Fiscal & Governmental Affairs Committee – ASCSU
November 2, 2005

Present: Chair Krabacher, Barrett, Goldwhite, Guerin, D. Hood, Menon, Montanari, Morgan, Muraoka

1. The Agenda was approved with the addition of one item: FGA's role in the system budget process.

2. Reports
   - CPEC (Krabacher): pushing SB871 and AB196, wants to be accountability body
   - CSSA: interested in student fee process
   - CFA (Guerin & Montanari):
     - working on get out the vote for November special election
     - bargaining issues: workload, lecturer rights, YRO compensation, FERP, faculty rights issues, salary, merit pay

3. Academic Affairs update, Allison Jones.

   Discussed fee increase, addressing salary gap, facilitating graduation initiatives, Student Conduct Code, enrollment, funds for Nursing programs.


   Legislation of interest to CSU: Affinity bill takes effect January 1, omnibus bills, accountability bills.

   FGA involvement in legislation positions: Karen Yelverton-Zamarippa had suggested that FGA/ASCSU have a role in Academic Affairs analyses. Larson & Jones described process of developing legislative agenda. It's very complex and requires rapid turnaround with little time for consultation. It would be impractical to get ASCSU input on all issues. Jones coordinates analyses within Academic Affairs; often consults directly with ASCSU Chair. Jones believes it would be better for faculty & better for CO for faculty to provide input directly to Karen. Next step: Jones will discuss with key players (Karen, Keith Boyam, Assoc. Vice Chancellors) and suggested that ASCSU identify issues where we'd like to be involved in conversation.

5. Patrick Lenz, conference call at 1:15 pm

   Described 5 year strategic plan for closing salary gaps; compact does not provide enough to close gaps

   Discussed executive compensation and fee increases

   Legislature is looking at marginal cost issues, recognition of actual cost of hiring faculty, funding for graduate programs

   Described budget development process. This is outlined in Budget Book 2
Question about how funds are allocated to the 23 campuses. Driven by enrollment; other factors include compensation, financial aid, mandatory costs, particular challenges of individual campuses.

6. Campus Chairs Budget Workshop.
This will be held in December in conjunction with Senate Chairs meeting. The program:
- 1.5 hour, half devoted to presentations, rest devoted to Q&A
- overview of process
- examples of best practices, 1998 report
- brief presentations about campus budget processes, CSULB and San Jose or East Bay
- time for chairs to share views of local situations

Senate chairs have requested an update. A subcommittee was created to undertake the project: Krabacher, Hood, Barrett, Montanari, and Muraoka.

Faculty Affairs inquired about FGA interest in co-sponsoring two resolutions: Revenue Enhancement and Global Approach to Budgeting. FGA was unwilling to support either resolution at this point, however, in that both are too general and unspecific as they now stand.

9. FGA Role in Budget Process
The FGA Committee charge suggests a more active participation in budget process. Suggestions:
- year end resolution could be more detailed
- make the case for goals rather than trying to get more involved in process
- work to gain a formal role ASCSU Chair in the formative budget discussions

10. Public Service Award for CSU Graduates/Capitol Staff
Cristy Jensen was present for this discussion and described how FGA selected first award winner two years ago. Goal of the award is visibility for the ASCSU. The committee will have to find out if funds will be available for a reception. It was suggested that the Alumni Council might be will to help financially.

AA had discussed moving to per unit fees as an incentive to discourage students from taking excess units. Would FGA be willing to co-sponsor? The issue would require a great deal of study. We would want to look at supporting data, projections of impact, particularly impact on FTES.

A slot is available for a FGA member. Montanari is interested but unavailable for the meeting later today. Krabacher will attend that meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Morgan