

Academic Senate CSU Executive Committee
March 10, 2010

MINUTES

Executive Committee and Standing Committee Chairs

Present: Cheyne, Swerkes, Baaske, Buckley, Barrett, Postma, Echeverria, Butler

1. Announcements

- Only two members of the Executive Committee will be available for today's meeting: Barbara Swerkes and Bernadette Cheyne. John Tarjan is in Sacramento attending Master Plan hearings. Diana Guerin has WASC-related duties on her campus and Catherine Nelson is ill.
- Executive Committee reps may meet with multiple committees in the afternoon, given the unique nature of the situation.

2. Committee Reports

Fiscal and Government Affairs, Buckley Barrett

Chair Barrett listed the following activities for FGA today:

- 11:30 Karen S. is calling in from Sacramento
- John Travis will be coming in later this morning
- Planning for the 13 April visit to Sacramento. A call will go out next week to Senate Exec. And FGA to confirm who will attend. The committee will then fill in the grid and create the teams for visits. 22 March was identified as the deadline for committing to the Sacramento trip. It is unlikely that there will be sufficient funds for bringing people in the night before. Appointments probably will be in a tighter window from 10 to 3 or 4. As much as possible, there will be two person teams.

It was reported that Senator Yee has done a fine job of updating last year's brochure for the Sacramento visit, input from other committee members.

There was some discussion of the Master Plan hearing in Sacramento and the LAO report and its focus on coordination among the segments.

The committee will work on the following resolutions/recommendations:

- Opposition to AB 440Beall Student Transfer. The Chair noted a need to clarify with CCC people where they stand on this legislation. It is important to reframe this legislation so that it comes from a place where all segments are working together.
- Textbook Sales Tax Exemption
- Concern re: AB2400 (Block) CCC Baccalaureate. There are a number of concerns which will be discussed both by FGA and AA.
- AB 1640 (Nava) Oil Industry Fair Share
- Support for Governor's Proposed CSU Budget
- Commendation for President Emeritus Don Gerth

Faculty Affairs, Kevin Baaske

The committee will be meeting with Lorie Roth, Jeri Echeverria and John Travis. There was discussion of the faculty trustee resolution and the alternative resolution prepared by members of Senate Exec. Chair Baaske will take the Exec proposed resolution to his committee.

FGA also will be considering a resolution on congeniality and shared governance which specifically relates to current discussions regarding GE and concerns about appropriate consultation.

There may be future resolutions on the Department Chair position and another on GE.

Academic Preparation and Education Programs, Bob Buckley

Chair Buckley attended the March 4 gathering at the capital which was mostly students, but faculty and senate leadership were well represented. A number of legislators came out and spoke very forcefully about the need to support higher education. This was well orchestrated with a lot of engagement by everyone who was there. It is important to maintain the effort.

There are a number of resolutions the committee is working on and additional issues that will be looked into. They will discuss the referral from Senate Exec regarding EAP. Chair Buckley provided some background on the scope of this issue.

Academic Affairs, Jim Postma

Second reading items had been revised and are ready to go.

There is a first reading item addressing the CLEP issues even though it is acknowledged that it is premature.

The committee is considering a resolution on closing the achievement gap and the graduation initiative. Support might be directed to the goals of this initiative but the Senate may not support such a resolution due to the history of the project. Any resolution should reinforce the need for faculty participation.

College credit for 9th graders is a discussion item and the committee is interested in hearing what SFSU may have to say about it.

Expect to have a resolution in support of the ICAS paper on transfer.

The committee is considering meeting by teleconference again in April

3. Discussion with Executive Vice Chancellor/Chief Academic Officer, Jeri Echeverria

EVC Echeverria expressed interest in the discussion regarding AB 2400. The best strategy may be to say nothing. If this gathers momentum then chime in.

There seems to be a recent increase in the call for representatives of the CSU to speak in Sacramento, e.g. CPEC and Master Plan. It would be a surprise if there is a great deal of change in the Master Plan as a result of the meetings. It would be very interesting if the CCC bill gets traction.

The **graduation initiative** has consumed quite a bit of her time. The CO four member team has read all campus plans in January and responded to them. They subsequently

looked more closely at several of the plans. Met with SF campus reps and received some good feedback both positive and negative. There will be seven regional workshops this spring to work with campus delivery teams to ensure that their plans truly reflect campus needs and strategies and that there is commitment to implementation. Within the scope of the workshops is the intent to ensure that faculty are appropriately represented on the teams. She noted that we are six months into a six year process. Rubrics have been developed. It is hoped the rubrics will assist campuses to more clearly define their plans and their implementation. There is no intent to make this a top down process. The expectation is to achieve the goal. It is up to the campuses to decide how to achieve the goal.

A committee chair commented regarding the lack of consistency in faculty involvement across the system and how that reflects upon the effectiveness of the initiative. JE noted that individual campus cultures exert notable influence in terms of how these initiatives are manifested. She noted her observation that with a lot of the initiatives there are a few people who believe in them, others who are inspired by them, and that skepticism can interfere with success.

