ASCSU Chair John Tarjan’s Report for January 2010
January 19, 2010

This report is a recap of the chair’s activities since the last plenary. I will only highlight a few points in my report during the plenary. Please refer to previously distributed notes for more detail on meetings that I reference below. Copies of these notes can be obtained from ASCSU staff.

1. Budget
   a. Reduction Steps Taken
      i. Reduced assigned time for Executive Committee members and standing committee chairs
      ii. Compressed plenary sessions
      iii. Reduced attendance at Board of Trustees, agenda review with Chancellor and CSSA
      iv. Virtual interim and other meetings
   b. Moving Forward
      i. Senators are requested to follow all travel guidelines and to economize whenever it is feasible.
      ii. No additional budget reductions steps are anticipated for the current year. A normal plenary and interim meeting schedule is planned.

2. Intersegmental Committee of Academic Senates (ICAS)
   a. Advocacy Task Force
      i. I am serving as chair of this task force. We continue to meet virtually to plan advocacy activities for the rest of the year.
      ii. CSSA, the CCC student senate and a UC student regent have agreed to partner with us in our advocacy efforts.
      iii. A subgroup is developing two brochures—one for the public and one for policy makers.
      iv. ICAS will be meeting in Sacramento the rest of the year to allow for more advocacy opportunities.
      v. The respective faculty senate heads and student leaders plan to meet with legislative leaders on February 3rd prior to the next ICAS meeting the next day.
      vi. We plan to develop a joint letter to editors across the state.
   b. Master Plan—ICAS has been involved in Master Plan activities. Student leaders and faculty senate heads testified on December 7th. My testimony has been linked to the ASCSU home page.
   c. IGETC Standards Review Committee—we met once in November (virtually) and continue to refine the manual providing guidance to articulation officers and counselors.

3. Appointments—The Executive Committee continues to make appointments. Appointments during the past month included the Chancellor’s Doctoral Incentive Program committees, C-ID, and ICAS subcommittees.

4. Liaison with CO Administration—A weekly telephone call between the Chair and Executive Vice Chancellor continues. This has been a valuable tool for keeping lines of communication open.
5. Other Functions as Chair
   a. Liaison to outside groups. I attended the following meetings since our last plenary.
      i. CCC Plenary
      ii. CSSA
      iii. ICC
      iv. C-ID
      v. Campus Senate Chairs
   b. Other committees. As ASCSU Chair, I serve on the following committees that met since our last plenary either as a member or liaison. All but one meeting was virtual.
      i. Academic Council
      ii. ATSC
      iii. Early Start Task Force
      iv. Facilities Naming Committee
      v. COMPASS
   c. The ASCSU Chair attends BOT meetings and reports to the Board. In November a large portion of my report dealt with the importance of having a faculty trustee.