Chair's Report, November 2003

During the two months since our last meeting, I've represented the Academic Senate CSU at a number of meetings.

**Intersegmental Major Preparation Articulated Curriculum (IMPAC) Board**  On September 15, I attended my first meeting of the IMPAC steering committee. I was especially interested in the discussion of a proposed memorandum of understanding between IMPAC and CAN (the California Articulation Number system); the committee was quite critical of the draft, and it was withdrawn to be reworked.

**Board of Trustees**  On September 16 and 17, I joined other executive committee members to attend the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees--the first at which Kathy Kaiser was seated as a trustee. Among other actions, the Trustees approved the change in Title 5 that we recommended through our resolution on integrated teacher preparation programs last May.

**CSU Alumni Council**  On September 20, I represented the Senate at the regular meeting of the CSU Alumni Council. In my report, I informed them of the work of the ITP taskforce, surveyed some transfer issues, and summarized our concerns about preventing legislative intrusion into the curriculum. I also found most informative a presentation on ways that alumni/ae chapters can put themselves in the best possible position to influence decisions in Sacramento; I've shared that information with the FGA committee.

**Assembly Higher Education Committee**  On September 23 and again on October 21, I presented testimony to the Assembly Higher Education Committee, as part of its series of hearings of funding policy for public higher education in California. I've previously circulated my statements. The next hearing in the series will deal exclusively with community college funding, so there is no reason for us to take part.

**System Budget Advisory Committee (SBAC)**  On September 30, David Hood and I attended a meeting of SBAC, to take part in further discussion of the budget that the Trustees are likely to receive from the Chancellor's Office (CO) and to hear an update regarding ongoing discussions of development of a CSU student fee policy. There was little change in the draft budget from that which had been presented earlier and that Richard West discussed with you in September. I asked about moving more ACR 73 funding above the line, but learned that the categories for above-the-line funding are specified in the partnership. Subsequently, the special BOT meeting of October 31, to approve this budget, was cancelled. The budget will now be presented to the Trustees for their approval on Nov. 19.

**Intersegmental Coordinating Committee (ICC)**  On October 16-17, Jackie Kegley, Manolo Platin, and I attended the annual retreat of ICC, which is a committee of the Educational Round Table. The topics of discussion ranged widely but focused especially on two drafts, both of which Jackie helped to write. The first is an effort for the Education Round Table to issue a "Clarion Call" that points to the need for action to deal with a range of issues facing higher education. The second addressed a
number of transfer issues. These drafts will return to ICC for further consideration at its next meeting.

**California State Student Association (CSSA)** Following the ICC meeting, I drove to Chico to attend, on October 18, the monthly meeting of the CSSA board of directors. During the meeting, I indicated that the senate would like to receive information from the CSSA environmental affairs chair that they have developed regarding sustainable or “green” building design. (I’ve since circulated a request for any interested senator to volunteer for a special committee to look at these issues; alas, there were no volunteers.) I also reported on current senate activities. David Hood represented me at the September CSSA board meeting and will report on that meeting.

**Intersegmental Committee of Academic Senates (ICAS)** On October 28, the full executive committee (Lynne by phone) attended the regularly scheduled meeting of ICAS, held in Oakland at the UC Office of the President. The agenda included discussions SB 81 and pending master plan legislation including SB 6, AB 242, and SB 550. Other discussion topics included budget, enrollment, IMPAC, and ASSIST. A revised IMPAC-CAN MOU is scheduled to come to the next ICAS meeting, currently scheduled for February 3.

**Master Plan Symposium** On November 4, I attended a symposium held at the headquarters of the community college board in Sacramento. Presided over by Senator Alpert and Assembly member Liu, the symposium considered the current draft of a statement on accountability for higher education in California. This statement, which has been through a number of iterations, will now become the basis for legislation next January. The report was drafted by a committee led by Nancy Shulock of CSU Sacramento and included David Spence as the representative of CSU. The executive committee worked closely with David to address its concerns in the various drafts leading up to this final draft. Copies of the draft are available in the senate office—ask Tracy.

