

March 2007 Plenary Minutes

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Marshelle Thobaben called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 8, 2007.

ROLL CALL: Senators Present: (Bakersfield) John Tarjan; (Channel Islands) Dennis Muraoka, Lillian Vega-Castaneda; (Chico) Kathy Kaiser, Jim Postma; (Dominguez Hills); Rudy Vanterpool, Caroline Bordinaro; (East Bay) Hank Reichman, Calvin Caplan; (Fresno) Jacinta Amaral, Otto Benavides; (Fullerton) Vincent Buck, Diana Guerin, Barry Pasternack; (Humboldt) Marshelle Thobaben, Bernadette Cheyne; (Long Beach), David Hood, Praveen Soni, Maria Viera; (Los Angeles) Kevin Baaske, Marshall Cates; (Monterey Bay) Ken Nishita, Mark O'Shea; (Northridge), Michael Reagan, Barbara Swerkes; (Pomona) Marvin Klein; (Sacramento) Robert Buckley, Cristy Jensen; (San Bernardino) Buckley Barrett, C.E. Tapie Rohm Jr.; (San Diego) Edward Aguado, Fred Hornbeck, Michael Perkins; (San Francisco) Andrea Renwanz Boyle, Darlene Yee-Melichar; (San José) E. Michael Gorman, Romey Sabalius, Mark Van Selst; (San Luis Obispo) Manzar Foroohar, Myron Hood; (San Marcos), Dick Montanari; (Sonoma) Robert McNamara, Catherine Nelson; (Stanislaus) Jason Myers, Paul O'Brien; (Retired & Emeritus Faculty) Harold Goldwhite; (Chancellor's Office) Gary Reichard.

Others Present: Charles Reed, Chancellor; Craig Smith, Faculty Trustee; Ron Kroman, ERFA Representative; Hironao Okahana, CSSA Representative; Keith Boyum, Chancellor's Office; Ann Peacock, Executive Director ASCSU.

The agenda was approved.

The minutes of the January plenary were approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/INTRODUCTIONS

New senators and visitors were introduced and welcomed. Kathy Kaiser (new senator from Chico); Ron Kroman, CSU-ERFA Liaison; Faculty Trustee Craig Smith; Assistant Vice Chancellor Keith Boyum

The meeting, the senate will test a system using electronic personal response devices (clickers) to conduct elections.

John Tarjan was elected to fill the remainder of the term of Executive Committee At-Large-Member Paul Persons (Chico) who tragically passed away during our last plenary.

REPORTS

Chair Marshelle Thobaben's written report can be accessed at the following URL:
http://www.calstate.edu/AcadSen/Records/Chairs_Reports/mar07_chair_reort.pdf.

Academic Affairs (Darlene Yee-Melichar)

The Academic Affairs Committee (AAC) revised two resolutions for the Statewide Senate's consideration; they are: 1) Support for Carnegie's New Community Engagement Classification, and 2) Concern for Professional Science Master's Programs. After consultation with colleagues on Fiscal and

Governmental Affairs, the AAC decided to co-sponsor the resolution on Extension of Graduate Differential Funding to All Graduate FTES. The AAC will sponsor two new resolutions; they are: 1) Support for AB 178 (Coto): High schools: curriculum and enrollment: College Readiness and Equity Program, and 2) Graduate Education in the California State University.

The AAC heard liaison reports from our colleagues on several systemwide committees and task forces; we thank them for their helpful updates. We would like to acknowledge Drs. Keith Boyum and Chris Hanson for meeting and sharing information on academic affairs efforts in the Chancellor's Office with us. Special thanks to Statewide Senator Bob Buckley (CSU Sacramento) for providing context and input on the Chancellor's Office Initiative on Transforming Course Design, and Dr. Nancy Shulock (Executive Director, Institute for Higher Education Leadership & Policy, CSU Sacramento) for reporting on "Rules of the Game: How State Policy Creates Barriers to Degree Completion and Impedes Student Success in the California Community Colleges."

