Fiscal and Governmental Affairs Committee-ASCSU
January 25, 2006

Present: Chair Krabacher, Barrett, Goldwhite, Hood, Montanari, Morgan, Muraoka, Dennis, O’Brien—

1. Agenda was approved as written.
2. Minutes from November 2, 2005 were approved.
3. Reports
   - Planning for Lobby Days, selecting dates and times. It was agreed that committee would move forward with the date of Tuesday April 18, 2006. The appointment process will begin.
   - Krabacher--AB546-Bill to sanction state employees who download illegal materials.
   - Krabacher--CSSA update-Students are primarily interested in student fee issues and are at the moment not pushing any other specific agenda items at the moment.
   - Montanari--CFA is discussing issues of faculty salaries and creative ways to correct senior faculty salaries i.e. through merit and other avenues.
   - Goldwhite--Teacher credential SB871 accountability which would eliminate the CBEST requirement for beginning teachers.
   - Report from Faculty Affairs by Senator Goldwhite—there is currently a committee that is looking into the salary structure. FGA and FA will meet with John Travis at 8:30 to discuss the issue more fully.

4. Wess Larson, conference call at 1:00
   Talked about some of the global political issues currently in Sacramento i.e. general election, possibility of up to 60 ballot issues, and open seats in the Assembly and Senate. Two or three Senate seats are competitive seats.

   Considerable discussion regarding SB546—Being proposed by Assembly Member Garcia which prohibits downloading of obscene matter on state computers. It makes the requirement of needing approval before “obscene” materials can be viewed. There was considerable discussion regarding proposed law. Senator Goldwhite brought AAUP guidelines on Academic Freedom which is clearly in contradiction to proposed law.

   Other bills pending that could effect the CSU.

   AB476-Teacher training. To help students in credential programs receive assistance.
   AB1315 Stipend assistance for first year college students.
   AB1052-Establishing a mandatory student fee policy.
   Board Package includes:
   Bill supported by CSSA for additional funding for Cal Grants.
   Revenue bond issue—slight modifications to allow for better terms of CSU bonds
   Employee bill—fixes small loop holes such as employees needing to repay overpayments by the CSU
5. Possible Committee Recommendation:
   - Faculty salary structure needs to be addressed to check whether the current structure is fair to all faculty and FGA will work in conjunction with FA.

   Attended the conference call with Wess Larson concerning AB546 and academic freedom issues.

7. Rodney Rideau, Director of Budget—2:00pm time certain
   Rodney gave a report in lieu of Patrick Lenz.
   A new model of marginal costs has been done by the Department of Finance. Their newer number comes to approximately $9000 per student. This is a slight increase from the current budget model.
   In this year’s budget, the only issue at hand is to not cut the funding for outreach programs. The CSU plans to meet its enrollment target. Campuses that do not meet their targets by under 2% will have to repay their numbers.

8. Senate Public Service Award for CSU Graduates/Capitol Staff (see AS-2602-03/FGA)
   Committee discussed possible awardees for this year’s presentation. The presentation of this award was approved to move forward by FGA committee to the full Senate. If approved by the Senate the tentative FGA date for Lobby Days will be utilized for the awarding of the Service Award. Various candidates are being investigated as to their appropriateness for receiving this award by Chair Krabacher. Jason Murphy’s name has been put forth who worked tirelessly on the CSU’s EDD degree.

9. Legislative Day
   Committee discussed the agenda of Legislative Day and agreed to meet in Sacramento on Tuesday, April 18th for both Legislative Day and to give the Public Service award.

10. (Discussion on this item began on Wednesday the 25th with FGA meeting before the Plenary on Thursday the 26th to discuss specific questions on the survey before it is distributed to individual campuses) Campus budget best proactive report-meeting with campus Senate Chairs on current budget practices. It was agreed that a small group of the committee to work on to include Senators Barrett, Hood, Krabacher, and Montanari.