Fiscal & Governmental Affairs

Minutes

September 5, 2007

Present: Edward Aguado, Buckley Barrett, David Hood, Fred Hornbeck (chair), Thomas Krabacher, Dick Montanari, Dennis Muraoka, Catherine Nelson, Paul O’Brien (vice-chair, Thurs), Praveen Soni

Guests: Patrick Lenz, John Tarjan, John Travis, Karen Yelverton-Zamarippa

I. Call to Order: by Chair Hornbeck at 10:15AM

II. Agenda: Approved

III. Reports/Discussion:
   John Travis (CFA) inquired whether Committee will be taking any further action in regard AB 1413.

IV. Minutes of 5/9/07 approved.

V. Chairs Report: Chair Hornbeck reported on issues to which the Executive Committee would like the FGA to give priority, including:
   ▪ Response to the Community College Initiative (“Community College Governance, Funding Stabilization, and Student Fee Reduction Act”)
   ▪ Proposal for additional fees for professional business degrees

VI. Times Certain:
   A. 11:00 AM: Dennis Smith, Past President of the Faculty Association of California Community Colleges on the CCC Ballot Initiative: Smith presented the background behind the initiative and those present responded with concerns from the CSU perspective. General sense was that, because of possible harmful fiscal effects on the CSU, we cannot support the initiative. (Gary Reichard, Patrick Lenz, and John Travis also present.)
   B. 12:30 PM: Karen Yelverton-Zamarippa: Was asked about ways in which ASCSU might become more directly involved in advocacy. KYZ noted that problems over this in the past have stemmed from issues of trust on the part of her office (in large part due to her experiences with CFA). Her suggestions:
      1. Respond, through Gary Reichard, to her call for non-budget related items for the legislative agenda. (She will forward her memo to this effect to the Committee.)
      2. As suggested in previous years, work with Gary Reichard and Allison Jones to set up a mechanism for commenting on active legislation.
3. Indicated that setting up a method for identifying faculty with expertise to testify on legislation, when needed.

When asked about the Community College initiative, she provided additional background and indicated that the CSU will do some polling (current evidence suggests public support is strong); the sense is that taking an “opposed” position needs to be done in a way that still supports higher education. Discussion of this will begin at the September BOT meeting.

C. 1:30 PM: **Patrick Lenz:** Provided a summary of the 2007-08 final budget, followed by a discussion of 2008-2009 budget process. Ultimately, in 2007-08 the CSU budget remained intact: the Compact was funded with some additional funding above the Compact for nursing and for math & science.

For 2008-09: State facing a possible $8B+ budget deficit. Preliminary evidence suggests that CSU will be 8000 FTES over target (2006-07, CSU over by 6700 FTES), which has not been funded. Recommends BOT seek an enrollment growth increase of 3 ½%. This leads to question: What is the back-up plan if we don’t get the full increase (very possible, given state’s projected fiscal situation)? Above Compact goals include money to:

- Expand apprenticeship programs, in possible collaboration with the community colleges;
- Funding for second-yr cohort in clinical nursing;
- Teacher performance assessment (in response to Jack Scott);
- Applied research proposal ($12M) – part workforce related, part jointly with UC;
- Student services initiative;
- Additional 1% in compensation ($30+ million)
- Funds to implement ACR 73 ($38M for first year)
- $128M in deferred maintenance
- Closing salary gap/increased benefits – $145M over next few years.

Invited FGA both to offer input on the above or suggest additional priorities.

VII. **Committee Recommendations:**

The Committee agreed to recommend the following to the full senate:

A. **On Proposed Additional Fees for Professional Business Degrees:** It was discussed whether FGA should take a position and, if so, what that should be; the Committee was divided on the question. Ultimately, it was agreed to go along with Academic Affairs resolution calling for additional discussion of topic.

B. It was agreed that a resolution opposing the Community College Initiative (“Community College Governance, Funding Stabilization, and Student Fee Reduction Act”) would be sent forward.

C. Resolution on 2008-2009 budget priorities will be sent forward.
VIII. **Future Business:**

The Committee agreed to take up the issue of multiversity governance/campus distinctiveness (raised by Chair Hornbeck) at a future meeting.

IX. **Adjourn:** Meeting ended approximately 2:45PM

Notes prepared by Thomas Krabacher.