

### ASCSU Chair's May 2006 Report

I want to express to all academic senators my deepest appreciation for the honor to serve during the past year as your chair. It has been a privilege to work with and for you. It has been a trying year due to the budget shortfall; in spite of that, I have been impressed with the quality and intensity of your work as a deliberative body. We can be very proud of what we do for the California State University faculty and students, and citizenry we serve.

I want to thank and express my heartfelt appreciation to this year's Executive Committee members for their support, sharing the workload, and attending meetings such as the Alumni, CSSA and CFA on my behalf. I wish to personally thank Vice Chair Ted Anagnoson for chairing the *Academic Senate of the California State University Ad Hoc Task Force on the Senate Budget*, acting as Senate Chair in my absence, and for his availability at a moment's notice to advise me on any issue; Secretary John Tarjan for his excellent minutes, editing the *Academic Senate Newsletter*, for being charter chair of Lower Division Transfer Patterns Project Advisory Committee and for his constant reminder that the CSU faculty control the curriculum; Member-at-Large Hank Reichman for his diligence in insuring the legal rights of faculty and students are protected; Member-at-Large Cristy Jensen for chairing the *CSU Doctoral Programs in Educational Leadership Work Group* and keeping us informed of legislative issues in Sacramento; and Immediate Past Chair David McNeil for chairing the *ASCSU Task Force on the Independent Doctorate* and drafting the Committee's report, and his historical perspective of the ASCSU.

Additionally, I wish to thank the Committee Chairs Mark Van Selst, Jan Gregory, Tom Krabacher and Jim Wheeler for their diligent committee work and in presenting issues of importance and concern to the ASCSU for us to consider.

Finally, I wish to thank Executive Director Ann Peacock for the outstanding work she did in managing the senate office and Administrative Specialist Tracy Butler for her exceptional support during the year.

What follows is a list of Senate-related activities the Executive Committee has been involved with over the past two months, with some highlights from the meetings.

**New Staff Person.** Executive Director Ann Peacock and I interviewed potential candidates for the vacated staff position on April 26th and 27th. The new person will be introduced to the ASCSU at the May plenary.

**Legislative Day.** The FGA and Executive Committee members attended Legislative Day on April 18th in Sacramento. It included a lovely reception for Jason Murphy (Senator Scott's staff

person), who is our 2006 Distinguished Legislative Staff recipient. Thank you FGA for organizing the Legislative Day and event for Jason.

**SBAC.** I attended the Systemwide Budget Advisory Committee via videoconference on March 13th. The Legislative Analyst's recommendations on the 2006 CSU Budget were reviewed.

**Wang Award Committee.** I participated in the Wang Award Committee on March 17th and April 6th. The recipients will be honored at the May Board of Trustees meeting.

**Early Childhood Education Workforce Meeting.** I attended a CSU conference convened by Chancellor Reed on *Building and Supporting the Early Childhood Workforce: Issues, Challenges and Opportunities* in Sacramento on March 3rd. The purpose of the conference was to examine the capacity of California higher education to respond to the growing demand for qualified early childhood and pre-school teachers. Guests included Superintendent of Public Instruction Jack O'Connell. Participants included Chancellor Reed, Vice Chancellor Gary Reichard, Associate Vice Chancellor Keith Boyum, Assistant Vice Chancellor Beverly Young, faculty and deans of education, child development and teacher preparation programs of the California State University, University of California and California Community Colleges. Dan Bellm, a Senior Policy Analyst with the Center for the Study of Child Care Employment at UC Berkeley's Institute of Industrial Relations, provided a keynote address that highlighted the study of ECE teacher preparation programs in CA's institutions of higher education. It is available at <http://www.iir.berkeley.edu/cscce/pdf/revamp-summary.pdf>

**CSU Math and Science Teacher Summit.** I attended the California State University (CSU) Math and Science Teacher Summit at the Pacific Palms Conference Center in Industry Hills, California on March 2nd. Participants included leaders within the CSU system, other experts in this fields, corporate, foundation, and legislative representatives, and K-12 and community college educators. Summit highlights are available at <http://www.calstate.edu/TeacherEd/MSTS/index.shtml>

The Executive Committee minutes are posted on the Academic Senate web page. <http://www.calstate.edu/AcadSen/Committees/Executive/index.shtml>

**Academic Council (AC).** The AC met on March 17th & 18th. Vice Chancellor Gary Reichard facilitated a discussion with the Provosts on *Graduate Education in the CSU-the Next Ten Years*. Vice Chancellor Gary Reichard, Associate Vice Chancellor Boyum and other members of the AA staff updated the Academic Council on the peer visits to campuses on the Board of Trustees facilitating graduation initiative, the lower-division transfer program, the draft plan on *Access to Information Technology by Persons with Disabilities*, and the enrollment workshops and enrollment issues, such as enrolling recently discharged veterans.

