Minutes
Fiscal and Governmental Affairs Committee
Academic Senate of the California State University
January 19, 2005

Present: Buckley Barrett, David Hood, Myron Hood, Thomas Krabacher, Susan McKillop, Unny Menon, Ann Morgan, Dennis Muraoka, Barry Pasternack, Hank Reichman (chair), Paul O’Brien

Guests: Cristy Jensen (Executive Committee), Allison Jones (Chancellor’s Office), Partick Lenz (Chancellor’s Office), Dick Montanari (Faculty Affairs liaison), John Tarjan (Executive Committee)

1. Chair Reichman called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

2. Agenda approved as amended.

3. Minutes from 11/10/04 approved with minor emendations.

4. Reports:
   A. Chair’s Report: Chair Reichman reported the following:
      • Human Resources transmitted the Committee’s comments on the “CSU Handbook of election Issues” (made at 11/10/04 meeting) to Christine Helwick, CSU counsel.
      • Improving advising is emerging as an issue; a report on advising will be made to the Board of Trustees (BOT) at their upcoming meeting.
      • The academic affairs Committee may come up with a resolution on advising for the March meeting; given that there are resource issues involved, FGA should probably monitor it.
   
   B. Allison Jones (Chancellor’s Office) reported the following:
      • Fall was relatively quiet both fiscally and legislatively;
      • The Little Hoover Commission is expected to recommend at its 1/26/05 meeting to consolidate CPEC and CSAC (California Student Aid Commission). The CSU, along with other segments of higher education, is inclined to support the consolidation. CSU will also recommend (1) an independent advisory panel, given that the new consolidated body will be part of the Executive Branch and (2) decentralizing the CalGrant program;
      • A report will be forthcoming on accessibility, esp. the graduation initiative, professional development, and academic advising;
      • Copies of Karen Yelverton-Zamarippa’s final 2004 legislative report were distributed;

5. Times Certain:
   A. 11:00AM: Patrick Lenz (Chancellor’s Office): Lenz reported on a wide range of budget matters.
      Main points included:
      • The $37M budget augmentation that occurred in 04-05 is apparently viewed by the Governor and Legislature as a one-time thing, although this wasn’t made clear at the time. CSU has prevailed, however, in getting $30.7M. of that made on-going. (Political overtones apparently involved.)
      • Individual campuses will not be penalized for not meeting their 04-05 enrollment targets;
      • The system will probably be close enough to its enrollment target that the legislature won’t take back any monies;
      • CSU is starting to look at differentially supporting enrollment pressures at individual campuses; it probably won’t lead to major readjustments in 05-06, however.
      • Reason for lower enrollments in Spring 05 remain unclear.
A budget presentation will be made to the BOT the following week. Main message: although it appears as if have done well in 05-06 governor’s budget, it does not come close to compensating for the cuts of the past 3 years.

The governor’s Compact will hold with minor adjustments.

B. 1:00PM: Cristy Jensen, Dick Montanari, John Tarjan on CMS Implementation: The recent petition by campus senate chairs calling for a delay in the implementation of the CMS student module was discussed. The question was whether the ASCSU should act on the petition.

After discussion, it was decided that FGA would jointly offer a resolution with the Faculty Affairs Committee supporting the request. The resolution will be presented to the Senate for first reading. (Krabacher, M. Hood, and Montanari agreed to draft language.)

C. 2:30 PM: Wess Larson (Governmental Affairs): Wes stood in for Karen Yelverton-Zamarippa and provided the Committee with a legislative overview, focusing on (1) the implications of the November election and (2) upcoming legislation. He feels a key challenge will be in quickly bringing the new members of the Assembly up to speed on higher education issues.

Top legislative priorities for the CSU this session include:
- Use of the affinity card
- The professional doctorate

Secondary priorities include:
- Whistleblower protection
- Omnibus education code clean-up

6. Legislation:
The following legislation was identified as of possible interest to FGA:
- SB 5: The “Morrow Bill”
- SCA 2: Budget procedures
- AB 42: The California History Center
- AB 13: Human Groups as Team Mascots
- AB 58: K-18 Public Education Facilities Bond

Chair Reichman will continue to watch these and see how the progress before deciding whether any action by the Committee is called for.

7. Lobbying Planning
Strategies for the FGA’s February “meet and greet” visit with members of the legislature in Sacramento were discussed. The goal was to focus only on new members (all in the Assembly) this time around. The primary message is to urge support for the Governor’s budget; a secondary message is to urge support of legislation allowing the CSU to offer the applied doctorate.

8. New Business
- CALPERS: The Howard Jarvis group is proposing that no new recruitment into CalPers take place after 2007. Related legislation has already been proposed: ACA 1 and ACA 5. The Committee decided to continue monitoring this with an eye to a possible resolution in March.
- The possibility of FGA taking a position on the CPEC consolidation as described by Allison Jones was discussed. No decision was reached.