

**Academic Senate of the California State University
Fiscal & Governmental Affairs Committee**

September 16, 2008

DRAFT Minutes

Attending: Buckley Barrett (chair), Otto Benavides, David Hood, Fred Hornbeck, Thomas Krabacher (vice chair), John (Dick) Montanari, Catherine Nelson, Lynda Randall (alternate, Fullerton), Praveen Soni, Lynda Randall (alternate)

Guests: Robert Turnage (AVP for Budget), John Travis (CFA), Barry Pasternack (Exec. Comm liaison), Stan Shapiro

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

II. Agenda: Approved

III. Minutes: Minutes approved from May 7-8, 2008

IV. Announcements: Chair Barrett made the following announcements:

A. November Meetings: Complications for the November plenary are likely to necessitate changing the FGA meeting venue and/or times; suggestions were offered.

B. Travel: It's unclear if the lower-cost state air fares (YCal) with airline carriers will hold; Chair will request that Ex. Comm. develop recommendations for addressing this.

C. The senate intends to set up a CTE (Career Technical Education) task force. Tom Krabacher was elected to serve as the FGA representative.

V. Campus Reports:

- *Montanari (San Marcos):* Raised questions about the implementation and operation of CMS during peak demand periods at the beginning of the semester. . He requested the Committee's approval to send out an inquiry to other senators asking about any similar experiences.
- *Soni (SLO):* SLO has a higher freshman enrollment than anticipated this year.
- *Hood (LB):* In terms of enrollment they are in pretty good shape. Haven't had a lot of CMS problems, but then the made a considerable investment customizing it.
- *Hornbeck (San Diego):* Enrollment is up somewhat, most importantly in the areas of graduate enrollment. Viewed the Alliance as a successful collaboration.
- *Randall (Fullerton):* Alliance also viewed as successful. Enrollments currently down a bit this fall, although they are expected to rise again in spring. Concern expressed over

whether they will be able to fulfill the expectations of new faculty, lest they leave. Major faculty concern has been expressed over the proposed use of hefty student parking fees to finance new dorm construction.

- *Shapiro(SF- guest)*: Search for new provost will soon get underway; particular attention being paid to this since president is expected to retire in next two years. These changeovers are dominant issue of campus. Enrollment up somewhat (slightly over-enrolled). University in transition from a commuter campus to a more locally-residential campus.
- *Benavides (Fresno)*: Enrollment is up a bit, slightly over target. Plan on dealing with it by controlling close of admission periods. Lot of campus construction underway, including new library and Chevron-sponsored solar farm project. Some local controversy over a faculty housing & shopping project approved for university property adjacent to campus.
- *Krabacher (Sacramento)*: Enrollment looks like it will come in close the campus target, which was the same as the previous year. The campus is also preparing for the visit of the WASC review team next spring. A faculty housing project (Ramona Village) is currently on hold. New dorms are under construction.
- *Nelson (Sonoma)*: Responding to recent WASC recommendations occupying a lot of attention. Concern exists over funding for several development projects, including the Green Center. They are over budget and questions have been raised over the source of future operating costs. The impact of this on academic funding also discussed.
- *Barrett (San Bernardino)*: Enrollment is struggling somewhat, but new education building has recently opened.

VI. Times Certain:

A. Robert Turnage, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Budget (10:30AM):

- Discussed the lack of a state budget: It's an extraordinary situation: the stalemate has reached a record delay (almost one-sixth of the fiscal year is now gone) and no clear endgame is in sight. He discussed the impact this has had on state spending (revenue is still coming in, Controller is still making expenditures), and particularly the CSU; most notably is its impact on the CalGrant program (currently not funded). Notes that state senate is meeting tomorrow, and there's some indication that this time the necessary votes may be there. Political dynamics of this discussed.
- *Original Senate Budget Language*: Discussed early proposal by the Legislature that would have declared that (1) enrollment and (2) compensation needs be considered "fully funded" regardless of actual funding. As part of the budget bill this was blocked, although the CSU has agreed to prepare a formal report to the Legislature on its enrollment and compensation needs. He agreed to send a copy of the language stipulating the report to the Committee.