**Academic Technology Advisory Committee (ATAC).** Senators Otto Benavides, Tapie Rohm, and Marshelle Thobaben (Co-Chair) were in attendance at the March 16th meeting in SF. Associate Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs Keith Boyum and Mary Cheng (CO/ITS) presented the CSU's draft plan on *Access to Information Technology by Persons with Disabilities*. This plan is being developed for the CSU to be in compliance with the disability

mandates in Federal and State laws. Gerry Hanley (CO/AA-ITS) gave an update on the Academic Technology Initiatives, which included a *Report Card on Academic Technology Initiatives*. See attachment. The next meeting is on May 11th at LAX. Academic Technology Advisory Committee web page is available at [http://its.calstate.edu/systemwide\\_it\\_advisory/atac.shtml](http://its.calstate.edu/systemwide_it_advisory/atac.shtml)

**Alumni Council.** Senators Jensen and Krabacher attended CSU Alumni legislative day on March 20th. The Alumni Council web is available at [http://www.calstate.edu/alumni\\_parents\\_donors/](http://www.calstate.edu/alumni_parents_donors/)

**ASSIST Board:** Senator John Tarjan attended the ASSIST Board Executive Committee (one representative from each segment--all faculty this time) and was involved in a discussion on restructuring of board functioning and composition, and revising board protocols.

**Board of Trustees Meeting.** The Executive Committee members attended the Board meeting on March 14th & 15th. Faculty Trustee Craig Smith's report of the meeting is available on the Academic Senate web page. <http://www.calstate.edu/AcadSen/Committees/Executive/index.shtml>

**Campus Peer Review Visitation Teams.** As part of the CSU's Facilitating Graduation Initiative, a core group of faculty and administrators visited CSUN on March 22nd for the first "peer review visit." Campus visits have also been made to Fresno and Channel Islands with visits scheduled to San Francisco, SLO, and San Jose. The teams offered feedback to faculty leaders and administrators from the perspective of outsiders as to the campus' efforts to facilitate graduation, as detailed in the reports from campuses sent December 2nd. The remainder of the campuses will be visited in 2006-07 AY. On March 30th & April 28th, Senators Anagnoson, Goldwhite, former Faculty Trustee Kaiser, and other team leaders and I participated with Associate Vice Chancellor Keith Boyum in conference calls regarding the campus visits.

**Campus Senate Chairs.** The Executive Committee met with campus senate chairs on April 6th in Long Beach and informed them of the current issues that the ASCSU is considering. Faculty Trustee Smith and Vice Chancellor Gary Reichard were guests at their meeting.

**CFA.** Immediate Past Chair David McNeil represented the Senate at the CFA Board of Directors meeting and CFA Assembly on April 21st & 22nd where he reported on recent Senate activities and concerns.

**CSSA Board Meetings.** Senator Reichman attended the April 22nd CSSA Board meeting in Fresno. The focus of the meeting was on CSSA's ongoing legislative campaign. Central to this is AB 2813, which CSSA is sponsoring with the support of the CSU administration. This bill would expand Cal Grant eligibility and, in particular, extend eligibility to older students. The bill was reported out of the Assembly Higher Education Committee April 18th. The CSSA web site is available at <http://www.csustudents.org/>

**CSU Doctoral Programs in Educational Leadership Work Group.** Senator Jensen chairs the Work Group that is developing policies and guidelines for the implementation of these EdD

degrees on the campuses, which has met several times during the past two months. The programs will be subject to CSU, CPEC and WASC reviews.

**GE Advisory Committee (GEAC).** The GEAC met on April 6th and reviewed the responses from the campus on the GE survey. They had a conference call with Mary Gill, staff to Honorable Carol Liu, Chair of the Assembly Higher Education Committee, regarding AB 2168. The bill is available at [http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/cgi-bin/postquery?bill\\_number=ab\\_2168&sess=CUR&house=A&search\\_type=bill](http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/cgi-bin/postquery?bill_number=ab_2168&sess=CUR&house=A&search_type=bill)

**ICC Transfer Subcommittee.** Senator John Tarjan and other members of the Transfer Subcommittee visited Mendocino College on March 31st to gather data on transfer by soliciting student and transfer professionals ideas and experiences with transfer. The visit was held in conjunction with an ARCHES meeting. The Committee members will make visits to five CC campuses in conjunction with regional transfer group meetings.

**Intersegmental Committee of Academic Senates (ICAS).** I chaired the ICAS meeting April 13th at LAX. The former UC Chair of the Senate was removed from office since the previous meeting. John Oakley (UC Davis, Law School) is now Chair and Michael Brown (UCSB) the Vice-Chair. A number of current legislative bills were discussed. The ICAS ESL Task Force Report has been distributed to the three senates for their consideration and dissemination. Representatives from the three segments, John Tarjan, CSU and group facilitator, Jane Patton, CCC, and Bob Reilly, UC, are developing the process for SCIGETC certification.

There was a discussion of CCC Course Identification System, called C-ID. The goal of C-ID is to develop a system that would indicate articulation across campuses via a course number. It will address both vocational courses and transfer level courses. It will attempt to address the inter-disciplinary aspect of course numbering. The CCC is waiting for implementation funding from the legislature. The next ICAS meeting will be June 8th at LAX.

