

Academic Senate CSU Executive Committee
September 10, 2009

MINUTES

Executive Committee and Standing Committee Chairs

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

Announcements

Faculty Trustee to Board of Trustees

As there have been two Board of Trustees meetings without faculty representation and the topics covered at the meetings were very important (e.g., historic fee increases), the ASCSU office has been in contact with the Governor's Office. Chair Tarjan was told by the Governor's Office that they had concerns that the pool was not large or diverse enough. Chair Tarjan responded by explaining the process followed by the ASCSU in selecting its nominees. A resolution should be drafted (FGA suggested) and presented at this plenary.

ASCSU Orientation

The Orientation for first- and second-year senators will be at noon Thursday.

ASCSU Social

The Social tonight will be hosted by Executive Committee. Chair Tarjan has invited CSU executives and liaisons. For the remainder of the socials this year, we will host alphabetically by committee; therefore, Academic Affairs will host in November.

Budget Update

The third senate staff position was removed, but we did not get full credit for the salary savings toward our budget cut. Chair Tarjan is concerned about mid-year cuts.

ASCSU Newsletter

Senators Swerkes and Nelson will be putting together the newsletter. They asked committee chairs to give them summaries of resolutions and a description of upcoming business as soon as possible.

Committee Reports

Academic Affairs

Chair Postma expects Academic Affairs to be working on resolutions regarding Early Start and Postponement of program review (Faculty Affairs will take lead on the latter). He provided a review of topics carried forward from last year, including electronic textbooks, the teacher-scholar model, Title 5 change on course fees, program discontinuation.

Academic Preparation and Education Programs

Chair Buckley is not expecting any resolutions coming forward for this plenary. He will be working with Senator Swerkes on a resolution about the redesign of LDTP and transfer issues.

He noted that Early Start Programs are on APEP's charge, so he will talk with Chair Postma and AA about this. They will review principles on our recent resolution regarding Early Start.

Chair Buckley also provided updates on the following issues:

- **Teacher Performance Assessment.** Beverly Young is meeting with CTC to get a postponement due to cost (\$400 per student first year);
- **CTE and transfer.** He is expecting more legislation about this. The recent report with Moore & Shulock on standardizing GE is relevant.
- **Enrollment management.** Concerns have surfaced about how this will affect the pipeline for specific programs who depend on transfers.
- **DWIR.** CMS changes have been made to monitor changes; the 18/24 unit limit may unfairly impact STEM majors.

Chair Buckley suggested that a resolution on the disinvestment in the future of education should come out of ASCSU and be distributed widely. Chair Tarjan mentioned that ICAS has formed two task forces (Advocacy and Master Plan), and that messaging and editorials should come forward soon from the Advocacy task force. ICAS wants to work across all systems and to work as a unit.

Faculty Affairs

Chair Baaske reported issues under discussion for possible resolutions at this plenary: program discontinuance, faculty furloughs/faculty rights, impact of/consultation on cancellation of funding for scholarly/creative activities, CFA document asking faculty to insert message about furloughs on syllabi, faculty role in managing budget cuts (participation vs. receiving information), CO compilation of top 50 faculty salary earners prior to furlough vote. Topics for future discussion include role of faculty research and the CSU mission, review of department chairs by department faculty, recent report on student evaluations of teaching, moving courses and programs to extended education.

Fiscal and Governmental Affairs

Chair Barrett noted that FGA will likely forward a resolution at this plenary on CSU budget priorities/strategies. The committee will also discuss the state master plan for education and legislation on career/technical education. FGA will draft a resolution of concern over the delay of appointment of CSU faculty trustee by the Governor. Senator Swerkes referred a document about fees and enrollment management from Provost Hellenbrand at CSUN to Buckley for committee review.

Agenda format

Ms. Butler passed out a sample committee agenda and asked chairs to use it as a template. In particular, it has an item listing the resolutions.

Executive Committee Meeting

Present: Tarjan, Cheyne, Guerin, Swerkes, Nelson

Announcements

Harold Goldwhite, Chair of Trustee Nomination Committee, visited with the Executive Committee to discuss possible actions to take in response to the lack of Board of Trustee Faculty Trustee appointment.

Ms. Butler announced that change to reimbursement procedures (requiring receipts for per diem expenses) will not be implemented this year.

Approval of Agenda

Agenda approved as amended (added 9.5 Liaison Reports).

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of August 18, 2009 were approved as submitted.

September Agenda Review

Trustee Herb Carter will speak Friday at 2:00 p.m. The plenary will begin at 10:15 on Friday. Secretary will put resolutions up on the screen and keep minutes of the plenary.

Newsletter

Committee chairs have been alerted about the need for their report and summary of resolutions for inclusion in the ASCSU Newsletter. The newsletter will also include a report on LDTP and the Chair's Report. Vice Chair Cheyne will write a report for Executive Committee. Senator Hood will be asked to provide a brief budget update.

LDTP

Senator Swerkes reported on summer negotiations leading to a greatly reduced number of programs in LDTP. The plan is to retain high volume majors and those with a high degree of overlap with native requirements at community colleges (20 or fewer patterns). This provides a base for communicating what courses students should be taking and an opportunity for faculty to review curriculum. The course descriptors are being compared with those of C-ID used by community colleges. Community colleges want to work together to merge processes. They will run our descriptors through an abbreviated C-ID process. One benefit is that this will be an intersegmental process. There is no longer a need for LDTP Advisory Committee, and Senator Swerkes recommends terminating that group. However, we should still maintain a CSU Transfer Advisory Committee to provide guidance for interactions with community colleges on C-ID.