- CSU Budget Impacts: No budget proposals currently floated around the Legislature call for additional cuts to the CSU, however, that can change if the stalemate drags on. Moreover, there's always a possibility of mid-year budget cuts.
- *On the 09-10 Budget Strategy*: Proposal to be presented to the BOT next week will argue that the Compact agreement is still a valid budget. The proposed 09/10 budget will therefore be similar to that for 08/09.

B. John Travis, CFA (11:00AM): He discussed the following:

- *Original Senate Budget Language*: Elaborated on the original senate budget bill language Turnage discussed above. Basically it would have held that if the CSU voluntarily accepts enrollment above its funded target, then that additional enrollment will be treated as fully funded.
- *Higher Education Advocacy*: Notes, as did Turnage, that the UC has not been as active in advocating for higher education as has the CSU. Because the Legislature generally feels compelled to provide to the UC anything given to the CSU, the UC appears to be riding the CSU coat-tails.
- CFA-CSU likely to be involved in a salary re-opener given that the Compact has not been fully funded. CFA operating on assumption this will occur. If it occurs, he hopes the reservoir of goodwill built up via the Alliance in recent months will allow for smoother negotiations than in the past. Goal is to strike a deal to work around giving up any previously bargained compensation increases.
- *The Alliance*: Discussed recent efforts to expand it; a goal of 50,000 seems attainable.
- *09/010 Budget*: Argues that the CSU needs to argue for a full Compact this year assuming there was fully-funded Compact last year. (I.e., there needs to be catch-up.)

C. Wes Larsen, Office Institutional Advocacy (11:20AM): Comments and discussion

- Bills of interest (all currently enrolled):
 - AB2537: Only affects public works, not community learning programs; sense that it won't affect CSU programs.
 - SB325 (Scott): On accountability – CO recommending governor sign.
 - SB361: CSU supports – reduction of CPEC duties/reports.
 - SB890 (Scott): voluntary early commitment to college program; CSU supports.
 - SB946 (Scott): extends EAP to community colleges.
 - SB1301(Cedillo): “Dream Act” .. CSU supports: financial aid for AB540 undoc'd students.
 - SB1329 (Harman): CSU sponsored, governs use of endowment funds.
 - SB1585 (Cedillo): Community College transfers, CSU outreach during pilot.
 - AB2296 (Mullin): Trespassing on private property of people doing research.
- Anticipated in 2009-2010:

- Career Tech will continue to be big (esp. in relation to A-G requirements); some likely to feel CSU not doing enough in preparation of Career Tech teachers.
Subtext: attempt to chip away at A to G admission process, take it out of hands of UC/CSU and place it in hands
- Textbooks: Solario will continue to push textbook cost issues.
- Applied nursing doctorate authorization may return.
- Election-related issues:
 - Ballot measures: likely to motivate conservative base.
 - Budget issues: esp. question of taxes.
 - Presidential election: which candidate can best mobilize their base.
 - Senate: 11 new members, only two likely to be contested (one likely to go R, the other D).
 - Assembly: 28 new members, most new members; D's possibly able to pick up 1-2 seats.

End result likely to be a switch of one or two seats, but most likely a continuation of their status quo.

- There is no sense that a budget deal is in the offing; he feels parties are becoming even more entrenched.

C. Allison Jones AVC (11:40): (Conference call)

Jones called from Washington DC, where he participated in the Achieve Initiative, a national initiative involving 33 states designed to establish entry-level standards in math and English. A key driving force behind this is the need to prepare an adequately educated workforce nationally. Jack O'Connell is centrally involved. ASCSU likely will be asked to identify faculty representatives to this.

- Career Tech: Feels this is extremely important. Advocates have become very adept at pushing the CSU to accept all career tech courses for admission. "We barely got out of the last legislative session alive on this." Expects this to further intensify next session. CSU "marshalling forces" to be proactive:
 - CSU must aggressively demonstrate they are graduating students competitive in these areas.
 - Expect a tough fight next session; BOT has asked him to report on efforts in this area at the January meeting.

Efforts made to recruit UC's support in this. (Being protected, they're not a direct target of much of the legislation.)

CalGrants: the CO plans to initiate a request to decentralize the CalGrant process, allowing individual campuses to manage it. Opposed by Student Aid Commission, but supported by other higher education segments.

VII. Committee Recommendations:

The recommended resolutions to the full senate:

- a. CSU Budget Priorities for 2009-2010
- b. CSU Budget Advocacy

Submitted by Thomas Krabacher