The report of the **Early Start** Task Force will be coming to the BOT next week. The report requires BOT approval. JE reported that faculty participation in the Task Force was very valuable and where differences between faculty and administration perspectives emerged, reasonable compromises were reached. She envisions approximately a two year roll-out. We will probably need an Early Start Implementation Team that would include faculty, students and CO representatives. Consultation with the English and Math Councils will be needed to provide feedback. An assessment plan will also be necessary.

A committee chair raised a question regarding seeming lack of respect for **department chairs** at individual campuses. More and more workload seems to be offloaded on chairs. There are inconsistencies in regard to evaluations of chairs. Faculty are reluctant to serve in this position. This issue was taken up with Gail Brooks at a previous meeting and she suggested instituting some kind of training program. JE recognized that this is an area of unresolved problems. Department Chair is a position with many management responsibilities but no power. Important to be mindful that if this is put on the collective bargaining table, that it could lead to making department chairs MPP positions. There was a report that focused on department chairs some time ago. A copy may be found in the archives. JE suggested that this report be reviewed by FAC and see if there are any recommendations that can be forwarded to her. She will take it up next week with the Academic Council.

Senate Exec made a request for a CO representative for the Allied Health Sciences Master Plan Task Force. JE will make an effort to respond by the end of this week or early next week.

4. **Faculty Trustee Resolution:** There was a brief discussion of the Executive Committee resolution regarding the Faculty Trustee, which then was referred to Faculty Affairs. Effort will be made to have Bernadette Cheyne present in the Faculty Affairs Committee when the item is discussed.
5. **Communication – Best Practices:** There was insufficient time to discuss this agenda item. Discussion was deferred to Thursday from 8:30-9:00 a.m. with the understanding

that Standing Chairs would then have time to meet with their committees prior to the plenary.

Respectfully submitted by Bernadette Cheyne and Barbara Swerkes

**ASCSU Executive Committee
March 11-12, 2010**

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Present: Tarjan, Cheyne, Swerkes, Nelson, Buckley, Postma, Baaske, Barrett, Butler

1. Announcements

The ASCSU is closer than ever to coming in right on budget for the year. Anything Senators can do to help out is appreciated. While Legislative Day attendees can come in the night before, they should attempt to minimize costs. If committees teleconference in April, there will be enough to cover Legislative Day at state rate or lower.

2. Committee Reports

Committee reports were completed yesterday.

3. Update on Resolutions/Committee Activities

Academic Affairs, Jim Postma

Academic Affairs has new resolutions on CLEP and student housing priority for former foster children. Academic Affairs has been asked by APEP to co-sponsor AS-2950-10/APEP Facilitating Students' Academic and Career Goals in a Time of Economic Constraints. The request is under consideration.

Fiscal and Governmental Affairs, Buckley Barrett

FGA will not have a resolution on text books sales tax, AB 2400 CCC BA degree or the Nava oil industry fare share bill (general fund \$, don't want to take position, CO watching;). The committee will be offering resolutions on AB 440, Support for Governor's 2011 budget, and a Commendation for Don Gerth. Postma: AB 440 started as giving the CCC authority for a transfer degree. It appears that the CCC Academic Senate were able to have language inserted that included their definition of a major (18 units) in the bill in July. That piece is at the heart of Academic Affairs position against bill. The provision doesn't have any real connection to preparation for transfer. The CCC opposed the bill because they perceive the bill as telling them what to do. The bill doesn't tell them to create a transfer degree; it just allows them to do it. The 18 units are an issue because students come out thinking all 18 count toward upper division requirements. FGA can have a resolution on AB 2400 Community College BA for May if needed.

APEP has been charged by the Executive Committee with providing a name for the Search Committee to replace Jim Blackburn, Director Enrollment Management Services Student Academic Support. Bob Buckley will follow up.

3. Communication Best Practices

There was a discussion of concerns that virtual meetings and teleconferences result in less contact between the Senate and Administration and less ability of the ASCSU to influence CO decision making. The quality of communication between the Executive Committee and

Standing Committees was also discussed. The Executive Committee and Chair were encouraged to continue the practice of additional meetings with Standing Committee Chairs and advanced notification to Committee Chairs/the Senate on matters of concern. Extended Executive Committee Recap meetings on Friday mornings are particularly helpful. The responsibility of Standing Committee Chairs to report back to their committees on Extended Executive Committee meetings was affirmed. Senators are encouraged to read Executive Committee Minutes to get caught up. Staff are requested to send out a notice that minutes are available. Some Senators have found serving on committees which only meet virtually to be less than optimal.

4. Advisory Committee for Search to Replace Jeri Echeverria. John received a call from the the Chancellor's Office for the ASCSU Chair and one other Senator to serve on the advisory committee to replace EVC Echeverria. The committee will meet once in mid-April and again in mid-May. A call will go out to Senators for statements of interest.

