



Fiscal and Governmental Affairs (FGA) Committee

Meeting Minutes

Friday, October 15, 2010

10:00am-3:00pm; 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, William Wagner, III.

Guests: David Hood (ASCSU Budget Specialist), Thomas Krabacher (ASCSU Executive Committee Liaison), Christine Mallon (State University Dean, Academic Affairs), Karen Zamarripa (AVC Advocacy and State Relations)

I. Call to Order:

- Chair Darlene Yee-Melichar called the meeting to order at 10:03a.m.

II. Announcements and Updates

- FGA meeting is scheduled to end at 3:00pm with a working lunch, joined by Thomas Krabacher.

III. Campus Reports: Liaison Reports, Member Items

- Senator Nelson asked about the ASCSU budget and Senator Yee-Melichar responded that there are no new updates from the Executive Committee.
- Senator Ornatowski reported that his campus has started a search for a new president. Senator Montanari gave feedback about his experience with a campus search for a president, especially the problems with accounting practices (e.g., SFR). Senator Barrett reported that the CSUSB Provost and local Senate are now realizing the extent of the challenges with implementation of SB 1440.
- Senator Yee-Melichar commented that her campus senate passed a resolution addressing concerns about the implementation of the Early Start initiative. At the system-level, the English Council did not accept an invitation to participate as a member of the Early Start implementation team. Senator Ault informed the committee that the Provost at CSUB

brought this issue to the campus Senate Executive Committee. It was decided that a task force would be created with representation from all Schools and additional members from the Math and English departments.

- Senator Soni informed the committee that a White Paper had recently been written (by?) and there were concerns on his campus (especially, as it relates to Extended University, summer sessions, and faculty compensation). Senator Montanari reported that on his campus several new tenure-track positions have been created under the Extended University. Discussion ensued.

IV. Consent Calendar

- Approval of the minutes from the September 15, 2010 Meeting with special thanks to Senator Ault.
- Approval of the October 15, 2010 Agenda as amended.

V. Consultations and Reports

1. David Hood, ASCSU Budget Specialist
 - **Budget and Pension Issue:** At this point in the conversation, the recorder experienced what Senator Hood might call a “mighty lacuna.” [Senator Hood can insert his comments here.]
2. Karen Zamarripa, (AVC Advocacy and State Relations)
 - **Advocacy, State Relations, and Budget:** The Governor has taken action of the bills. From the administration’s point of view, it was a great success – bills that they wanted passed did pass (e.g., Doctorate in Nursing) and bills they wanted vetoed, were vetoed. Good news on the legislative front. The CSU has a better budget than any other agency.

She said, “We would not have that budget if it wasn’t for the Governor.”

Earlier, the CSU was “thrown under the bus” by several of the Democratic leadership. She reported that “we don’t have a real budget yet.” Paraphrasing her, the assumptions are ridiculous and will fall apart quickly – it will probably need to be revisited sometime in December or early Spring. It might be that we are asked to “take a haircut” during that time. There is nothing legal stopping them from doing this. The revenue projections are not valid, the federal government is unlikely to provide the funds assumed. She is “cautiously optimistic.” The downside of the budget is that there is language of achieving 339,000 FTES and being punished if we do not (i.e., we lose the money for each shortfall of that number).

- **Question and Answer:** She was first asked about the elections. She did not anticipate any shifts in leadership and the majority party. She thought there may be potential for Democratic loses in the Assembly. One race in the Senate is going to come “down to the wire,” but it won’t change the make-up of the Senate. Fran Florez and David Valadao race is also not a

sure thing. Also, there was a question about pension reform. Karen Zamarripa indicated that any reform does not affect any current employee at CSU. However, after November 10, 2010, it will.

3. Thomas Krabacher (ASCSU Executive Committee Liaison)
 - **Legislative:** He reported that the Executive Committee is going to make a request to Committees for suggestions about future legislation.
 - **Implementation of SB 1440:** Two concerns: 1) curricular review groups. The CCs are already moving on this in light of past C-ID and LDTP progress, there is concern that CC is “out ahead of us” on this, and 2) coordination of information flow. They would like to centralize information about implementation. Also, there is concern over Extended University being used by campuses to generate revenue.
 - **Trustee Situation:** It came from Sacramento that they are looking for candidates who are “less liberal” and “less tied to the union bosses.”
 - **Discussion of ASCSU Budget:** There are little details to report.
 - **Discussion of SB 1440:** There was a discussion concerning the problem this might create for programs that require a large number of upper-division courses in the major. The implementation is moving forward with majors where there seems to be similarities already.

4. Christine Mallon, State University Dean, Academic Affairs
 - **AB 1295:** She provided background and context on the bill. Presently, there is cooperation between the CC and CSU on this issue but several persistent issues remain. There are 82 nursing programs at the CC level and 18 at the CSU. There are obvious problems of communication and coordination issues among the different programs. The question she asked of the committee is, “do you as faculty think it’s appropriate to take the legislative route to address this issue?” Discussion ensued. Senator Montanari called the original piece of legislation into question. Another option that was discussed was the creation of a faculty workgroup. There was an extended discussion of the ways in which the Academic Senate might be able to assist with this process. Senator Montanari volunteered (with dedicated enthusiasm) to craft a resolution, urging the Community Colleges to work with the CSU to find ways to address these issues.

VI. Fiscal Affairs

- **Affordable Learning Solutions Resolution:** Senator Yee-Melichar reported on comments that were made at the September Plenary. Discussion ensued about language for our second reading. The committee discussed the inclusion of a “third option” to the resolution. Senator Yee-Melichar also explained her reasoning about the “co-lead pairing” of FGA Senators on resolutions.
- **ASCSU Budget Trends:** Senator Yee-Melichar was informed that the budget analysis was one person’s interpretation of the ASCSU budget. The new Executive Committee would like some time to conduct

“relationship building” with the Chancellor and Executive Vic Chancellor of Academic Affairs. Discussion ensued about whether or not to table the resolution, reword the language, or recommend that it go forth. The committee voted to revise the resolution and a vigorous discussion ensued regarding the language of the resolution.

- **ASCU Reapportionment:** This issue stems from the Academic Senate Bylaws requiring campus representation.
- **Budget Conference Committee:** Senator Montanari once again selflessly volunteered to take the lead on this issue.
- **Faculty Retention:** Is there a cost to campuses associated with poor faculty retention? Discussion ensued concerning campus or system data concerning these costs.
- **CSU’s Older Students Get Free Ride Amid Cuts:** The committee was asked to consider an attached article and whether or not the committee would like to respond to it.
- **Early Start Implementation and Fiscal Impact on Campuses and Students:** The committee will consider the need for a resolution to address campus concern about this issue.
- **How Student Fees Boost College Sports Amid Rising Budgets:** The committee was asked to consider an attached article and whether or not the committee would like to develop a response to it.

VII. Adjournment: 3:10pm

-- Submitted by Michael Ault