Fiscal & Governmental Affairs Committee

MINUTES
May 5 & 6, 2010
Chancellor’s Office – Room 210

Present: Edward Aguado, Michael Ault, Buckley Barrett (Chair), David Hood, Thomas Krabacher (Vice Chair), Dick Montanari, Praveen Soni, Darlene Yee-Melichar

Guests: John Travis (CFA liaison), Robert Turnage and Karen Zamarippa (telephone conference), Allison Jones (telephone conference), Catherine Nelson (Executive Committee), and John Tarjan (Executive Committee).

I. Call to Order: Chair Buckley Barrett called the meeting to order at 10:14 a.m..

II. Appointment of recorder: Michael Ault

III. Agenda: The agenda was approved as amended.

IV. Minutes: Minutes from the March 10 and 11, 2010 meeting were approved.

V. Announcements: Chair Barrett made the following announcements:
   • Update on Faculty Trustee issue.
   • Senator Yee-Melichar requested information from the Executive Committee concerning next year’s budget for the statewide Academic Senate.
   • Thank you to Senator Hood for all of his work over the years.

VI. Social Hosted by FGA: Brief discussion about planning.

VII. Legislative Day (debrief):
   Discussion of feedback ASCSU Lobby Days.

VIII. Visitor Communications
   1. AVC/AA Allison Jones (phone conference) Wednesday, May 5, 10:40 a.m.
      Legislation:
      • AB 2401: Enrollment Management Policies on “impacted” campuses. CSU is allowing campuses to use controls that have never been used before. Discussion of Assemblymember Block’s bill to make all CSU campuses “local in nature.” According to AVC/AA Jones, it is an attempt to make changes to the Master Plan because of problems at a specific campus.
      • AB 2402: Changes to Education Code re admissions policy & timelines in response to lack of funding. Refer to AVC/ASR Zamarippa for current CSU stance.
• SB 1440: Transfer AA degree with Area Emphasis. It appears other segments are supporting it (with amendments) except the CSU Academic Senate. There was no CSU faculty input on this bill. It originated from Chancellor Reed and CCC Chancellor Scott.

• Questions (3 times asked by Senator Montanari): Was there discussion concerning the Education Codes that state curriculum is the purview of faculty? Jones responded: The intent is to do some “mapping” based on the LDTP and the C-ID. The intent is to “build on what has already been established.”

• Senator Yee-Melichar asked about “streamlining transfers,” “allocation of resources,” and long-term effects on developing and delivering the GE programs on campuses. AVC/AA Jones responded: at the CCs there would be an 18 unit area of emphasis and, ideally, this would transfer to any CSU.

• Discussion about FGA resolution as a response.

2. AVC/ASR Zamarripa, AVC Budget Robert Turnage (phone conference) Wednesday, May 5, 11:00 a.m.:

• Fiscal Matters
  o Good news: “We’re one day closer to having a signed budget act.”
  o State tax revenues are down, which are about $3 billion short in April. Not clear what this means for next fiscal year. “We’re still facing a difficult revenue picture.” There is an attempt by the state legislature to get more federal money but considering other federal priorities, this may be difficult.
  o The state Legislature doesn’t want to act on the budget until after the June primary.

• Legislation:
  o Bills with fiscal impact are currently moving through appropriations committees. The general cycle is the first round of bills will be voted on before the May Revise.
  o All of the CSU sponsored bills (4 bills) are moving to the floor.
  o Tracking bills related to “communication with student athletes.” Background: a student was promised a 4 year scholarship and it was lost in the 2nd year. This proposed bill will make Universities declare in writing any discussion between coaches, faculty, administrators, etc. and student athletes.
  o AB 2400: the bill has been dropped this year but Marty Block has made it clear that he intends to pursue this issue again next year.
  o AB 2401 and 2402: CSU strongly opposes these bills and may end up costing millions of dollars. For example, if only 17 campuses have a teacher prep. program then CSU could be required to have it on all campuses. There are other issues related to control over Enrollment Management.
  o AB 2302 and SB 1440: Senator Nelson (Executive Committee) asked about SB1440 being combined with another transfer bill. AVC/ASR Zamarripa indicated that is a possibility that discussions are ongoing. There have also been discussions with the appropriations committees.
  o Senator Nelson (Executive Committee) asked about processes for faculty input on this issue; she noted the role of faculty in the development of curricular issues.
Senator Krabacher asked about AB2446. AVC/ASR Zamarripa was not familiar with it.

