

**Academic Senate CSU Executive Committee**  
**October 10, 2008**

**MINUTES**

**Attendees:**

James Postma, Darlene Yee-Melichar, Steven Stepaneck, Barry Pasternack, John Tarjan, Buckley Barrett, Mark Van Selst, Barbara Swerkes, Bob Buckley, Robert McNamara

**Visitors:**

Gary Reichard, Executive Vice Chancellor and Chief Academic Officer; Keith Boyum, Associate Vice Chancellor; Craig Smith, Faculty Trustee; Mark Crase, Senior Director

- CMS
  - The beginning of semester lag in responsiveness for CMS was largely due to responsiveness in application demand. Additional hardware infrastructure ought to ameliorate this lag.
  - Error tracking has improved (“trouble tickets”) with shared definitions between the Chancellor’s Office and the campuses
  - Policies procedures and communication around performance issues are all improving (first year “lessons learned” document)
    - What does ‘good performance’ constitute?
    - What are ‘best practices’?
  - Many modifications to the base system occur on the campus level --this makes upgrades harder to implement
- Academic Renewal
  - In EO 1037 the restriction on repeats may not adequately account for withdrawals from the university (the Academic Senate CSU resolution requested these to be exempt).
- BOARS/admission advisory joint meeting.
  - What ever happened to task force on a-g task-force output?
    - In this task-force the UC president’s office looked at precision of criteria (mathematics and science).
  - Desire to have a joint subcommittee/meeting to annually assess a-g criteria and procedures.
- Lumina
  - No status update at this time re: funding for next stage planning grant.
  - CSU Chancellor’s Office will rely on faculty involvement in the Lumina processes around the varying planning dimensions.
  - Primary goal is to facilitate graduation in a fiscally efficient manner
- *Access to Excellence*
- Implementation whitepapers – these are seen as consequential for the accountability plan for *Access to Excellence* as it goes forward. Particular areas of interest include:
  - Faculty development plan (via ITL)
  - Sustainability implementation plan
  - Academic technology paper
  - Research, creative and scholarly activity
    - “Accountability plan” – when and how to give feedback.
    - Q: Is there room for a student learning and assessment component?

- Potential impact of statewide fiscal crisis
  - If the CSU were to receive a mid-year rescission; this would likely impact the ASCSU. Campus cuts would seem double given the mid-year nature of such cuts and the inability to respond as flexibly as a known cut.
- State University Dean for Extended Education (COEE) search
  - Characteristics and qualifications were discussed with COEE; there is a draft job description (advocacy, leadership, partnership, and inter-university communication are included in this draft). Looking for one (original) two (possible) names for this search committee to be recommended by Academic Senate CSU to represent faculty.
- Learning Management System (Services)
  - Blackboard / Moddle / or collection of services from other vendors. LMS futures project.
  - Concerns have been voiced that the CSU not be fiscally dependent on the delivery of only one system.
  - There is intention that this taskforce meet monthly plus online meetings.
  - The level of detail and understanding must come from faculty and staff rather than the CIO level.
- Joint task force on CLA/ Learning Outcomes.
  - ASCSU will appoint four representatives
- Academic Council Agenda Review

### **Executive Committee and Standing Committee Chairs**

1. Announcements
  - 1.1 Voluntary donation collection
  - 1.2 Committee membership requests
2. Standing Committee Reports
  - 2.1 AA (James Postma, Chair) Leo van Cleave will be the CO contact for today's meeting.
    - 2.1.1 The compass/Lumina grant will be discussed. There will be discussion of a resolution in support of LEAP outcomes (Liberal Education and America's Promise). The role of Compass in encouraging high impact practices will be discussed (retention, outcomes, engagement).
    - 2.1.2 Caltech was originally to be campus based, but has developed into a group organized by the Chancellor's Office.
  - 2.2 APEP (Steven Stepanek, Chair); Allison Jones will be the CO liaison to APEP. CTE will be discussed. Discussion of DWIR. Discussion of how to effectively liaise with the CO was discussed. Joint BOARS meeting was discussed. Standards and criteria (CTE) will be discussed. Troops to College (and intention to have Maryland MOU articulate to TCSU courses). *Access to Excellence*. LDTP/CID meeting. Discussion of a national report on California teacher demand.
  - 2.3 FA (Robert McNamara, Chair); At this meeting there will be more discussion of potential resolutions. Gail Brooks will attend as well as Lori Roth as CO liaison.
    - 2.3.1 Follow up and action on a faculty satisfaction survey will be pursued (via HR / Margy Merryfield) --note that this was included in the resolution on responses to no confidence. This may be in collaboration with CO or independently by ASCSU. Faculty surveys and recruitment information on the CO web-site seems dramatically out-of-date and/or overly aggregated to be useful (e.g., failure to separate levels of tenured faculty).

