

Academic Senate of the California State University

Academic Affairs Committee

Annual Report, AY 2006-2007

1. Committee Responsibilities: The Academic Affairs Committee (AAC) made recommendations to the Academic Senate of the California State University on matters of statewide concern, including but not limited to, the following areas:

- Systemwide aspects of academic planning
- General or liberal arts education
- Criteria for state approval of specific curricula, programs or degrees
- Accreditation
- Statewide requirements for admission, retention, and graduation of students
- Credit by evaluation
- Minimum standards and conditions for the award of certificates to students
- Academic standards
- Grading standards and symbols
- Systemwide aspects of program review
- New program allocation
- Joint doctoral programs
- Systemwide aspects of the basic directions of academic support programs
- Library development
- Research related to educational programs
- Academically related fiscal matters
- Systemwide aspects of student services
- Policies governing the awarding of honorary degrees
- Matters relevant to statewide and international programs
- Research, planning, formation, allocation, and delivery of programs outside traditional campus service areas
- Extended education, campus-based study abroad, faculty participation in international programs, faculty exchange, student exchange, and activities between and among campuses
- Statewide and international programs and the resources to serve non-traditional as well as international students
- Such other matters as may be brought before it by the Executive Committee or the Academic Senate CSU

The AAC maintained liaison with numerous CSU committees, commissions, and task forces as designated.

2. Committee Resolutions:

Academic Year September 2006 - May 2007	
Resolution Number	Title
AS-2801-07/AA/FA (Approved Unanimously)	Providing Equal Access to Programs and Services for Individuals with Disabilities
AS-2800-07/FGA/AA (Approved Unanimously)	Sustainability in the California State University (CSU)
AS-2799-07/AA (Approved Unanimously)	The Use of Lower Division Transfer Pattern (LDTP) Course Descriptors to Facilitate Campus to Campus Transfer Within the California State University
AS-2794-07/AA (Withdrawn)	Support for AB 178 (Coto): High Schools: Curriculum and Enrollment: College Readiness and Equity Program
AS-2790-07/AA (Rev) (Approved Unanimously)	Graduate Education Development in the California State University (CSU)
AS-2787-07/FGA/AA (Approved Unanimously)	Extension of Graduate Differential Funding to All Graduate FTES (.pdf, 16KB)
AS-2785-07/AA (Rev) (Approved)	Concern for the Professional Science Master's (PSM) Programs (.pdf, 17KB)
AS-2784-07/AA (Rev) (Approved Unanimously)	Support for Carnegie's New Community Engagement Classification (.pdf, 20KB)
AS-2778-06/AA/TEKR (Rev) (Approved Unanimously)	Support of the a-g Curriculum as California's Primary High School Graduation Course Requirements (.pdf, 15KB)
AS-2777-06/AA/TEKR (Rev) (Approved Unanimously)	Response to SB 1543 (Alarcon): High School Curriculum; High School Coursework Requirements (.pdf, 269KB) (Attachment, .pdf, 627KB)
AS-2776-06/AA (Rev) (Approved Unanimously)	Principles to Guide the Application of the Transfer CSU (TCSU) Numbering System for California State University (CSU) System Wide Articulation (.pdf, 16KB)
AS-2775-06/AA (Rev) (Withdrawn)	Library Resource Needs For Quality, Independent EdD Degree Programs In The California State University (CSU)
AS-2774-06/AA (Rev) (Approved)	Request for a Task Force to Study California State University (CSU) Student Fee Policy (.pdf, 22KB)
AS-2773-06/FGA/AA (Rev) (Approved Unanimously)	Resource Needs for High-Quality, Independent Ed.D. Programs in the California State University (CSU) (.pdf, 796KB) (Attachment 1), (Attachment 2), (Attachment 3, .pdf, 608KB), (Attachment 4, .pdf, 1MB)

AS-2771-06/AA/FGA (Approved Unanimously)	Fulfilling the Principles of Cornerstones in the New Strategic Plan (.pdf, 43KB)
AS-2769-06/AA/TEKR (Approved Unanimously)	Laboratory Science Requirement For Freshman Admission (.pdf, 40KB)

3. Actions and Discussions Other Than Resolutions:

Discussed California Postsecondary Education Commission (CPEC) meeting minutes of June 27-28, 2006 with attention to American Diploma Project on "Preparing Today's High School Students for Tomorrow's Opportunities".

Discussed proposed amendments to Assembly Bill 918 (Wyland) with attention to establishing CSU faculty, in collaboration with UC faculty, as the lead in working with high schools to help career technical education (CTE) faculty strengthen courses to quality for a-g rather than altering CSU admission requirements (jointly with FGA).
http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/cgi-bin/postquery?bill_number=ab_918&sess=CUR&house=A&search_type=bill_update

Discussed need for 21st Century Report update.
http://www.calstate.edu/AcadSen/Records/Reports/CSU_21stCentury.pdf

Discussed Access to Excellence (A2E) and Planning Beyond Cornerstones.
<http://www.calstate.edu/Cornerstones/reports/implment.html>

Discussed impaction and selectivity in the CSU. Some campuses have declared impaction, but continue to admit students past their add deadlines.

Prioritized following items for future meetings as needed:

- Campus autonomy in setting academic calendars
- Information competency as an area of CSU-wide assessment and instruction
- Further action on the importance of campus autonomy across a variety of fields (we did cover the academic calendar but not GE-focused pressures)
- Differentiating lower from upper division coursework and masters level from doctoral level coursework would seem to be overdue but there was very little interest in tackling the problems within the current committee
- Effects of "poaching" of traditional campus service areas
- Effects of increasing emphasis on FTEs funding
 - a. grading standards
 - b. admissions
 - c. competition between programs
 - d. effect on high-cost programs
- Remediation
- Legislative intrusion into curriculum

- Administrative intrusion into curriculum
- System/campus roles (Cal State Teach, EdD, LDTP, etc.)