With only two more opportunities to meet before the spring comes to an end, the AAC will devote itself to completing discussion and/or resolutions about: academic sustainability, accessible technology, graduate education, remediation, and transforming course design.

Faculty Affairs (Bernadette Cheyne)

At the March 7 meeting, Faculty Affairs committee dealt with a number of issues:

- Handbook of Free Speech Issues – CSU Office of the General Counsel: Trustee Smith joined us for this discussion. The committee feels that much of the document leans toward the side of free speech and contextualizes the issues through extensive footnotes on case law. However, in the section dealing with "Public Employee Speech" there is a shift in tone, with the language becoming more restrictive and less contextualized within the case law. The committee will send a memo to the Executive Committee outlining its concerns and asking that they be forwarded to the General Counsel.
- In ongoing discussions regarding faculty satisfaction issues, the committee is considering recommending some kind of formalized exit interviews for faculty who terminate their employment at a CSU campus. We hope to meet with Cordelia Ontiveros and Jackie McClain at our next meeting to discuss this issue in more detail prior to making a formal recommendation.
- The committee will be sending a memo to the Executive Committee requesting that each local Senate chair provide information regarding governance resources on their campuses. This information will be used both to gain a broader view of support for governance across the CSU, and may result in a recommendation from the committee.
- The committee is concerned about AB 1548, which relates to textbook prices and which appears to be somewhat restrictive and potentially could negatively impact academic freedom, among other things. We'll be working with FGA on this, and members of that committee intend to discuss the Bill with the legislators who proposed it to see if some changes can be made.
- Some concerns have arisen in terms of the issue of indirect costs related to grant funding. Beth Ambos met with the committee and clarified some of the issues. She will be following this matter closely and will report back to the committee at a later date. At that time the committee will decide what, if any, action might be required.

Fiscal and Governmental Affairs

Fiscal and Governmental Affairs brought forward one second-reading and one first-reading item during the March 2007 plenary.

The recommendation from January, AS-2787-07 as co-sponsored by Academic Affairs, deals with expanded graduate level budgets and carries the title Extension of Graduate Differential Funding to All Graduate FTES. The Senate suggested minor editorial changes and then unanimously passed this item.

FGA's other resolution -- AS-2796-07: CSU Budget Principles for Academic Year 2008-09 -- came forth for first reading and elicited considerable conversation for the Committee to carefully review prior to the May second reading. When committee members earlier had vigorously debated the best design strategy for this key annual recommendation, we finally agreed to draft a document with general philosophic points rather than specific legislative allusions. This contrasts some with the committee approach in recent years, but we will look again at blending in particular concerns such as the ACR-73 call for more tenure-track faculty.

Teacher Education and K-12 Relations (TEKR) (Mark O'Shea)

Teacher Education and K-12 relations (TEKR) met to consider policy recommendations related to the anticipated reauthorization of No Child Left Behind by Congress. We also considered constraints on the exercise of teacher decision making that result from California's compliance with Reading First federal requirements. In the current educational reform environment, federal policies are reaching into California classrooms and limiting opportunity for many teachers to exercise knowledge, skills, and professional dispositions conveyed by CSU teacher education programs. TEKR believes that restrictive and constraining federal statutes are inhibiting the growth of teacher knowledge and skills of credential candidates who find themselves placed in Reading First classrooms where fidelity to approved programs inhibits normal expression of professional knowledge and skills. The CSU wants each of its teacher alumni to meet the California Standards for the Teaching Profession (CSTP) upon completion of their credential programs.

Perhaps the California State Board of Education and The California Department of Education will approve teacher participation in professional development and pre-service education that includes focus on teacher knowledge and skills for the achievement of state content standards. The Standards in Process training provided by the Education Trust is an example of programs that help teachers enhance their assignments to meet the expectations of their state's standards. Teachers will need to move beyond alignment of instruction with approved programs if adequate yearly progress is to be sustained into the future.

TEKR drafted a resolution for first reading intended to establish a permanent advisory committee to guide policy development for the origination, approval, and operations of doctoral programs. The Ed.D. programs undergoing implementation have been guided to a successful beginning through the efforts of CO staff and senators. TEKR is working with Senator Jensen to develop this resolution with the objective of establishing a policy recommending body that will serve doctoral program development and administration into the foreseeable future.

