Fiscal and Governmental Affairs Committee

ASCSU

Meeting Number 1

September 15, 2005

1. The meeting was convened by Chair Krabacher at 10:35 a.m. with Barrett, Goldwhite, Guerin, D. Hood, Hornbeck, Morgan, Montanari and Muraoka, present.

2. The Agenda approved with the deletion of the teleconference with a representative from Governmental Affairs.

3. Chair Krabacher announced that the December meeting would be via teleconference and that the October meeting would be a legislative orientation workshop to be held in Sacramento on October 15th.

The following assignments were made:

- Buckley: Legislative Visit Plan
- Hood: Budget initiatives and Campus Senate Chairs Budget Training in December
- Krabacher: CPEC and CSSA
- CFA: Guerin and Montanari
- CCTC: Web site monitoring—Goldwhite
- Everyone: Bill tracking via subscription

4. Legislation

   A. Current Legislation

   SB 724 is passed but not yet signed by the Governor. He is, however, expected to sign it. The implications of SB 724 and what it will mean for the CSU were discussed. It is clear the CSU will have to extremely diligent in implementing the education doctorate, for it passed over the objection of several groups, most notably the UC and the chair of the Assembly Higher Education Committee (Liu); the will be watching us carefully, looking for us to fail.

   The CSU Legislative Agenda at this point is minor, consisting primarily of trailer bills and the like. A more focused agenda is expected to emerge in the next month or so.

   The legislature in currently in recess until January; at the moment, the attention of everyone in the Capitol is focused on the November Special Election.

   CSU and CFA building their legislative agendas. The Committee should have a better sense of what this is at its November meeting.

   B. Faculty comments on legislation

   Karen Yelverton-Zamarippa suggested that the faculty find a way to receive information on pending legislation and to comment thereon.
FGA felt this was something to be pursued. The Committee will need to go the go-ahead from the ASCSU Executive Committee and then convince Academic Affairs (Keith Boyum) that this information should be passed along to us. FGA will then need to develop procedure and guidelines for handling the input. This will be pursued at the Committee’s November meeting.

Expectations: The CSU would need a fast turnaround from FGA/ASCSU. Since this would be input and not policy determination, it need not go to the entire Senate.

Such practices would give the ASCSU greater involvement in the development of the CSU legislative agenda.

Tom will talk with the Executive Committee about this.

5. 2005-2006 FGA Agenda

   a. Committee meetings will start at 10:15 a.m.

   b. Social tonight at 5:00 p.m.

   c. Travel: use the Y-CAL rate, state rate for hotels, etc.

      October 13th meeting in Sacramento

      Orientation session from 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

      Capitol conference room, legislative calendar, staffers speak with us

      Take Super Shuttle to the Hyatt on L Street, across the street from the Capitol

   d. Spring Legislative Days

      Limited in number: FGA and a few others

      Will focus on process and the CSU Legislative Agenda

   e. Budget Orientation Workshop on December 8th for Campus Senate Chairs

      Understanding the Budget: General orientation to State and CSU budget practices

      Terms, calendar, parts of the budget (General Fund, Trust Funds, Capital Outlay, etc.

      Development of Process: Faculty Campus Orientation: a case studies, Long Beach and ???

      Questions and answers, general discussion

6. Patrick Lenz Teleconference at 1:30

   Patrick went over the 2005-2006 budget as finally enacted and signed
Patrick then discussed three current initiatives:
  DoF recognizing the true cost of hiring new faculty
  DoF thinking about a 12-unit Graduate load, the “graduate differential”
  Space funding

The 2006-2007 Budget:
  The State has a $6 Billion structural deficit, so money is still tight
  There is a committee working on marginal cost. We may receive an adjustment thereto
  There is some understanding of the graduate differential.

7. Public Service Award
Work on this will start in December.

8. Legislative Day Strategy
FGA members and a few others. Will be kept small and for only one day because of the Senate’s budget.

9. Coordination with TEKR
There may be some joint meetings. The TEKR Chair wants more involvement.

10. After discussion the Committee decided not to present a resolution opposing Proposition 75.

11. Reaffirming the anti-Proposition 76 Resolution
Chair Krabacher solicited views from the committee and he will craft a resolution reaffirming last Spring’s resolution opposing Proposition 76.

12. Executive Committee Liaison Jensen
Executive Committee Liaison Jensen discussed the parlous state of the Senate’s budget.

13. The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Hood