I. **Call to Order:** 10:00 a.m.

II. **Reports:**

David Hood provided the committee with an overview of bills currently pending in the state Capitol.

III. **Times Certain:**

a. **10:00 a.m.:** Meeting of the whole (ASCSU): to discuss potential cuts to ASCSU budget; committees asked to report back with ranking of potential options for accommodating budget cuts by 5:00 PM. Purpose: to serve as advice to summer executive committee.

b. **11:00 a.m.:** Karen Yelverton-Zamarippa (via teleconference): Primarily a discussion of Advocacy Day planning. KYZ was asked and agreed to send a list of those members who might be open to persuasion; however, she recommended against assuming legislator is solidly committed to restoring the CSU budget at this point – other items, such as funding Prop 98 and health & welfare, are likely to have higher priority. Key points:
   - Probably 12-14 senators participating: 6-7 teams making 3 visits each. (18-21 offices to be visited).
   - All campus presidents have been asked to hold a budget forum to discuss impact of cuts & get students, family, etc. to advocate with legislature.
   - Coordinated actions by all three higher ed. segments being planned: legislative visits, editorial board visits, requests for campus representatives to participate.
   - Work with Garamendi in a series of “listening trip” visits that will be coordinated with K-12.
   - **Note:** Senate will not be using subcommittees to approach the budget; will do it in full committee. Full senate budget committee takes this up starting next week (March 13). Assembly still grappling with how to approach budget – likely to continue to work via subcommittees. Therefore: We should probably focus on Senate budget committee members in our visit & Assembly subcommittees.

c. **1:00 p.m.:** Rodney Rideau (Office of Budget Development): View in legislature that budget will not get better, but they won’t take action until after May revise. Tax increases a possibility, but revenue unlikely to be available before 2009-10 fiscal yr. Senate Budget committee meets next week to begin hearings. Some sort of fee increase will almost certainly be part of mix. On Assembly side, there is a new higher education consultant to the Assembly Budget Committee, Sarah Bachez, who is still coming up to speed on issues, esp. previous budget history.

   Cuts to individual campuses would be unallocated; the Chancellor’s Office will take a cut proportional to those allocated to the campuses.

d. **1:30 p.m.:** John Travis (CFA): JT discussed the formation of the Alliance for the CSU, which has urged that campuses hold open meetings to discuss the budget
situation and generate support for the CSU in the months ahead. Theme of the Alliance is that the CSU is “part of the solution,” a key driver of the economy.

Only legislation CFA is pushing is to restore full credit toward retirement for those faculty taking difference in pay leaves.

e. 1:45 p.m. Jim Blackburn (Academic Affairs): He summarized current enrollment strategies intended to cope with anticipated budget reductions. Three actions taken:
   • Earlier closure of freshman enrollment dates
   • Resurrection of the “forbidden four.”

Strategy is geared toward ensuring that enrollment numbers for 08-09 equal the fully-funded enrollment target for 07-08. Data sheets showing current enrollment patterns for the system were distributed.

IV. Items of Business:
   b. The Committee offered to co-sponsor, with recommended changes, two resolutions prepared by the Executive Committee (AS-2836-08 and AS-2837-08) relating to the ASCSU budget.
   c. At the request the Executive Committee, the Committee considered options to accommodate reductions in ASCSU budget. Recommendations developed and forwarded.
   d. At the request of the Executive Committee, the Committee prepared a resolution identifying talking points for use during Advocacy Day activities in Sacramento.

V. Advocacy Day Planning:
The following actions were taken in preparation for the April 8, 2008 Advocacy Day:

   a. Advocacy teams drawn from members of FGA and the Executive Committee for the Advocacy Day visits.
   b. Members of the legislature to be targeted for visits were identified. (Primarily members of the Senate Budget and Fiscal Review and the Assembly Higher Education committees.
   c. Tom Krabacher will prepare a draft letter to be sent to legislators over the Senate chair’s signature requesting Advocacy Day Appointments. He will also work with KYZ on local arrangements.

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