

Academic Affairs Committee

MINUTES

Friday, February 19, 2010

12:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Teleconference

Members Present: Andrea Boyle, Vice Chair (San Francisco); Margaret Costa (Long Beach) Steven Filling (Stanislaus); Patricia Kalayjian (Dominguez Hills); Jim LoCascio (San Luis Obispo); J. Ken Nishita (Monterey Bay); Paul O'Brien (Stanislaus); Jim Postma, Chair (Chico); C.E. Tapie Rohm (San Bernardino); and Mark Van Selst (San Jose)

Members Excused: Susan Gubernat (East Bay)

Guests: Chris Mallon, State Academic Dean
Praveen Soni, Academic Senator

1. **Welcome and Call to Order at Noon:** *James Postma*, Chair
2. **Approval of the Agenda:** Agenda approved
3. **Approval of the Minutes from the Meeting of January 20-21, 2010:** Minutes approved
4. **Chair's report:** *Jim Postma*- reported on the faculty trustee issue- both candidates were re-interviewed but nothing was said about more nominees. Members of the- Executive Committee talked last Friday about this and John Tarjan was asked to re-contact the Governor's Office and this will occur prior to next plenary session. A student trustee was named by the Governor so there are now 2 student trustees.

5. Administrative Reports

5.1 *Christine Mallon*, State University Dean reported on the following:

A. Executive Vice Chancellor Echeverria met with SFSU team regarding their Facilitating Graduation initiative. The SFSU initiative will be used as a model for others in the CSU. The request was also made to stop the use of the term deliverology. EVC Echeverria stressed the encouragement of input and inclusivity at university levels noting that the initiative moves forward as an umbrella initiative to ensure student admission and graduation to the CSU before more projects are initiated.

B. Mark Van Selst discussed issues of the foster youth housing issue that is on the Board of Trustees agenda for information. For example, at the Maritime campus, where housing is required for students. How does this issue affect selected groups? (e.g., Does this mean matriculating students or any students?) The initiative does not foster discrimination among foster care students and the major issue now is priority. This is being addressed at campus

level. The question was raised about the development of a resolution in this area. Jim Postma. will work on a resolution.

6. **Liaison Reports** see:

<http://www.calstate.edu/AcadSen/Committees/SystemwideCommList.shtml>)

- 6.1 Academic Technology Advisory Committee (ATAC): Steven Filling, Tapie Rohm (<http://www.calstate.edu/ATAC/>) – Tapie Rohm attended the current meeting but noted that not much occurred, mostly learning management systems were discussed. The role of ATAC, security policies and the ATI will be explored at their next meeting. Tapie Rohm asked to look at the Board of Trustees initiative on learning management systems. It appears that faculty will be asked to submit course syllabi to a central location. Jim Postma has requested that this be explored further. Mark Van Selst questioned the use of MERLOT and how this impacts faculty. MERLOT is only a repository website and Jim Postma notes that this information is inconsistent and would create confusion if used in the chemistry area. Tapie Rohm noted that MERLOT is coming from the top down rather than from bottom up and the idea has not caught on to date. This raises issues regarding the use of this by faculty who have concerns regarding the content on this site.
- 6.2 California Academic Partnership Program (CAPP): No report (<http://www.calstate.edu/CAPP/>)
- 6.3 Chancellor's Doctoral Incentive Policy Advisory Committee: No report (<http://www.calstate.edu/HR/CDIP/>)
- 6.4 CSU Ed.D. Advisory Committee: Tapie Rohm, Jim Postma- No report (<http://www.calstate.edu/AcadSen/Records/Resolutions/2006-2007/2793.shtml>)
- 6.5 Disabilities Advisory Committee: Ken Nishita - No report (<http://www.calstate.edu/SAS/SSWD.shtml>)
- 6.6 English Council: Susan Gubernat (<http://csuenglishcouncil.wordpress.com/>) No report
- 6.7 Commission on Extended University: (<http://www.calstate.edu/eo/EO-811.pdf>) No report
- 6.8 General Education Advisory Committee: Mark Van Selst, Margaret Costa, Patricia Kalayjian & Jim Postma – Mark Van Selst had sent out the information from the most recent meeting. The next meeting is in April. Paul O'Brien raised the question of GE reductions at Chico of 18 units. Jim Postma also noted that the Chico redesign included a thematic structure and double counting the code courses, common in the CSU, but no direct reduction in units. A presidential task force is looking at a variety of suggestions including a base reduction of GE from 39- 30 units. This is a task force that is not part of a Systemwide faculty group nor does it include GEAC members, but group members are looking at the 9 units of upper division GE and either lowering this or deleting this to be in concert with other groups in the US. Chris Mallon notes that if we are asked to revise GE, faculty will be involved. Chris Mallon also notes that upper division GE residency requirements can be modified among CSU campuses- you can transfer from one place to another. Mark Van Selst also asked the question- Was a document produced regarding work done on GE 4 years ago? Jim Postma noted that this information was in a report. Mark Van Selst will locate the report and send to the committee (<http://www.calstate.edu/AcadSen/Committees/geac/index.shtml>)