- 2.3.2 A potential resolution regarding exit interviews will be discussed. Follow-up to memo on community engagement.
  - 2.3.3 A resolution on MPP hiring is being considered.
  - 2.3.4 A resolution in support for consideration of research support for lectures is being considered. The role of faculty development councils will be discussed – there is an emergent whitepaper coming from the faculty development council.
  - 2.3.5 We need a response on SFR changes emergent from budget crisis. A resolution on support for faculty development support for lecturers.
  - 2.3.6 A potential resolution supporting the reestablishment of ITL will be discussed; discipline research projects within ITL are faculty driven – there is some concern over the “transforming course design” actions that seem to be driven out of the CO; there are some academic freedom issues and there are deep concerns over the potential lack of assessment activities to evaluate the function of these activities. This seems like two resolutions on related issues. Online outreach may not be appropriate for this group.
  - 2.3.7 On CFA there was a discussion on looking at the relationship between CFA and the Academic Senate CSU. We need to recognize the advances in hiring and faculty satisfaction with the new CBA and note potential costs in this area that could emerge as a result of contract re-openers.
  - 2.4 FGA (Buckley Barrett, Chair); Robert Turnage will call in. Campus budget impact story collection. Alison Jones, the FGA C.O. Liaison, will meet with FGA at 11:00. Senator Krabacher will talk about CTE legislation. FGA has historically visited Sacramento for meeting new legislators, etc. and to get an early word on topics or budget. Advocacy resolution will be perfected; a change to advocate for stronger role in the alliance.
3. Other Committee Updates/Reports
- 3.1 GEAC
  - 3.2 LDTP
    - 3.2.1 Response to CCC senate /ASCSU joint meeting on LDTP
      - Encapsulation of LDTP governance structure
      - Tie-in of LDTP to C-ID - C-ID will not overlap with LDTP
      - Trust, Communication, Purposes
    - 3.2.2 Role of Articulation Officers
4. CLA/VSA Task Force
- 4.1 Broaden discussion to “learning outcomes” task-force (as opposed to CLA committee).
  - 4.2 Membership:
    - 4.2.1 Catherine Nelson
    - 4.2.2 Caroline Bordinaro
    - 4.2.3 Mark Van Selst
    - 4.2.4 Glen Brodowsky
5. *Access to Excellence* whitepapers
6. Scholarship of Community engagement Issue (Darlene Yee-Melichar, Robert McNamara)
- 6.1 Substantive points have been carried forward and heard by the committee and the leadership re: RTP, participation in similar efforts, etc.

7. CSU Advocacy Efforts (Buckley)
  - 7.1 Robert Turnage phoned into the campus senate chairs meeting. The success of legislative lobbying would be facilitated by “campus experience” reporting out. This may be informal or formal collection. An idea might be to define the domains of impact then to have individual campus stories to support. A group will be selected to recommend ways to facilitate this process.

### **Executive Committee**

1. Announcements
2. C-ID appointments
  - a. All faculty who requested were passed through to C-ID
3. Congratulations letter to Dr. Reed re: McGraw
4. Doctoral Incentive Program
  - a. Replacement for Cal Caplan
  - b. Referral to Faculty Affairs to evaluate effectiveness of the Doctoral Incentive Program
5. Extended Education Search Committee
  - a. Dick Montanari
  - b. Barry Pasternack (if two faculty on committee)
6. LMS futures projects
  - a. Call to Academic Senate CSU - in addition to the executive committee members, additional nominations for candidacy are Tapie Rohm and Otto Benavides
7. CFA will meet on Friday, Oct 17 at the Westin Bonaventure hotel
8. *Access to Excellence* response (Barry Pasternack)
  - a. The *Access to Excellence* 12 page document includes too much to exist within a reasonable resource commitment. One version of the ‘whitepapers’ request is to trim down the exhaustive document down to actionable items with a prioritized order.
9. Approval of Minutes of September 11, 2008 – deferred to next meeting.
10. Newsletter
11. LDTP/C-ID meeting debriefing (Barbara Swerkes and Mark Van Selst)
12. Liaison Reports
  - a. Academic Council
  - b. Alumni Council
  - c. ATAC
  - d. Campus Senate Chairs
  - e. CFA
  - f. CSSA
13. Update given on the Academic Preparation Conference to be held on October 30-31 at a hotel near LAX
14. Computer Security Update (Bob Buckley) – will require resolution at completion
15. Multiple Pathways Coalition
16. CTE Task Force (John Tarjan)
17. Vasconcellos Project (Bob Buckley)
18. Senate Education Committee Master Plan Luncheon (John Tarjan)
20. Posting of committee membership on the ASCSU listserve will include by name (as well as ex officio & why by title if appropriate)