LDTP Advisory Committee (Barbara Swerkes) and (Marshall Cates)

Barbara Swerkes:

1200 courses were submitted in the first round (900 reviews completed) and an additional 1800 courses were submitted in the second cycle.

As we progress into the course review portion of this project, Community College are beginning to express some strong concerns from their perspective. These concerns seem to center around a feeling of being pressured by the CSU to adjust their curriculum to meet our needs when they have

multiple missions with CSU articulation being just one of those missions. Other comments have focused on the lack or form of CCC representation on the TCSU course review teams. Following discussions of these issues on the Advisory Committee we are attempting to respond in two ways. Most important is the need to better communicate with our colleagues in the community colleges. We would like to send, where appropriate, representatives to various meetings of the CCC faculty governance and to meetings of the CCC articulation officers to listen, interact and explain. A second step recommended by the Advisory Committee is to convene an intersegmental committee of discipline faculty to discuss and hopefully resolve the differences where specific differences are identified between CCC courses and TCSU course descriptors

Marshall Cates:

- 1) There are only two local requirements that are still outstanding.
- 2) There are about four courses that need just one vote to be approved.
- 3) Engineering courses need at least four more votes.
- 4) Statistics is being looked at to see if consolidations can be attained.

General Education Advisory Committee -John Tarjan:

Potential direction of changes to GE have been shared with campuses for consideration in their campus discussions on Access to Excellence.

Textbook Task Force – Mark Van Selst: We are evaluating what text book access is available, and what are the needs of the players.

MBA workgroup – Tapie Rohm: Research is being done and a white paper being written on a proposed surcharge for MBA's. We are waiting for information.

PRESENTATIONS

Executive Vice Chancellor Gary Reichard

Access to Excellence meetings have had a good turnout at the campus level.

A Task Force of the Academic Senate CSU Executive Committee and four provosts will prepare a document summarizing campus reports and staff notes. Subsequently, the Steering Committee will review this document and then decide the structure of the systemwide summit.

There will be a systemwide summit meeting on April 24-25 at Newport Beach. Representatives from each campus delegation might include faculty, administrators, statewide senators, campus senate chair and campus system senators.

The possibility of developing CSU/UC joint doctorates in Audiology and in Physical Therapy is under consideration. In addition, the CSU will be engaging an outside consultant to help determine our capacity to offer an applied doctorate in Nursing.

The Transforming Course Design initiative is moving forward, and an RFP for campus projects will be sent to campuses on March 16.

The Academic Council is currently considering a draft white paper on the role of research in the CSU mission, in response to the talking points that were developed by the CSU senior academic research officers in the fall. If and when such a white paper is approved by the Academic Council, it will be forwarded for consideration by ASCSU.

At the February meeting of the Academic Council, there was discussion of a number of campus best practices in delivering remediation in English and Mathematics. This will continue to be a discussion item for the provosts. In order to improve information-sharing about remediation, developmental mathematics coordinators from across the system will be meeting in April to discuss the variety of campus programs in that area.

In May, there will be a UC/CSU faculty summit to discuss strategies for potential collaborative partnerships and ways to increase the diversity of students pursuing Ph.D.'s in STEM fields. Approximately 100 invitations to participate are being sent to CSU faculty across the system (with a like number of invitations going to UC faculty).

While iTunes U holds great promise for the delivery of curriculum, the technology is not sufficiently accessible to disabled students. Therefore, the Chancellor's Office will request that campuses put their plans on hold to put curriculum on iTunes U, pending the ability to make the technology accessible. We need to undertake pilot programs to see how to overcome the issues.

Institute for Teaching and Learning (ITL) has been in abeyance for almost one and a half years. A proposal to reinvigorate ITL will be brought to Academic Senate Executive Committee for consideration and discussion.

Faculty Trustee Craig Smith

Craig reported on how impressed he was with the Pomona campus conversation for the access to excellence process. On March 15 will attend the campus conversation at Dominguez Hills.

