

Academic Senate CSU Executive Committee

Conference Call
August 5, 2009

NOTES

1. Executive Vice Chancellor, Jeri Echeverria

- 1.1 In the first month in her new position, she has been very busy working first on budget cuts and then on collective bargaining issues, particularly furloughs. In Academic Affairs, they are down 5 to 6 positions and have decided not to replace the Associate Vice Chancellor this year; however, a few of the vacant positions will be filled.
- 1.2 Transitions in LDTP: She will be talking with Barbara about that later this week.
- 1.3 Executive Order 802 (Extended Education?) has some issues that need to be cleaned up.
- 1.4 CSU is watching a court case filed by UC student who had paid fees, first received a receipt that indicated full payment, and then received a notice that fees had been increased. Claimed that original bill was a contract, so fees could not be increased after the fact. Court sided with student; CSU students subsequently brought forward a case against CSU about the 20% fee increase and the MBA fee. This would affect the fall 20% increase and MBA fees only, but the case may take up to two years to resolve.
- 1.5 Questions from members
 - 1.5.1 How is the Chancellor's Office handling furloughs? There are two teams, and one takes off 1st and 3rd Fridays; the other takes off 2nd and 4th Fridays. So the Chancellor's Office will be open as usual.
 - 1.5.2 Is there any truth to the rumor that all campuses will be taking furloughs on Fridays in the spring? No.
 - 1.5.3 Is there any clarification about how faculty furlough plan will work, particularly with respect to furloughs on teaching days? There are federal guidelines that must be followed. Human Resources is following campus implementations closely to check for consistency with those guidelines. Recommendation has been that faculty members do not take furlough days on instructional days.
 - 1.5.4 Will you be attending the ASCSU meetings as Gary did? Yes, although I will miss one due to a previously planned trip.

2. Announcements

- 2.1 John Tarjan has a call with Gail Brooks scheduled this afternoon.
- 2.2 Much campus conversation about implementation of furloughs.
- 2.3 ASCSU staff (Tracy, Sharon) have permission to change their furlough days so as not to interrupt meetings of ASCSU. Rooms have been reserved at Chancellor's Office also for Wednesdays in addition to Thursdays and Fridays, if necessary, due to senators' campus furlough plans.
- 2.4 Executive Committee discussed the need to provide senators with advance notice of the fall meeting schedule. It was therefore agreed to reduce November plenary to two days. The meeting days for fall will be sent out to senators. Fall Interim meetings will be by conference call unless an exception is requested.
- 2.5 FGA letter in support of Higher Education Investment Act was responded to by VP Joe Biden.

3. Approval of Agenda – Approved unanimously.

4. **Approval of Minutes** – Diana will send July 9 and 16 minutes out to Executive Committee for final review.
5. **Budget Update**
 - 5.1 Campus reimbursements for assigned time
 - 5.1.1 Since faculty pay has been reduced, ASCSU may realize some savings from reimbursement rates for faculty assigned time. This is being checked by Margie Merryfield.
 - 5.2 Quarter campus reductions for sabbatical
 - 5.2.1 Past practice is that when senators are on sabbatical, their assigned time is reduced by one-half, regardless of whether the faculty member teaches on a semester or quarter campus. This impacts three senators this year; the cost would be approximately \$5000 to restore assigned time to two quarters for each senator. Executive Committee voted to continue past practice.
 - 5.3 New per diem reimbursement policy
 - 5.3.1 Systemwide change in reimbursement for meals. Per diem rates are subject to federal guidelines, which vary by destination. Receipts will be required for meal reimbursements starting in September. Tracy also noted that senators could save substantially on hotels by asking for the state rate. John Tarjan will send out a reminder to senators asking them to try to get state rates for hotels.
6. **Furlough implementation**
 - 6.1 Tracy sent out the furlough schedule for the ASCSU staff.
 - 6.2 Executive Committee agreed to refer Ted Anagnoson's recommendation to consider a moratorium on program reviews to Faculty Affairs and Academic Affairs for possible resolution.
7. **Ault request** – International Programs
 - 7.1 Executive Committee unable to grant his request to serve on the International Programs Committee at this time, but will keep him in mind if a vacancy occurs.
8. **Liaison Reports**
 - 8.1 Board Of Trustees 7/21/09 meeting: John Tarjan and Catherine Nelson commented on events at the meeting.
 - 8.2 LDTP: Barbara Swerkes reported that a conference call is scheduled for later this week.
9. **Liaison Planning**
 - 9.1 CSSA – August 14-16 (San Jose), John will attend.
 - 9.2 CFA – August 14-15 (Westin Bonaventure, Los Angeles). Barbara will attend.
 - 9.3 September 21st agenda setting at 2:00-3:00
 - 9.3.1 Diana, John and Bernadette will attend in person.
10. **Conference Call Dates:** August
 - 10.1 August 18, 2-5 p.m.
 - 10.2 August 27, 2-5 p.m. if needed
11. **EPT Recommendations** (see email from Susan Gubernat)
 - 11.1 Executive Committee agreed to follow the recommendations provided.

12. **September Plenary Planning**

12.1 Speakers:

12.1.1 Garamendi-Tracy is working with his office.

12.1.2 Carter-Available

12.1.3 Bass-No action yet

12.1.4 Chancellor – John Tarjan mentioned to Jeri

12.2 Collection of Social funds from the Senate

12.2.1 Barbara and Catherine are in charge of collecting \$20 from each senator during the September plenary. Senators will be alerted in advance by John or Tracy.

12.3 First and Second year orientation

12.3.1 John Tarjan noted that updates are needed. All are invited to look it over (posted on ASCSU website) and get their recommendations to John Tarjan.

13. **November Plenary – Calendar change**

13.1 November plenary will be two days instead of three.

14. **Adjournment**

14.1 Meeting adjourned at 4:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by *Diana Guerin*