



Fiscal and Governmental Affairs (FGA) Committee

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 3, 2010
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. - Coronado Room

Present: Darlene Yee-Melichar (Chair), Buckley Barrett (Vice-Chair), Edward Aguado, Michael Ault, Jim Meriwether, Dick Montanari, Catherine Nelson, Cezar Ornatowski, Praveen Soni

Guests: George Diehr (CalPERS Board of Administration); David Hood (ASCSU Budget Specialist), Thomas Krabacher (ASCSU Executive Committee Liaison), Craig Smith (Immediate Past Faculty Trustee); John Travis (CFA Liaison); Karen Zamarripa (AVC Advocacy and State Relations); Members of the Faculty Affairs Committee.

I. Call to Order: Chair Yee-Melichar called the meeting to order at 10:19am when a meeting quorum was attained.

II. Announcements and Updates: Chair Yee-Melichar made the following announcements:

- Update on Plenary Schedule. FGA meets 10am to 4pm (November 3), and 9am to 10am (November 4) if needed.
- Plenary Meets: 10am to 5pm (November 4), 9am to 3pm (November 5).
- Discussion of resolution for Academic Senate Budget (Discussion with Chair of Senate).
- **Social Hosted by FGA for March 2011:** Volunteers needed.

III. Campus Reports; Liaison Reports; Member Items

- Senator Yee-Melichar announced that the Chancellor has requested that campuses develop proposals for Early Start Programs by November 19, 2010.

IV. Consent Calendar

- Approval of October 15, 2010 meeting minutes with special thanks to Senator Ault.

- Approval of November 3, 2010 meeting agenda. The committee decided to move the discussion of Action Items earlier in the Session and to integrate fiscal and legislative items during this discussion.

V. Consultations

1. *George Diehr, CALPERS Board of Administration (time certain: 12:15pm)*

- Comparison of Pension Benefits: Old v. New. A discussion about the differences between the two systems ensued.

2. *David Hood, ASCSU Budget Specialist*

- Student Fee Report of the Board of Trustees: ASCSU-BS Hood mentioned how: 1) CSU student fees are lower than all others; 2) the BOT suggests fees should no longer be called fees and instead tuition; 3) of the 360.6 million augmentation of the budget, 1.6 million is not being treated as a one time money; 4) on a midterm student increase, when the budget was still in the Assembly, there was an assumption of a 5 percent midyear increase; 5) 2012 support budget is asking for the restoration of the 106 million one time stimulus money; 6) Tuition increase for next year of 10 percent.

3. *John Travis, CFA Liaison (time certain: 11:30am)*

- 2010 Elections: CFA concentrated on three issues – Yes on 24, 25, and Jerry Brown. Unfortunately, 24 did not pass. It would have closed a tax loop hole on corporations and create a large amount of money for the state.
- Marty Morgenstern will serve with Brown before – he’s a good thing for the CSU. Also, Gavin Newsom’s election was also a positive outcome for students and faculty at CSU.
- Update on Collective Bargaining: This turned out to be a “pretty intense bargaining” session. The chief negotiator is not an employee of the CSU; he is a third party chief negotiator. They have taken the very aggressive approach of “take-backs.” CFA choose to start with the Layoff Article because of layoff mistakes that were made over the past few years. This was decided because of the economic climate. The CSU administration wanted to begin with Article 12 (Appointments), Article 15 (Evaluations), Article 38 (Layoffs). The characteristic that ties them all together is “management prerogative” in establishing policies over these three issues and putting the decisions in the hands of the President. Also, about evaluations, faculty have to include at least two courses a year to be evaluated. Departments are allowed to decide on more. The CSU proposal is that all courses are to be evaluated. The CSU bargaining team seems to be unaware of what faculty do and how they work. “The upsetting thing about the negotiation is...the people with whom we negotiate know little about faculty workload.” This is endemic of a larger shift away from faculty control to administration control over appointment, evaluation, and layoff decisions. There is a meeting scheduled for

November 4 and 5 to give ASCSU the opportunity to meet the bargaining team.

