issues will be compensation and enrollment. Question is to what degree does the CSU play the “access” card?
- Allison Jones joined in discussion and pointed out that (1) we are now in the ebb and flow of Tidal Wave II--last year there were 8 impacted campuses, this year only 5, (2) one needs to be careful about the message that changing admission policies/access sends, and (3) traditional models no longer as effective in predicting enrollment demand as they once were.
- **Differential funding strategies for campuses**: Will be more of an issue if/when additional resources become available; currently, fiscal constraints are so great that it becomes a case of “distributing the pain equally.”

V. **Items of Business**

The following resolutions were prepared for consideration by the full senate:

- Budget Principles and Priorities (revised for second reading)
- Information Availability on Textbook Costs
- Support of SB 44
- Support for SB 160
- Resolution on Sustainability
- In Support of AB 302 (Increasing Cal Grant B awards)

FGA agreed to draft a letter to Portantino following up issues raised in AB 1413

VI. **Recommendations for 2007-2208 FGA Committee**

- Continue the thematic targeting of bills by FGS working groups
- Maintain a legislative spreadsheet for tracking bill status
- Legislative day activities should continue, as his year, to involve a small delegation focused on specific legislative issues
- Resolution on the multi-university
- Establishment of a working group to participate in the emerging discussion of Career Tech/Area a-g General Education issues.

IX. **Celebration**

FGA (later joined by members of the Executive Committee) hosted a small celebration honoring Cristy Jensen on the occasion of her retirement after 12 years service on the statewide Academic Senate. Refreshments were served.

X. **Meeting adjourned**: 3:45 PM (Met again briefly on at 8:30 AM on Thurs. 5/7)

-- Submitted by Thomas Krabacher