

**Fiscal & Governmental Affairs Committee
October 2011**

MINUTES

Present: Ed Aguado, Otto Benavides, Steven Browne, Reyes Fidalgo, David Hood, Tom Krabacher (Chair), Marty Linder, Cezar Ornatowski

Guests: Darlene Yee-Melichar (Ex Comm liaison)

I. Call to Order: 10:10 a.m.

II. Agenda: Approved

III. Minutes: Minutes from 9-11 meeting approved with one correction. CO requesting \$15million for maintenance – not \$15.

IV. Announcements: None.

V. Reports:

- Legislative Update: Chair Krabacher updated the Committee on legislation. All bills passed by the Legislature are now in Governor's hands. Gov Brown has been surprisingly slow in acting on bills. One went past signing date, thereby going into law. Staff member Krabacher spoke to in the Capitol said he couldn't remember when that last happened. The Governor's signing deadline is the beginning of next week. There have been about 3-4 vetoes for each 20 bills signed.
- Executive Committee Liaison: Senator Yee-Melichar met with the Committee and relayed the following:
 - Advocacy planning should be carried out with an awareness of the uncertainty of the Senate's spring budget; in-district lobbying needs to be considered as an option; this could possible include working with other segments (Senator Y-M agreed to forward ICAS's "tool kit" for our possible adoption.)
 - Executive Committee would like FGA's input on formalizing the specialist positions in the Senate's by-laws
 - FGA should look at the Board of trustee's proposed support budget
 - Faculty/Staff input is requested on academic reorganization; there's a need to standard definitions of academic units across campuses
 - Senators should review the Access to Excellence document with an eye toward identifying intems for possible implementation;
 - FGA will host the May social.

VI. Old Business

The Committee has three resolutions scheduled to come back for second reading at the November plenary. The following revisions were suggested:

- *AS-3040-11/FGA -- Maintaining Quality in the California State University (CSU):*
 - Replace phrase “erosion of quality” in first resolved clause to “to protecting quality.” Concerned was expressed that the original language could be politically dangerous in suggesting quality has declined.
 - It was suggested that concrete examples of threats to quality be included in the resolved clauses as well as the rationale. The *21st Century* report could provide examples, as could the goals identified in the *Access to Excellence* document.
 - Minor editorial changes were identified: clarify who “We” refers to in the second line of the rationale, addition of missing words (“and” in the first line of the second resolved clause, “education” in the last line on the first page), and change “is” to “are” in the last line of the Rationale.

It was agreed to discuss these suggestions with the item’s author, Senator Tarjan, at the November committee meeting before acting on them.

- AS-3042-11/FGA – Maintenance of Public Access to California Postsecondary Education Commission (CPEC) Data: No changes to existing language
- AS-3043-11/FGA – Presidential Compensation in the CSU: After consideration, the Committee decided not to accept the recommendation from the floor during First Reading to add an additional resolved endorsing the recent presidential salary increases. Some additional minor changes in wording were suggested; Senator Krabacher, the item’s author, will incorporate them prior to the November Committee meeting.

VII. New Business:

- *Meet with President King Alexander:* The Committee considered Senate Chair Postma’s suggestion that FGA, in conjunction with the Faculty Affairs Committee, accept President Alexander’s offer to meet with the Committee to discuss ways of accessing higher education data. The Committee agreed with the suggestion and considered various subjects that might be discussed. Chair Krabacher will consult with Faculty Affairs chair Guerin about setting up such a session for the November meeting.
- *Advocacy Planning:* The Committee will pursue advocacy planning along two tracks:

First: plan for a traditional spring advocacy day in Sacramento; the event is tentative, however, and will depend on the ASCSU’s budget in the spring;

Second: *plan for in-district visits:* these would be carried out by individual senators who will be charged with visiting legislative offices in their own district and in their campus’s service area. They would visit as representatives of the ASCSU, although they can coordinate with local campus advocacy efforts. This will require FGA to develop both

materials tailored to the different campuses as well as a plan for training senators in how to go about it.

It was agreed that this will be an item for discussion at the Committee's November meeting. In the meantime, Chair Krabacher agreed to speak with the Office of Advocacy & State Relations about possible support/ guidance from their end.

- *Future Resolutions:* The following were identified as possible subjects for future resolutions:
 - *Resolution on the BOT's proposed CSU Support Budget for 2012-2013;* it would commend the budget but urge the Board to seek full restoration of recent cuts.
 - *Resolution on Faculty Compensation:* it would commend the BOT for seeking the 3% increase in compensation funding, but urge it also to develop a longer-term strategy to bring increase salaries along the lines of the Chancellor's multi-year plan proposed several years ago.
 - *Resolution on support for faculty development:* Senator Ornatowski will take the lead on this. The committee felt it needed to consult with Beth Ambose and the Faculty Affairs Committee before proceeding.

VIII. Adjournment: The Committee adjourned at 12:45 p.m.