Senator Barrett asked about SB 1126 (Liu: Early Childhd. Ed. & Transfer). “What are the prospects” with this bill? AVC/ASR Zamarippa noted that this would be “unnecessary” if AB 1440 is passed.

SB 969: Student Fee Bill: CSU has opposed this bill. AVC/ASR Zamarippa noted that without the student fees this year, CSU would have needed to lay off 5000 additional people.

3. John Travis (CFA) 11:33 a.m.:
   - SB 1440: It has implications on distribution of resources among segments, which would have an effect on working conditions. CFA has not taken a position on this but is concerned about this bill.
   - SB 330: Currently out of the Senate and heading to Assembly – good chance of passage. Because of the Gov’s problems with SB 218 (i.e., protecting donors), the new bill addresses these concerns and is expected to pass and be signed by the Gov.
   - AB 656: Passed out of Assembly but problematic. It’s being opposed by the oil industry because, they claim, they are already taxed. CFA determined that if you add up the taxes on oil, it’s about 50 percent of other states.
   - Bargaining: CFA went to campuses last Fall to speak about bargaining. Also, there was a survey concerning priorities for bargaining. At the CFA General Assembly, they spent several hours of discussion on bargaining priorities.
   - FERP issues raised by Senator Aguado: “FERP takeway” is still on the bargaining table.
   - Senator Yee-Melichar asked about curriculum and the faculty role in it. What are our “rights” as faculty? Travis stated there are obvious “workload issues” associated with proposed changes with Deliverology.
   - Senator Soni asked about FERP issues and faculty morale.
   - Senator Monantari noted that junior faculty are not being socialized to become involved with faculty governance.

4. Catherine Nelson (Exec Com) 1:25PM:
   - Discussed ideas that were discussed at the Executive Committee to improve ASCSU lobby days.
   - Recommendation for next year. Next year’s FGA, should develop a “legislative agenda” of bill’s and the Senate’s position on each bill. Discussion. Recommendation to next yr’s FGA to consider putting together such an AGENDA staring in March and for omnibus resolution at May plenary.
   - Senator Nelson asked for FGA feedback on a resolution about SB 1440.
   - Faculty Trustee Issue: Nominating committee looked at the issue again and recommended exploring “legal avenues.” Also, next year’s Senate should take up this issue immediately next year.
   - Senator Nelson asked the FGA for feedback on improving Exec. Comm. “communication” with the Senate.
5. **John Tarjan (Exec Com) 2:14PM:**
   - Senator Tarjan asked for FGA feedback about the Senate Exec. Comm.
   - Senator Yee-Melichar asked about the Senate’s Bylaws and the wording about maintaining a “legislative specialist” on Senate staff.
   - Senator Tarjan spoke with AVC/ASR Zamarripa about SB 1440 – there was a discussion about merging SB 1440 with another bill.
   - Senator Tarjan reported on a meeting with Marty Block.
   - Faculty Trustee: “they have shut down communications with the Senate concerning the Faculty Trustee issue.”

IX **Budget and Bills:** (Senator Hood)
   - Senator Hood recently sent the current Legislative Matrix.

X. **Possible Recommendations:**
   - CTE Bill: AB 2446. Senator Krabacher recommended that we postpone this discussion until after AVC/ASR Zamarippa’s Friday’s presentation.
   - AB 2401: Local Area Admit Priority – Senator Aguado worked on a draft resolution.
   - SB 1126: Pass for now – no discussion.
   - SB 330: Senator Yee-Melichar recommended that a second resolution would be redundant.
   - SB 724: Senator Yee-Melichar introduced a draft resolution. Discussion.

XI. **Recommendations:**
   - Support for Gov’s Proposed 2010-11 Budget (2nd).
   - Discussion of resolution concerning SB 1440.

Following discussed and finished 6 May 2010:
   - Return to discussion of resolution concerning Successful Implementation of SB 724.
   - Opposition to AB2401.

XII. **Other Business/Bills:**
    The Committee recessed at approximately 3:35 p.m.; and approximately 10:05 a.m. on May 6.

*Submitted by Michael Ault*