Attendance: Buckley Barrett, David Hood, Fred Hornbeck, Cristy Jensen, Jackie Kegley (chair), Tom Krabacher, Dick Montanari, Dennis Muroaka, Paul O’Brien

I. Call to Order: Chair Kegley called the meeting to order at 10:15 AM

II. Announcements: The following announcements were made:
- Dick Montanari reported on San Diego State University’s decision not to host the March 2007 Board of Trustees meeting due to the costs involved.
- Several individuals brought to the Committee’s attention their dissatisfaction with aspects of the ASCSU reimbursement policies for meeting expenses.

III. Minutes: Minutes from the September 2006 meeting were approved.

IV. Reports:
1. Chair: No Report.
2. CPEC (Jensen): The September CPEC meeting consisted primarily of receiving reports; due to lack of a quorum no action was taken. The contents of two reports are of potential interest to the committee:
   - A report showing statewide and regional figures for college-going high school graduation rates; disturbing trends (declines) exist in some regions.
3. Budget (Hood): A decision was taken to postpone the Board of Trustees meeting until after the election to get a sense of the likelihood as to whether the Compact will hold.

V. Times Certain:
1. Allison Jones (10:30 AM): Allison reported on the following items:
   - CSU is in the process of developing its legislative agenda for the new legislature in January 2007.
   - Max Espinoza is moving back to the Assembly (from the Calif. Student Aid Commission) to be the Assembly majority leader’s (Bass) Director of Policy; key areas of interest will be higher education access and policy.
   - Enrollment: Fall ’06 enrollments indicate some campuses are above target and some below. Campuses urged to place emphasis on the recruitment of first-time freshmen. In the meantime, the California Community Colleges will be providing the Chancellor’s Office with a copy of its transfer preparation numbers data base (for planning purposes).
• The Committee on Access & Excellence (Cornerstones update) met the previous Monday (10/16/06). It consists of 46 members with Trustee Roberta Achtenberg as chair. The process was then described; key elements include:
  o Six domains (topic areas) to guide the dialogue
  o Each topic area will have sub-questions
  o A tentative schedule for the process was presented, with the goal of final adoption by the Board in Spring 2008.
Both domains and sub-questions likely to be further refined. Discussion with FGA Committee members ensued; issues raised included: resources, campus autonomy, and links between campus strategic planning and the domains. Background materials can be found at: 
http://staging.calstate.edu/acadaff/system_strategic_planning/index.shtml

2. Karen Yelverton-Zamarippa (11:15AM telephone conference): Karen provided the following:
• Summary of the recent legislative year; key points:
  o AB 2951 -- biggest disappointment was the Governor’s signing of the Capital Facilities Fee bill, (Goldberg)—may cost CSU $4-7M/year. CSU now needs to convince Dept. of Finance that this is a new cost the needs to be funded.
  o AB 2813: Student Financial Aid bill, signed in limited form, raising age of eligibility for CalGrants.
  o Nursing bill signed.
  o SB1543 (Career Tech Education) bill signed; deals with eligibility of career tech courses to meet A-G requirements.
  o SB 1563 – vetoed: Would have allowed use of EAP to help community college students prepare for transfer.
  o Carol Liu’s accountability bill never made it out of committee.
  o ACR 34 (Liu) calling for compact with students on fees and funding: Given that it is not binding and that Liu won’t be there to spearhead it, it will probably have little impact.
• Legislative Leadership (esp. re education)
  o Senate – Scott will be in his last term
  o Assembly – unclear at this time. A freshman may be appointed to fill slot since it’s not considered a prestigious position in the Assembly. There is also the possibility that Assembly education committees might be reorganized into a single committee along the lines of the Senate
• Possible CSU Legislative Initiatives: Basically, just nuts ‘n’ bolts operational items proposed to date; not major policy initiatives identified so far. Possibilities include:
  o Something addressing CEQA environmental impact mitigation costs (based on the Monterey marina case);
  o Follow-up on student financial aid issues.
3. *Patrick Lenz* (1:15PM telephone conference): Patrick Lenz provided the following:

   A. *An overview of the 2007-2008 budget assumptions*, include the hopes for one-time funding in areas of classroom technology, computer refreshes, and deferred maintenance.

   B. *Report on the results of early discussions with the Dept. of Finance*: The good news is that the CSU’s additional budget needs weren’t summarily dismissed and they are on the list, should additional funding become available.

   The problem, however, is that it’s still not clear how the state will deal with its structural budget deficit, hence, it’s not a good time (he acknowledged it never seems to be a “good time”) to seek funding above the Compact – even though there is political pressure on the CSU to act in certain areas, such as science education.

   C. *Marginal Cost Formulas*: The CSU is again seeking to work with the Dept. of Finance to reconcile differences between the CSU and UC formulas for calculating marginal costs. Patrick and Richard West will meet with the UC next week for a discussion of marginal cost assumptions.

VI. **Items of Business**: The Committee undertook the following:

   - Resolution responding to SB 1543 (inclusion of Career Tech courses in A-G curriculum): Committee agreed to work with Academic Affairs on this.

   - Joint sponsored AA/FGA resolution on Library Support for EdD: Committee agreed on the need to broaden the language from one focusing just on library needs to one focusing on (1) system-wide resource support for the EdD and (2) making sure that the authorized EdD fee revenues are used for that purpose.

   - FGA declined to support the Academic Affairs Committee resolution on student fee policies in its present form.

   - ACR 73: Discussion led to agreement to prepare a resolution for the November plenary commending the CSU for pursuing its identified 07-08 Budget Challenges, including ACR 73.

   - 21st Century Document: Discussion was broadened to include the Provosts’ document on Graduate Programs and led to the following:
     - Committee will develop a resolution on library support; Buckley Barrett agreed to prepare language.
     - FGA will draft a letter acknowledging that the Graduate Report is a good first step and urging its implementation.
• Question was raised as to what strategies FGA should pursue to best monitor and act on legislation. It was decided that:
  o Chair Kegley and David Hood should meet directly with Gary Reichard on the issue of Senate consultation on legislative matters (Follow-up on dialog initiated in 05-06);
  o Liaisons should be appointed to other ASCSU and CSU constituencies (see VII below)
  o Visits to legislative offices should be encouraged just to “touch base.”

VII. Committee Assignments: The following liaison assignments were appointed for the year:

- Montanari – Faculty Affairs Committee
- Jensen – CFFA
- Muroaka – TEKR
- Krabacher -- CFA
- Barrett – Academic Affairs

David Hood agreed to develop a legislative spreadsheet that would:
  1. Provide a list of themes & issues as they emerge;
  2. Followed by a list of specific bills as they develop

Cornerstones update: It was decided that while it was too early for the Committee to respond to it at this point, the Committee needs to be kept informed because of possible policy implications. The Committee chair will ask that the executive Committee have the senate representatives on the Cornerstones update committee keep FGA informed.

VIII. Adjournment: The Committee adjourned at 2:35 PM

--Submitted by Tom Krabacher