Fiscal & Governmental Affairs Committee
January 16, 2008

Minutes

Present: Aguado, Barrett, Hornbeck (chair), Krabacher, Montanari, Nelson, O’Brian, Soni
Guests: Karen Zamarippa (telephone), John Travis, John Tarjan

I. Call to Order: 11:30 a.m.

II. Review and Approval of Agenda: Chair Hornbeck provided an overview of the agenda which was then approved.

III. Minutes: Minutes from November meeting provisionally approved pending any correction submitted later.

III. Reports:
A. Chair: Chair Hornbeck – reviewed recent email exchange among members concerning the ASCSU involvement in discussions within the system over threats to the CSU budget, based on the Governor’s January budget proposal. He also reported that, after meeting with the Executive Committee:
   - It was agreed that FGA will develop recommendations on priorities and principles for coping with potential budget reductions.
   - that the ASCSU not give a legislative staffer award this year;
   - Legislative Day confirmed for Tuesday, April 8th.

   In was recommended that FGA invite Susan Meisenhelder to its March meeting to brief the Committee on the CFA legislative agenda.

   Discussion ensued on the above issues.

IV. Times Certain:
A. (2:00 p.m.) Karen Zamarippa (telephone conference):
   1. Described the context for the upcoming legislative year:
      - Second year of a two-year session and thus will move quickly. Expects little movement by any bill with a fiscal impact (> $150,000) this year. End of February is deadline for new bills and each must move out of its house of origin by May 30th.
      - Concerns also exist around primary voting outcomes on Feb. 5th related to tribal gambling bills, Prop 92, and term limits.
      - Thus, this year more likely to be concerned with budget and election year events than with actual policy changes.

   2. BOT legislative agenda items:
      - Bill to allow CSU to offer a doctorate for nursing practitioners program costs will be an issue, so likely to seek only authorization at this time. Jack Scott will carry the bill, UC supports it.
      - Technical bill to update foundation-related accounting principles.
Also: Question of how the CSU will respond to the audits on outside employment and compensation (executive and faculty); discussion has taken place with CFA on this.

3. Advocacy Day Planning (Leg. Day):
   Feels that what’s important is to stress budget, not legislation. (If they can do a favor for you legislatively, they’ll feel less pressure to accommodate on budget—for us budget is far more important.

B. (2:30 p.m.) John Travis: He commented briefly on KYZ’z remarks concerning the compensation audit. Union has taken the following positions on propositions on the February ballot: Prop. 92- Oppose (will work with “No on 92” campaign since public seems to be supporting it) and Prop 93 – support. Regarding scheduled salary increases in the contract, he believes the conditions have been met (10% budget reduction, meaning compact not met) for one of the parties (likely the CSU) to reopen discussion of the contract; as it now stands the CSU budget next year will be 3 ½ % less when it should be 7 ½% more. (Lengthy discussion on this last topic.) Feels it is unlikely the CSU would call for a “meet and confer” on the contract before the May revise.

V. Items of Business
   A. Distinctive Universities Resolution: Language was revised for second reading; possible joint sponsorship might be forthcoming from Academic Affairs and/or Faculty Affairs.

   B. Resolution on Coping with Potential Budget Reductions: The Committee elected to gather more information with the goal of bringing a resolution to the senate at the March plenary. Dick Montanari has agreed to take the lead on this.

   C. Resolution on the Governor’s Proposed Budget: At the Executive Committee’s request, FGA agreed to co-sponsor a resolution on this matter prepared by the Executive Committee.

VI. Adjourn: 4:00 p.m. reconvene 9:30 a.m. Thursday January 18th.

Submitted by Thomas Krabacher