ICAS Debrief

Chair Tarjan reported that ICAS is interested in working across segments to create a unified message for public higher education. ICAS created two task forces to work on this project this year. Our representatives are as follows:

- Advocacy Task Force – Tarjan and Cheyne
- Master Plan Task Force- Swerkes and Guerin

ICAS also discussed Math and Science Competency Statements to communicate expectations for incoming freshmen.

Liaison Reports

- Early Start Task Force – will meet for first time next week
- Campus Senate Chairs – Chair Tarjan will be at their meeting in October

- CFA – no update
- CSSA – Guerin will attend upcoming meeting

Standing Committee Liaisons

Executive Committee liaisons to standing committees shared reports on each committee's meeting and communicated queries and concerns from standing committee members. Liaisons are as follows: Senator Cheyne-FA; Senator Nelson-FGA; Senator Swerkes-APEP; Senator Guerin-AA.

Meeting Liaisons

Executive Committee assignments to upcoming meetings were decided as follows:

- Sept 17 Academic Council (virtual) – Tarjan
- Sept 18-20 CSSA (San Diego) – Guerin
- Sept 21 Agenda Setting (Chancellor's Office) – Tarjan, Swerkes, Guerin
- Sept 22-23 BOT – Tarjan, Swerkes, Guerin
- Oct 9 CFA (LAX Sheraton) – Swerkes
- Oct 17 ERFA (San Jose) - Nelson
- Oct 23-24 Alumni Council (Chancellor's Office) - Guerin

(Assignments made to reduce travel expenses as much as possible.)

November Plenary Invitees

Executive Committee members suggested various individuals to invite to November's plenary.

Systemwide Committee Appointment Procedures

Executive Committee discussed recent concern raised about procedures it uses to appoint members to committees. Senator Cheyne offered to draft a communication for the Executive Committee to review in the next week. Senators Nelson and Swerkes will draft guidelines for appointments to systemwide committees and task forces and bring back to Executive Committee for review.

Update of ASCSU Website

Executive Committee discussed senator's request to add link to ASCSU website (to English Council). Executive Committee approved request, pending approval of AA.

Systemwide Parking Passes

An issue raised by a senator was discussed. The current practice was endorsed; the CSU parking permit does not supplant the campus parking permit for the senators' home campuses.

Executive Vice Chancellor Listing in ASCSU Directory

Executive Committee discussed how to list the Executive Vice Chancellor in the ASCSU directory. The EVC shall be listed in the directory with the other senators.

Collection of Social Fund

An update on collection of funds from senators to pay for Thursday night socials was provided.

Executive Committee Meeting with Executive Vice Chancellor/Chief Academic Officer

Jeri Echeverria

Chair Tarjan asked Dr. Echeverria to respond to the following topics: Program discontinuation, program review moratorium, consultation in budget matters, and research/scholarly activities.

Program discontinuance is a very long process, and it should be carefully executed. She thinks a faculty-driven process works best (in response to changing needs) and that we have a commitment to see that students can graduate when discontinuance takes place.

A moratorium on program review could save some funds. Program review has to occur regularly, but the code does not state every five years. At Fresno, program review was extended to a 7-year cycle for programs in good shape assessment-wise. Also, there are some programs that want to tie their review to accreditation. Chris Hanson is looking for the policy.

The four strategies adopted by CSU to deal with the \$584 million budget cut are well known. Dr. Echeverria plans to talk in the plenary about cuts to AA. AA had 12 vacancies when she began in her current position; she cut 6 of them. There will be no replacement of her prior position as Associate Vice Chancellor at this time; however, she has requested the position be kept open for 3 to 5 years. She also gave back AA's entire carry-forward from last year, because it was needed to cover CSU payroll. She had to cut 10 to 14% of the operating expenses in all divisions of AA this year. LDTP was reduced significantly, funds for research/scholarly/creative activities were not funded; and funds for affinity groups were reduced. She reduced commitments to intersegmental work with consent of other partners (e.g., ICC); CSU will now co-equally fund ASSIST with other segments, because she wants to be assured that CSU has an equal voice. Several student projects (CSSA, EAP) have not been cut at this point, in recognition of the 32% increase in student fees. She affirmed that the C.O. is taking its fair part of cuts.

In terms of Summer 2010, almost all (22/23) campuses are planning to move to non-state support. This is legal and saves them FTES. However, Chancellor Reed is not willing to allow campuses to switch courses/programs to self-support during regular academic year.

Early Start is a big issue. At the March 2009 BOT, various pilot programs in remediation were presented. Chair of Ed Policy Committee Herb Carter informed EVC Reichard that he wanted a plan for remediation. In May 2009, a resolution requiring a plan for full implementation of Early Start was passed. She will need present a plan in March 2010. She has formed a task force to help her gather recommendations. She is expecting them to come from a variety of groups, including ASCSU. There are four faculty on the committee, including Chair Tarjan and Senator Buckley (Chair of APEP), and the chairs of the English and Math Councils. They will meet next week.

Dr. Echeverria worked together with Senator Swerkes over the summer to make major changes to LDTP. Dr. Swerkes will explain these changes in her report to the ASCSU.

We submitted two grant proposals this summer, including Lumina Foundation and Smart Grid. The Lumina proposal includes some funding for Early Start programs and focuses on degree

production by improving retention and graduation rates. The Smart Grid grant is for federal recovery money to track power use on campuses.

Respectfully Submitted by *Diana Guerin*, Secretary