- 6.9 Institute for Teaching and Learning: Paul O'Brien (<http://www.calstate.edu/itl/>) Paul noted that the newsletter was sent out from group. The next meeting in March
- 6.10 International Programs: (<http://www.calstate.edu/IP/>) No report.
- 6.11 Library Directors, Council of (COLD): (<http://seir.calstate.edu/protected/cold/>) No report
- 6.12 Student Health Services Advisory Committee: Andrea Renwanz-Boyle- No report (<http://www.calstate.edu/eo/EO-943.html>)
- 6.13 Sustainability Advisory Subcommittee Education and Research: James LoCascio, Paul O'Brien- No report (<http://www.calstate.edu/cpdc/sustainability/policy.shtml>)
- 6.14 Other: None

7. Old Business

- 7.1 Defining Baccalaureate Credit – Update from Jim Postma. Questions were raised about the courses that were difficult to assess. Many individuals suggested no changes while other suggestions were made to go to a UC document approach. Many problems were focused on courses that were approved and grandfathered in and then used by faculty trying to get their current courses approved.
- 7.2 ICAS White Paper on Transfer – Andrea Boyle- will work on this for the March meeting.
- 7.3 AS-2937-10/AA: Resolution on Opposition to AB 440, as amended (July 4, 2009), Beall. California Community Colleges: Student Transfer. Mark Van Selst noted that the rationale should be more comprehensive and a resolved clause added to send this to Beale, the CCC Academic Senate, and EVC Echeverria FGA is planning on co-sponsoring this resolution and they don't have any changes to the resolution at this time.
- 7.4 AS-2938-10/AA: Resolution on Openness of the Accountability Process in the Graduate Professional Business Programs
Mark Van Selst did some edits on the resolution which were reviewed by the committee. Tapie Rohm discussed comments that he received following the meeting in January to modify the resolution.
- 7.5 AS-2939-10/AA: Resolution on Use and Implementation of the Collegiate Learning Assessment (CLA) – Steven Filling
Praveen Soni attended the AA meeting to discuss the CLA resolution and reported from CSU Senate Chairs meeting proposing 4 basic suggestions for the resolved clauses. The focus is on accountability and accountability occurs on campuses in many different ways. Not all courses or programs may be assessed; program review processes also are ongoing on all campuses and with a focus now on looking at graduation rates. The 3rd suggestion is that there are various accreditations (WASC) and the question was raised as to why another layer of accountability like CLA is needed? The point was made that process and quality issues should be spearheaded by faculty regarding administration of CLA. Concerns about yearly administration and the timing of how to review and use data on a yearly basis were also raised. Senate chairs wondered if the development of standardized implementation protocols and the use of these in different settings would be helpful? Jim Postma raised issues about the impetus for the development of the CLA by the CO noting that this makes sense politically rather than academically and may be of value politically. Again the issues raised were: accountability, faculty involvement, standardized protocols, and yearly administration. Steven Filling will use these ideas in re-crafting the resolution.

Accountability has been addressed in prior resolutions and will be clarified in the rationale and an additional resolved clause sending this to different groups added. Role of faculty in the assessment process should be highlighted. Mark Van Selst will work on these edits for the next meeting.

- 7.6 AS-2940-10/AA: Resolution on Proposed Repeal of Title 5 Section 40503 Relative to Bachelor of Vocational Education Degrees – Jim Postma reviewed this resolution. AA members recommended that this be sent to the Board of Trustees. Mark Van Selst reviewed the changes to the resolved clause and the rationale. Chris Mallon noted that no CSU faculty were involved in decisions regarding bids for degrees; students had portfolios reviewed by adjunct faculty who made decisions that the CSU had to follow.
- 7.7 The Graduation Initiative – Jim Postma asked whether this could be a resolution. Andrea Boyle suggested that this be reviewed again for the March meeting and will bring in the SFSU task force report (if possible) to the committee meeting.
- 7.8 Other- None

8. New Items of Business

- 8.1 Course Identification Numbering System (C-ID) <http://www.c-id.net/> - Discussed by AA members.
- 8.2 College-Level Examination Program (CLEP) – AA members held a discussion on this for a resolution in March which could be a first reading item and would serve as an opportunity for faculty to consider and support GEAC report findings.
- 8.3 Closing the Gap – Jim Postma noted that this is becoming redundant as the focus is now shifting toward shifting graduation rates in general. Chris Mallon noted that there is interest in lowering the achievement gap at the CO level and also noted that an area of confusion: graduation rates should be improved by 6% points rather than by 6%. This is now covered by the work on graduation initiatives.
- 8.4 Troops to College – Paul O'Brien and Andrea Boyle are continuing to work on this and will present additional information at the March meeting
- 8.5 Proposed Title 5 Revision: Student Housing Priority for Former Foster Youth. Jim Postma will sketch this out for the next meeting- Andrea Boyle will work with Jim on the resolution for the March meeting.
- 8.6 Learning Management Systems – Jim Postma noted that John Tarjan wanted AA to consider issues related to LMS. Tapie Rohm will collect ATAC information and this will be considered for the March meeting.
- 8.7 Affordable Learning Solutions Campaign- No discussion
- 8.8 Other- None noted at this time

9. Other- None

10. Adjournment at 2 p.m: *Jim Postma*

Meeting minutes submitted by: *Andrea Boyle*