5. ICAS Draft Statement on EAP. Bob Buckley reported that APEP strongly advises that John not sign the ICAS Draft Statement on EAP developed by the ICAS EAP Taskforce. APEP also advises that John not sign an ICAS letter requesting delay in the expanded use of EAP as a statewide indicator of college readiness until appropriate faculty consultation has taken place, and not support the ICAS EAP Taskforce request that ICAS or segment Senates be signatories to statewide projects that fall under faculty purview. These recommendations are based upon concern about the accuracy of assertions in the Draft Statement regarding the EAP. A statement pledging cooperation in increasing proficiency to be signed by the three public segment heads, the Governor and the Superintendent of Public Instruction, states that the EAP is only one way of determining proficiency. APEP Resolution AS-2949-10/APEP "The Early Assessment Program (EAP) and Collaborations to Increase the Academic Readiness of Graduating High School Seniors" explains the ASCSU position on EAP, and its expanded use. APEP also recommends that the EAP Advisory Committee be restarted.

6. Appointment to ICAS Allied Health Science Master Plan Taskforce. Andrea Renwanz-Boyle (San Francisco) was appointed by the Executive Committee to this taskforce.

7. April 26 ICAS Meeting. There was a discussion of the format for the ICAS April 26 Legislative Day. The April 27 Inter-segmental Legislative Day was also discussed. Chair Tarjan was charged to call Karen Yelverton-Zamarripa and inquire about Executive Committee participation at the Inter-segmental Day. (Note: John subsequently reported further details on the inter-segmental day to the committee. Each campus president will be able to invite a specified number of attendees from their campus. Two members of the Executive Committee will attend, John and Bernadette).

6. March Agenda Review

The disposition of the Executive Committee resolution regarding the faculty trustee was addressed. Faculty Affairs rewrote of their resolution using the rationale from the Executive Committee version. The decision was made to go with the Faculty Affairs version.

Executive Committee sponsorship was considered for a resolution calling for a second faculty trustee. Suggestions included introducing the resolution at this plenary and waiting until our May meeting. John will inquire of Senators during Announcements about the need for the resolution.

**Friday March 12, 2010 8:40am
Extended Executive Committee**

1. Announcements

Senators need to leave rooms and building in timely manner in the evening.
One person from each committee should be designated to give Tracy resolution updates.

2. Approval of Minutes

March 4 minutes approved

3. Board Of Trustees Agenda

Catherine will draft a message to the Chancellor regarding the legislative affairs agenda. It was suggested that during Agenda Setting the Executive Committee recommend to the Chancellor that approval of the Early Start Program be delayed until May, as the Senate has not had the opportunity to review the details of the proposal.

ASCSU resolutions in support of withdrawal of vocational education and foster youth priority for housing will be highlighted during Agenda Setting.

The question was raised whether or not the programs listed as discontinued in the Program Reviews section of the Committee on Educational Policy agenda had gone through appropriate campus processes.

The Chancellor will be asked for an update on where the CSU stands regarding the budget and furloughs.

4. April Interim Meetings

As of this date, FA and the Executive Committee are scheduled to meet at the CO on April 9. FGA and AA will not meet at the CO. APEP is unsure of its plans. GEAC and Campus Senate Chairs will be meeting at the CO on Thursday April 8

5. CFA April 9-11. CFA will meet at the LA Westin Bonaventure. John will attend Friday, Catherine Saturday. Check with Diana to see if she wants to attend as well. Barbara is available for Saturday or Sunday if needed. The invited speaker for the meeting is John Seddon, a critic of deliverology. CFA has arrangements for parking at the hotel.

6. May Plenary Invitees

The Chancellor won't be available to join us due to scheduling conflicts. Speakers considered include BOT Chair Herb Carter, Trustee Achtenberg and Trustee Linscheid. An invitation will also be extended to Ben Quillian, Executive Vice Chancellor and Chief Financial Officer and Marilyn Crego Interim State University Dean Extended Education. Catherine will check with FGA for additional suggestions for speakers. It was agreed that the committee should check on the availability of Robert Turnage, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Budget and Karen Yelverton-Zamarripa, Assistant Vice Chancellor Advocacy and Institutional Relations. The suggestion was made that if the Chancellor has scheduling conflicts with our plenary, we should invite him to our reception. Plans should be made to recognize Jeri Echeverria at

our last reception. A reminder should go out to committee chairs to draft thank you letters to members, and to campus representatives for resolutions for outgoing Senators.

7. April 13 ASCSU Legislative Day. Attendance is optional for Executive Committee members.

8. CSSA. Student Event San Francisco April 15 Bernadette can't make it, Catherine as back up (Note: Catherine followed up, no CSSA event on this date).

9. Executive Committee Teleconference after BOT Meeting. Tracy will arrange a Doodle poll to schedule the teleconference.

Respectfully submitted by Catherine Nelson