**Campus Visits** On October 27, Trustee Kaiser and I visited San José State University, where we met with the senate executive committee and addressed the senate. On November 11, we plan to visit CSU Channel Islands. We hope to visit one campus a month for the rest of the academic year and have scheduled joint appearances at San Diego (Dec. 2), Los Angeles (Jan. 20), and Chico (Feb. 17). We shall soon be scheduling visits for March, April, and May.

The executive committee has also been working on a number of projects:

**Project on Lower-Division Requirements in Majors (POL)** The executive committee and I have spent some time on what we are now calling POL, the CSU Project on Lower-Division Requirements in Majors, formerly called the lower-division core alignment project. The Executive Committee has appointed Ken Nishita and David McNeil to the oversight committee for this project, replacing Kathy Kaiser and me. The Executive Committee also spent considerable time on POL during our October meeting, as a result of which we decided to make a major push to complete as many POL projects as possible during this academic year.

Several POL projects are already complete or are currently developing their final report:
- Business Information Systems (Barry Pasternak, lead faculty member),
- History (David McNeil and I were project directors),
- Nursing (Robyn Nelson, CSU Sacramento, project director),
- Psychology (Ken Nishita, project director),
- Sociology (Kathy Kaiser, project director), and
- Speech Communication (Sam Edelman, project director).

We have several new joint POL-IMPAC projects underway, including
- Math (Martin Flashman, Humboldt, IMPAC-POL lead faculty member),
- Economics (Dennis Muroaka, Channel Islands, POL lead faculty member),
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• Geography (Tom Krabacher, Sacramento, IMPAC-POL lead faculty member), and
• Journalism (John Burks, San Francisco, IMPAC-POL lead faculty member).

We hope that several projects that have been working through IMPAC and that may come to completion this year, including
• Administration of Justice (Ruth Masters, Fresno, IMPAC lead faculty member)
• Agriculture (Mark Bender, Stanislaus, IMPAC-POL lead faculty member)
• Business Administration (John Tarjan, IMPAC-POL lead faculty member)
• Food Science and Nutrition (Kara Caldwell-Freeman, Pomona, IMPAC lead faculty member).

Some of these projects began under Senate Chair Gene Dinielli and more of them began under Chair Jackie Kegley. Several were completed last year or the year before.

We also hope to launch several more in the near future. Our goal is to complete as many POL projects as possible this year, as a demonstration to the legislature that no legislative intervention is necessary to direct the CSU to establish common lower-division requirements in all majors.

Master Plan Legislation Through ICAS and through FGA, we've been following the major bills that are likely to move to approval during the session of the legislature that begins in January. We are concerned about particular provisions in AB 242, SB 6, and SB 550. ICAS has discussed taking a common position on these bills, so it is important for us, in the ASCSU, to establish our own position on these bills soon. This is going on through FGA.

Search Committee for Associate Vice-Chancellor for Academic Affairs I've consulted with David Spence regarding this important search. The executive committee also reviewed and recommended changes in the position description. There will be three faculty members on the nine-person committee. The three faculty members named by the executive committee and accepted by Spence are: Robert Cherny, Robert Snyder, and Sandy Sutphen (former chair of the academic senate at Fullerton).

Senate Budget Thanks to all of you who have been making herculean efforts to keep your travel expenditures down. Shirley Sparkman has been following up with your campus travel administrators to be certain that she gets your reports in a timely fashion, so that we can track travel expenses as closely as possible. Travel is the second largest item in our budget, after assigned time, so we all need to continue to watch expenses and to file our travel reimbursement claims promptly. Travel is also potentially the most unpredictable, if you or your campus travel administrator fails to keep your filings up to date. So far, we seem to be doing OK at living within our budget.

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