Hironao Okahana (CSSA Representative)

CSSA met in at the California Maritime Academy in February. During the meeting, the board had Q&A session with Professor John Travis, CFA President, also discussed on the resolution relative to CFA-CSU contract negotiation. The Board also adopted a resolution against the proposed state university fee increase, as well as took legislative positions. CSSA will meet in San Diego and discuss various issues, including 2nd reading on the resolution relative to CFA-CSU contract negotiation. We are scheduled to have update on that issue from both CFA and CSU.

Chancellor Reed

The state will have a difficult time putting a final budget together. The Senate Budget Committee has had a lot of turnover due to term limits. This may make the process even more difficult. The CSU believes the State still "owes" us \$500 million in lost (past) revenue. Prospects for recovering that revenue are bleak in the near future.

In 2003-04, the CSU was told there was a cap on the number of students who would be funded by the legislature. Late in the summer, funds were made available to admit more. Chancellor Reed has made the case that the system cannot simply "turn the student spigot on and off". He reminded the legislature of past actions. When the CSU was under our target, we had to send back money. Last year when we were over target we received no additional money. This year we are again over target, and unlikely to receive funding for those students.

The State budget is \$2.5 billion over projected revenues. The Legislative Analyst Office (LAO) suggests that the CSU limit growth to two percent; that is to grow 4000 students. The CSU already has

more this year than they recommended for next year. Two and a half percent growth is not generous, and the CSU is already 4000 over. The CSU has asked for \$70 million more in our budget.

Chancellor Reed stated that the CSU has the best outreach program in the country. While outreach funds have been cut again, we fully expect those funds to be restored. The CSU also hopes to receive additional funds to increase enrollment in nursing programs.

The CSU is scheduled next month to present to the Senate Finance Committee. However, little concrete action on the budget will be taken until after the May revise.

Senator Scott wants to put in a Volunteer Accountability System. The CSU has already committed to accountability. New measures will be implemented systemwide. Chancellor Reed believes the CSU will be a model of accountability.

Chancellor Reed commented that the California Community College's initiative will be on the ballot for the first election in 2008, possibly February of 2008. Because only 12% of \$130 billion State budget is discretionary, Chancellor Reed stated that any initiative that limits flexibility is detrimental to the CSU.

Q&A followed.

RESOLUTIONS

Support for Carnegie's New Community Engagement Classification (AS-2784-07/AA) (Rev)
Approved Unanimously

Concern for the Professional Science Master's (PMS) Programs (AS-2785-07/AA) (Rev) Approved

Advocacy for Substantial Revisions to the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (No Child Left Behind) (AS-2786-07/TEKR) (Rev) Approved Unanimously

Extension of Graduate Differential Funding to All Graduate FTES (AS-2787-07/FGA/AA) Approved Unanimously

Second reading resolutions:

AS-2789-07/EX Academic Senate CSU Calendar of 2007-2008 meetings

AS-2790-07/AA Graduate Education in the California State University (CSU)

AS-2791-07/TEKR Opposition to the California State Board of Education's Acceptance of Federal Encroachment into the California Curriculum and the Professional Practices of Teachers and Administrators

AS-2792-07/TEKR Enhancing the Doctoral Culture in the CSU

AS-2793-06/TEKR Establish an Ed.D. Advisory Committee

AS-2794-07/AA Support for AB 178 (Coto): High Schools: Curriculum and Enrollment: College Readiness and Equity Programs

AS2796-07/FGA CSU Budget Principles for Academic Year 2008-2009

Faculty Trustee: The senate heard from three candidates for the position of faculty trustee.

Drs. Craig Smith, Kathleen Kaiser, and Anthony Van Reusen each spent about 30 minutes giving a speech and answering questions.

Elections for the Faculty Trustee were held. The senate voted to send forward two faculty names, Kathleen Kaiser and Craig Smith, to the Governor for his selection. The two year term for Faculty Trustee begins July 1, 2007.

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m. Friday March 8, 2007.