Present: Edward Aguado, Michael Ault, David Hood, Thomas Krabacher (vice chair), Dick Montanari, Barry Pasternack, Billy Wagner, Darlene Yee-Melichar

Guests: Catherine Nelson (Executive Comm. liaison)

I. Call to Order: Vice chair Krabacher called the meeting to order, by conference call, at 11:05 a.m.

II. Agenda: A truncated agenda was proposed, given a long distance nature of the meeting; the agenda was approved.

III. Announcements/General discussion:

- A brief discussion centered around the news that the Chancellor’s Office had received an additional $77 million in stimulus money. $25M will be distributed to the campuses to bolster Spring 2010 schedule offerings. The balance will, for the moment, be held in reserve against the possibility of future mid-year budget cuts.
- There was no word yet as to whether the rumored November Revise will take place. Question raised as to whether ASCSU should be proactive in anticipation of a Revise.

IV. Reports:

David Hood updated the committee on legislative activity. At this point has made his decisions on signing/vetoing bills:

- The BOT in general was not very successful in getting a lot of what the wanted passed.
- Specific items:
  - SB 147 (DeSaulnier) on CTE course approval was passed and signed;
  - SB 48 (Alquist) requiring electronic format for CA textbooks; need to make ADA compliant—someone may seek a bill to do this;
  - Disclosure bill backed by CFA but opposed by BOT vetoed;
  - AB 656 (Torrico) oil severance tax bill is still alive as a two year bill.

V. Visitor Communications:

Catherine Nelson (Executive Comm. liaison) reported the following:

- The ICAS task force has not yet reported back on the “Day w/o Higher Education” proposal.
  - Executive Comm. discussion of: The “Strengthening Student Success” conference; this also involved some discussion of CTE;
  - the Early Start Task Force
- Update on CFA interest in potential program closure issues.
VII. Recommendations: The Committee will work on resolutions on the following topics for the November plenary:

- Darlene Yee’s resolution on adequate and sustainable funding (as modified);
- Re-opening spring admissions and/or expanding the use of CCE to provide academic course offerings;
- A resolution urging priority be given to the preservation of academic programs in budget reductions; it was suggested this be placed in the context of previous resolutions on this topic.

VII. Other
Darlene Yee noted that at a recent town hall meeting in San Francisco that local area legislators noted that, while faculty and administrators had been vocal about the state of Calif. Higher education, they haven’t been hearing much from students.

- Catherine Nelson agreed to inform chair Tarjan of this that he could carry the message to CSSA;
- It was suggested that campus senators and senate chairs be urged to involve campus ASI bodies in this, as well.

Suggested items for future consideration included:

- Resolution supporting a “maintenance of effort” amendment to SB 656;
- Setting a system-wide furlough day in spring along the lines of the proposed “Day w/o Higher Education”;
- Establishment of a joint task force to:
  - Track different campus responses in implementing budget reductions;
  - Track academic impacts of these responses.

VIII. Adjournment: The Committee adjourned at approximately 12:30 a.m.

-- Submitted by Thomas Krabacher