**Lower Division Transfer Patterns Project Advisory Committee (LDTP).** Senator Barbara Swerkes has agreed to Chair the Advisory Committee. Senator Tarjan was commended for the outstanding job he did as the charter chair. On March 7th & April 3rd, the LDTP Executive Committee discussed LDTP implementation plan details, including the use of CAN articulation, job descriptions for reviewers and review coordinators, and the charge to ASCSU in regards to selecting faculty for these roles. Additionally, on April 19th, Senator Tarjan attended the C-ID (CCC Course Identification System), and discussed SB 1415 and how to implement it [available at [http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/cgi-bin/postquery?bill\\_number=sb\\_1415&sess=PREV&house=B&author=brulte](http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/cgi-bin/postquery?bill_number=sb_1415&sess=PREV&house=B&author=brulte) ]. The next meeting will be on May 2nd.

For updates, see the LDTP web site: <http://www.calstate.edu/acadaff/ldtp.html>.

**Provosts' Technology Steering Committee (PTSC):** I attended the April 17th meeting. Mary Cheng, the CO's Director for the Accessible Technology Initiative, and Associate Vice Chancellor Keith Boyum reviewed status and plans for complying with CSU accessibility requirements. PTSC was given an update on AT initiatives. See attached document. The

Committee was provided the Board of Trustees presentation  
<http://breeze.calstate.edu/p44695359> on Academic Technology.

The April ASCSU newsletter is available on the senate web site:  
<http://www.calstate.edu/AcadSen/Newsletter/index.shtml>.

I join my academic senate colleagues in their commendation of those leaving the ASCSU, and in greeting the new senators.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to serve as your chair this year and for all your contributions in support of the ASCSU's mission.

Marshelle Thobaben, Chair  
Academic Senate CSU

## Report Card on Academic Technology Initiatives

4/14/2005

Name of Initiative	Projects	On Schedule?	Level of Effort	What's been accomplished recently?	What's in development
Foundational Skills	Math Success and English Success Websites, Information Communication and Technology (ICT) Literacy evaluation	yes	High	Suite of technology support services for English teachers and students (Calibrated Peer Review, Diagnostic Writing tool, Online Community )deployed by CSU; ALEKS training and adoption by HS expanded	More formal ICT literacy integration into Foundational Skills initiative; Marketing MSW/ESW through MySpace; Incentive program for ALEKS completion under development
Digital Marketplace Services	Systemwide AT Procurement; Digital Marketplace	yes	High	Requirements development broken out as subtask from larger contract; Textbook prices and analysis of situation; SWAT & Respondus.	Use case development of digital marketplace with faculty; planning for publisher participation underway
eLearning Framework	LMS Summits; ePortfolio Project; MERLOT, LMS-Library Integration, Electronic Core Collection,	yes	High	Campus consultation by LMS core team continues; ATS and ITS system architecture teams established; Systemwide ePortfolio project has first meeting and action plan developed; MERLOT initiated Workforce Development Initiative	Discussions about a pilot project with CISCO - K-20 Connect; Continue support campuses developing their own LMS strategic plan; Library of LMS Strategic Planning Tools developed; ePortfolio project;
Student Success	Degree Audits by CMS; supporting accessibility	yes	High	See CMS; PTSC developed draft next version of requirements for CMS report to support campus management of academic planning; Mary Cheng, Director of Accessible Technology Initiatives, consulting with all campus communities and informing about CSU plan; BOT presentation	PTSC continue work on CMS reports; Approve policies and programs for implementing EO 936 on accessibility; Usability of degree audit service within CMS identified as an issue to resolve.
Professional Development	CATS, MERLOT International Conference, Academic Technology Leadership Forums	yes	medium	Faculty Development Council began design process for technology services to improve effectiveness, efficiencies, and accountability of FDC operations; 7 campuses participating in ELIXR project; CASTL proposal submitted on ELXIR project; CATS Conference completed	MERLOT International Conference August 8-11, Ottawa Canada; online support for "early career" CSU faculty development for the use of technology in teaching and learning continues; FDC subcommittee develop needs assessment for tech tools
Research Dissemination	LMS briefing bulletins, JOLT (Journal of Online Learning and Teaching) by MERLOT;	yes	low	Second issue of JOLT (MERLOT's online Journal for Online Learning and Teaching); version 1.0 of website for LMS strategic planning posted containing research bulletins	CSU Academic Technology Research Bulletins and Newsletters published; Full development Academic Tech website

System Support for AT Development	Center for Distributed Learning (CDL) at Sonoma; Center for Usability in Design and Assessment (CUDA) at CSULB; Center for Alternative Media (CAM) at CSUSB	yes	medium	Pachyderm Project: a very usable tool for faculty and students to author multimedia learning objects is in final beta testing	Dissemination and training of Pachyderm tools to faculty and staff
Cooperative Development of Digital Content	Biology Labs Online, IMAGE project,	yes	medium	CDL and MERLOT developed prototype Teaching Commons for business & science education; Business deans agree to participate; CSU-NASA-MERLOT collaborative developed version 1 plans for Science Ed initiative	Develop materials and guidelines for implementing Teaching Commons; Design plan for technology support for Science Education via Teaching Commons working through Fresno science education center

LEVEL OF EFFORT: a combination of level of funding and level of system and campus participation in projects