Fiscal & Governmental Affairs Committee
Academic Senate of the California State University

Draft Minutes
December 4, 2009
12:00 to 2:30 pm conference call

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

Absent: William Wagner, Dick Montanari

I. Call to Order: Chair Barrett called the meeting to order at 12:07 pm.

II. Agenda: Agenda was approved.

III. Minutes: Minutes from the November 4-5, 2009 meetings were approved.
- Senator Yee-Melichar suggested minor editorial changes to minutes -- approved.

IV. Announcements:
- Senator Krabacher announced that Sac state opposed to March 2 date of the Day without the CSU. Brief discussion which was revisited below.
- Senator Yee-Melichar announced the creation of a “forward planning committee” to co-ordinate budget efforts on her campus.
- Senator Barrett announced that Senator Tarjan will testify at a joint legislative hearing on the Master Plan. FGA feedback can be sent directly to Senator Tarjan.

V. ICAS Advocacy Brochure (Senator Cheyne):
- Discussion of the design/layout of the brochure. Senator Soni moved to remove the “hodge podge.” The Committee discussed the brochure’s format, layout, graphic design, and encouraged the Executive Committee to create a more parsimonious document. The Committee also discussed the “intended audience” of the document.

VI. Senator Soni Report on “A Day Without the CSU” from the Senate Chairs Meeting:
- 3 maybe 4 campuses have declared March 2 “A Day without the CSU.” Sacramento declared March 4. The ASCSU resolution was rejected by 4 campuses.
- Concerns of the Senate Chairs: Since participation is small, there was reluctance on the part of the Chairs to participate. The FGA committee discussed possible solutions such as amending or re-introducing the ASCSU resolution in January 2010 to include a March 4 option or support
it as an alternative. Discussion ensued. Sen. Soni will continue gathering information systemwide and send it to Barrett so that FGA can follow its mandate to report back to the full ASCSU in January.

VII. Possible System-wide and/or Higher-ED. Rally/Lobby Day in Sacramento (April 12-14):
- Discussion about coordinating the efforts of the Academic Senate, Chancellor’s Office, CFA, and ICAS. This could also involve students, alumnae, UC, and CCC’s.

VIII. Continuing Resolutions:
- AS-2919-09 (Second Reading: Adequate & Sustainable Funding): Senator Yee-Malichar compiled comments from the floor during the November Plenary and reported them.
- AS-2920-09 (Second Reading: Funding Shortfalls & Transfer Students): Senator Pasternack. Discussion of editorial changes and re-organizing the resolutions clauses.
- AS-2921-09 (Second Reading: Modifications for SB48 – eText Accessibility): Senator Pasternack. Discussion of editorial changes. No major or serious changes.

IX. Recommendations from FGA:
- AS-2916-09 (Second Reading: 2nd Faculty Trustee). Discussion whether or not to co-sponsor/endorse the Executive Committee Resolution. Senator Yee-Melichar suggested that we locate the specific “legislative/regulatory” language concerning the appointment of the Faculty Trustee position.
- In record “warp” time, Senator Pasternack located the language in the State Education Code and forwarded the document to the entire committee.

X. Adjournment: The Committee adjourned at 1:13pm

Draft submitted by Michael Ault (December 4, 2009)