Fiscal and Governmental Affairs (FGA) Committee

Meeting Minutes
Friday, April 8, 2011
1:00pm-3:00pm
Meeting via Telephone Conference Call

Present: Darlene Yee-Melichar (Chair), Buckley Barrett (Vice-Chair), Edward Aguado, Michael Ault, Jim Meriwether, Catherine Nelson, Cezar Ornatowski.

Guest: Thomas Krabacher (ASCSU Executive Committee Liaison),

I. Call to Order; Welcome and Introductions
   • Chair Yee-Melichar called the meeting to order at 1:00pm when a meeting quorum was reached.

II. Announcements and Updates
   • Darlene Yee-Melichar, ASCSU FGA Chair, reported on a conference call meeting with Karen Zamarripa (AVC Advocacy and State Relations), Buckley Barrett (Vice-Chair) and Tom Krabacher (Legislative Specialist) during spring recess. AVC Zamarripa gave an update on the budget situation in Sacramento. There will be no ballot on the tax extension in June, but there may be one on a tax increase in November.
   • Tom reported on the ASCSU Executive Committee’s participation in the Inter-segmental Lobby Day on April 5.

III. Campus Reports; Liaison Reports; Member Items
   • Senator Yee-Melichar reported on a second organizational restructure referendum at SFSU.
   • She also commented on the April 13 day of action to take place on various campuses.
IV. Consent Calendar

- Approval of the March 16, 2011 FGA Minutes – Approved.
  [http://www.calstate.edu/AcadSen/Committees/fga/meetings.shtml](http://www.calstate.edu/AcadSen/Committees/fga/meetings.shtml)
- Approval of the April 8, 2011 FGA Agenda – Approved with revision.

V. Consultation

- Tom Krabacher, ASCSU Executive Committee Liaison (1pm)
  Senator Krabacher reported on the activities of the ASCSU Executive Committee. He reported on the status of SB 1440 and several groups working on this issue. Also, he reported on the Extended Education study.

VI. Fiscal Affairs

- AS-3016-11/FGA, Concerns about Summer Session Courses and Fees (Meriwether). Senator Meriwether agreed to review and revise the resolution as needed.
- Enhancing Student Success Using Resource Management Response Strategies (Montanari). Senator Montanari will be asked to review and revise the resolution as needed.
- FGA discussion of recent CSU Board of Trustees’ Committee on Finance Report (http://www.calstate.edu/bot/agendas/Mar11/Finance.pdf). Chair Yee-Melichar asked members to examine the BOT Finance Report for any potential items on which we may want to weigh in.

VII. Governmental Affairs

- Planning for ASCSU’s FGA Lobby Day. The committee discussed logistical arrangements, legislative bills of interest, FGA advocacy brochure, and schedule of legislative visits. We will be meeting at 10am on April 12 in the 6th Floor Cafeteria (State Capitol building). Chair Yee-Melichar asked all members to look at the “Dos and Don’ts” list that she compiled. The committee also discussed and developed several talking points for the legislative visits. Senator Krabacher mentioned giving “thank you” notes after our meeting.
- AS-3015-11/FGA, Statewide Access to the California State University (Aguado, Ornatsowski). Senators Aguado and Ornatsowski agreed to review and revise the resolution as needed.
- FGA discussion of recent CSU Board of Trustees’ Committee on Governmental Relations Report. Chair Yee-Melichar asked if there were any issues that we needed to address. Chair Yee-Melichar
asked members to examine the BOT Governmental Relations Report for any potential items on which we may want to weigh in.

VIII. Collaboration with Other Committees
   • Faculty Affairs
     FGA will participate in discussion on Extended University: State vs. Self-Support Programs.

IX. Action Items (assignments for writing resolutions, summaries, etc)
   • AS-3011-11/FGA, Support of SB 8 (Yee, D-San Francisco): Higher Education Transparency (Nelson)
   • AS-3012-11/FGA, Support of AB 130 (Cedillo): Student Financial Aid Eligibility and the California Dream Act of 2011 (Nelson)
   • AS-3015-11/FGA, Statewide Access to the California State University (Aguado, Ornatowski)
   • AS-3016-11/FGA, Concerns about Summer Session Courses and Fees (Meriwether)
   • Possible resolution on Enhancing Student Success Using Resource Management Response Strategies (Montanari)
   • FGA advocacy brochure: Soni, Aguado
   • Schedule of legislative visits: Barrett, Krabacher, Yee-Melichar
   • Other?

X. New Business

XI. Adjournment
   • The Committee adjourned at 3:05pm.

-- Submitted by Michael Ault.