- CFA's Action on Legislation and other
 - a. Legislation: SB 330: Open the auxiliary and foundations to the CA public record act. Previously it was vetoed by the Governor. Amendments were included to protect the anonymity of donors but it was defeated. Senator Yee will re-introduce it.
 - b. SB 1440: Amendment was added that stated transfer work from Community Colleges could not be considered upper-division.
 - c. SB 1425: This bill tries to resolve several issues with state pensions. There were many issues that pertained to the CSU pensions, including FERP program.
 - d. Early Start Program: There are many concerns about this issue but the issue of under-represented groups in the CSU is important. The Board of Trustees is also concerned because they do not want to deny students. CFA's concern is that no data has been provided by the Board of Trustees to demonstrate that this will be successful.
 - e. Red Balloon Project: This is "deliverology lite" – it's a top down process to bring technology into the classroom. It has the same attitude about shared governance as the Deliverology project.
 - f. The Board of Trustee wishes to change the language of "student fees" to "tuition." Two concerns: first, changing the language is the "final straw" in divesting the CSU under the Master Plan. Second, fees have to go to education/instruction. "Tuition" goes into the General Fund of the Administration. This will make it more difficult to track where the money goes from the Chancellor's Office. Also, student fees are set to go up 5 percent at the next BOT meeting and will most likely rise another 10 percent the following year. If this happens, student fees will have increased 242 percent since 2002.

- After lunch, John Travis held a Question and Answer session with the FGA committee.

4. Thomas Krabacher, Executive Committee Liaison and James Postma, ASCSU Chair (time certain: 1:00pm)

- Discussion of Academic Senate Budget. Chair Postma reported that he too shares the concerns of the FGA committee resolution. However, he also asked the committee to consider re-working parts of the "prescriptive" elements of the resolution. Chair Postma then responded to questions and answers from the committee.

5. Karen Zamarippa, AVC Advocacy and State Relations (3:30pm)

- Election 2010: Implications on budget front. "ongoing investments and initiatives on higher education are vulnerable because of turnover in the US House." There was not substantial change in the assembly and

Senate in CA. “We need to sort through it. We are in deep doo doo.” Although Prop 25 passed, it did not change the 2/3 requirements on taxes.” She does not believe we have a new budget – there is a high likelihood that we will be taking a mid-year cut. The strategy is how do we persuade officials that if we do take one year cuts, how can we get them restore it. There will be budget challenges with the Governor; there will be seven new members on the Board of Trustees (Gov, Gavin Newsom, and there are two appointments that have not been confirmed. Also, Herb Carter and Ray Holsworth’s terms end next year). This creates a challenge of getting the new people up to speed. We stand to lose money if we do not make 339,000 FTES. She agreed that the name change from “fee” to “tuition” is truth in advertising.

- There are also a few races undecided – Costa race has not been decided. The word on the street is Nancy Pelosi resigns and takes a position in the Obama White House.
- The state is facing an \$18 billion problem. It’s going to be a difficult couple of years.

VI. Fiscal Affairs

- Integrated fiscal affairs items during discussion of Action Items,

VII. Governmental Affairs

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VIII. Collaboration with other Committees

- FA/FGA will co-sponsor the resolution on “Sale, Distribution or Publishing of Class Materials for Commercial Use.”
- FGA/APEP will co-sponsor the resolution on “Fiscal Concerns on Implementation of Early Start Programs.”
- FGA/AA will co-sponsor the resolution on :Call for Intersegmental Collaboration on the Implementation if AB 1295 (Fuller)—Postsecondary Education: Nursing Degree Programs.”

IX. Action Items (10:46am)

- AS 2975-10. Affordable Learning Solutions Initiative. Discussion of changes to the resolution.
- AS-2891-10. Adequate Financial Support for the Academic Senate. Committee requested to postpone second reading until January 2011.
- Potential Resolution on CSU’s Over Sixty Program. Senator Yee-Melichar suggested that we request data from the Chancellor’s Office on this program. Consensus was reached that we allow this issue to rest.
- Potential Resolutions on Fiscal Concerns on Implementation of Early Start Programs.

- Senator Soni and Senator Meriwether reported on the development and rationale of this resolution. Discussion ensued. After lunch, further editorial changes were suggested.
- Potential Resolution on Call for Intersegmental Collaboration on the Implementation of AB 1295-10 – Postsecondary Education: Nursing Degree Program. Editorial changes were suggested concerning this resolution.
- Potential Resolution on Support for the CSU Renaming of “State University Fee” to State University Tuition (2:49pm). Decided to table the resolution.
- Potential resolution in Support of the Development of a Consistent Methodology for the Analysis of Student-Faculty Ratio and Intra and Inter Campus Expenditures on Instruction. Senator Montanari stated the intention of this resolution is to create awareness across the campuses.
- Potential resolution on lecture note-selling. The committee decided to go forth with the co-sponsoring of this bill with Faculty Affairs.
- Potential Commendation for Allison Jones, Assistant Vice Chancellor of Student Academic Support. The draft was modified and consensus was achieved.

X. New Business.

XI. Adjournment: The Committee adjourned at approximately 4: 25pm.

-- Submitted by Michael Ault