Reviewed and discussed memo from Allison Jones regarding CSU Admission Requirement for Laboratory Science Courses.

Continued discussion of GE Courses and On-Line Education.
This issue is broader than GE. It applies to LDTP course reviews as well.

Discussed CSU Budget and Alternatives to FTES Based Budgeting with Patrick Lenz (Budget)

Reviewed and discussed report on meeting of the California Postsecondary Education Commission on December 12-13, 2006 in Sacramento for possible consultation with FGA.

Reviewed paper on The Place of Graduate Education in the CSU developed by the Academic Council.

Discussed GE Courses and On-Line Education. The issues are broader than GE. It applies to LDTP course reviews as well. John and Darlene drafted a proposal to address the technology mediation issue in course reviews.

Discussed paper on The Place of Graduate Education in the CSU developed by the Academic Council.

Reviewed and discussed report on "Rules of the Game: How State Policy Creates Barriers to Degree Completion and Impedes Student Success in the California Community Colleges" by Institute for Higher Education Leadership & Policy. You may access at: <http://www.csus.edu/ihe/>.

Reviewed and discussed AB 178 (Coto): High schools: curriculum and enrollment: College Readiness and Equity Program. You may access at: http://info.sen.ca.gov/pub/07-08/bill/asm/ab_0151-0200/ab_178_bill_20070124_introduced.html

Reviewed the "Troops to College" initiative.

Discussed the Collegiate Learning Assessment (CLA) with Lorie Roth (Academic Programs)

Discussed Accessible Technology Initiative with Mary Cheng (East Bay), Wayne Dick (Long Beach), and Mark Turner (CSU Chancellor's Office)

Discussed Chancellor's Office Initiative on Transforming Course Design with Bob Buckley (Sacramento, ATAC)

Discussed development of negotiated regulations by the U.S. Department of

Education regarding accreditation.

Offered advice and considered co-sponsorship of “Enhancing the Doctoral Culture in the CSU” (AS-2792-07/TEKR)

Offered advice and considered co-sponsorship of “Establish an Ed.D. Advisory Committee” (AS-2793-06/TEKR)

Reviewed and discussed ATAC Faculty Resource Policy Recommendation – is action needed? Shall we draft a resolution?

Upon the request of the Executive Committee, discussed the issue of racial and ethnic discrimination in relation to the California High School Exit Examination (CAHSEE).

Reviewed and discussed ICAS CAHSEE draft resolution for the Proper Use of the California High School Exit Exam – is action needed? Shall we draft a resolution?

4. Topics to be of Concern to the Academic Affairs Committee in AY 2007-2008:

- Given the approval of AS-2799-07/AA, AA may want to monitor the use of lower division transfer pattern (LDTP) course descriptors to facilitate campus to campus transfer within the California State University.
- Given local campus senate resolutions (i.e. Chico), AA may want to monitor systemwide efforts on the Voluntary System of Accountability (VSA) and Collegiate Learning Assessment (CLA).
- Given the U.S. Department of Education’s attempts to increase federal control over accreditation, AA may want to monitor the development of negotiated regulations.
- Upon request from the Executive Committee, AA may want to offer advice on the ICAS draft resolution for the Proper Use of the California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE).
- Prioritize following 12 items for future meetings as needed:
 - ✓ Access to Excellence - next steps
 - ✓ Facilitating Graduation – next steps
 - ✓ DWIR Task Force report
 - ✓ International Education (with Faculty Affairs)
 - ✓ On-line Degree Programs (with ATAC)

- ✓ Remediation update
- ✓ Textbook Task Force report
- ✓ Transforming Course Design update
- ✓ Outreach to Prisons and Troops to College update
- ✓ MBA professional fee update
- ✓ EdD in Educational Leadership update
- ✓ Other doctorates (DNP in Nursing)

5. Committee Membership:

- Darlene Yee-Melichar, Chair (San Francisco)
- James Postma, Vice Chair (Chico)
- John Tarjan, Vice Chair (Bakersfield)
- Jacinta Amaral (Fresno)
- J. Theodore Anagnoson (Los Angeles)
- J. Vincent Buck (Fullerton)
- Myron Hood (San Luis Obispo)
- Rochelle Kellner (Pomona)
- Marvin Klein (Pomona)
- J. Ken Nishita (Monterey Bay)
- C.E. Tapie Rohm, Jr. (San Bernardino)
- Steven Stepanek (Northridge)
- Maria Viera (Long Beach)

- Keith Boyum
(Chancellor's Office Liaison, Academic Affairs)
- Christine Hanson
(Chancellor's Office Liaison, Academic Affairs)
- Barry Pasternack
(Executive Committee Liaison, Fullerton)
- Barbara Swerkes
(LDTP Steering Committee Liaison, Northridge)

6. Past Academic Affairs Committee Chairs:

- 2006-2007: Darlene Yee-Melichar (San Francisco)
- 2005-2006: Mark Van Selst (San Jose)
- 2004-2005: J. Theodore Anagnoson (Los Angeles)
- 2003-2004: Mark Thompson (Stanislaus)
- 2002-2003: Bob Snyder (Humboldt)
- 2001-2002: Bob Snyder (Humboldt)
- 2000-2001: Bob Cherny (San Francisco)
- 1999-2000: David McNeil (San Jose)

- 1998-1999: Bob Cherny (San Francisco)

7. New Academic Affairs Committee Chair:

- 2007-2008: James Postma (Chico)

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene Yee-Melichar

Chair, Academic Affairs
June 10, 2007