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Executive Committee Notes for October 5, 2005 Westin SFO

9:20-10:00 am: with Standing Committee Chairs

10:00-12:00pm: with Campus Senate Chairs

3:00-6:30 pm

Attendees: Cristy Jensen, Marshelle Thobaben, David McNeil, John Tarjan, Jan Gregory, Jim Wheeler, Ted Anagnoson, Tom Krabacher, Hank Reichman, Mark Van Selst

Visitors: Craig Smith (Faculty Trustee)

Meeting with Committee Chairs

1. Review of Today's Meeting with Campus Chairs
2. There is confusion on the campuses over conducting simultaneous campus and system-wide GE reviews
 - a. The CO is interested in reducing units in GE and increasing double-counting.
 - b. The campuses and GEAC, AA are interested in reviewing the overall structure of GE.
3. Chair Thobaben thanked us for our efforts to reduce costs.
4. Ad Hoc Task Force on EdD
 - a. We still need nominations (FGA and FA have not responded yet)
 - b. We may want to consider a systemwide graduate program committee ala UC.
5. We will look at the campus-based graduation initiatives
 - a. There may be a systemwide policy to BOT on repeat policies
 - b. Some initiatives may be addressed by CMS
 - c. Other initiatives require full participation of local academic senates.
6. We reviewed the overall schedule of the day.
7. Some curricular and other concerns can appropriately be addressed at the system level but most appropriately should be addressed at the campus level, respecting campus autonomy.
8. We need to be careful to clearly communicate with CO staff and the Board. Keeping communications and intent straight is difficult and the wrong interpretations of intent may be communicated between the ASCSU, CO staff and the Board.

Meeting with Campus Senate Chairs

1. Introductions
2. Orientation to the ASCSU (campus chairs edition) (10:00-10:45)
 - a. Questions about systemwide issues and personnel were addressed
 - b. An overview of the operation of the ASCSU, the Chancellor's Office and the Board of Trustees was given
 - c. Communications on important issues could be more clearly stated when feedback is desired (resolutions, etc.).

- d. Perhaps we could issue a call for faculty interested in systemwide appointments in the newsletter and other communications.
- 3. Overview of the GEAC, AA review of the structure of general education
 - a. The different intended approaches to the system-wide GE structure review and campus reviews were discussed.
 - b. An overview of the current GE program was given.
 - c. A discussion over the need to reduce GE, increase double-counting was undertaken.
 - d. The issue of majors requiring more than 120 units was discussed.
 - i. Changes to the Northridge program were highlighted
 - ii. Liberal studies/ITP was discussed (135 units)
 - e. The faculty trustee urged the chairs to review Trustee policies carefully.
 - f. The time frame for the review was discussed
 - g. How can interdisciplinary issues be addressed?
 - h. Perhaps campus senates can develop closer communications with their local representatives.
- 4. Campus-based graduation initiatives
 - a. Course repetition policies were highlighted—the CO is interested in a system-wide policy.
 - b. A May communication from ASCSU outlining faculty roles in curriculum was reviewed.
 - c. Cristy Jensen (Sacramento) discussed her campus' approach to the graduation initiatives and the role of the faculty in the process.
 - d. The concerns over centralized pressure vs. campus appropriate initiatives were aired

Executive Committee Meeting

- 1. The agenda was approved.
- 2. The minutes of the September 15,16 2005 meeting were approved.
- 3. We have new policy regarding minutes and the editorial process. The secretary will forward notes to Ann Peacock who will coordinate and post the minutes after distributing notes for review and comments.
- 4. Announcements
 - a. Senate Budget—we have a goal of getting the Senate budget in balance by November so that we can “get back on track” in our normal operations. We have been very careful to only pay the lowest rate, require tax exemptions, etc.
 - b. Systemwide Committee Participation—we will reassess in December to see if we have enough funds to allow full participation by all appointees to committees/commissions/task forces.
 - c. Board of Trustees Meeting on October 27 (Budget meeting)—several members of the Executive Committee will attend.
 - d. The conference call with Marshall Cates Oct. 6 1-2pm on LDTP was discussed.
 - e. Ann Peacock will be on vacation October 11-28. We will need to work with other staff to get out agendas for the November plenary and Executive Committee meetings.
- 5. Reports
 - a. Executive Committee standing committee liaisons reported on the committee meetings and items currently in front of the four standing committees and the GE Advisory Committee.

- a. CSSA—the president has resigned from CSSA. The vice president will be acting president. They sent a representative to ATAC. Textbook costs are a major issue. This issue potentially impacts upon students, libraries, bookstores, faculty, etc.
- b. Alumni Council—e-advocacy tools, “affinity” credit cards and restructuring leg days were major topics of interest.
- c. CFA—an update was given.
- d. Work with Gary Hammerstrom on Student Success and Facilitating Graduation (items 11, 19, 20)—there is a proposed structure for the campus visitation teams but no indication of how and when teams will be selected. There will be a one-day training session in January before the ASCSU plenary.
- e. ICC/ICAS John will follow up with Julie Adams on SCIGETC. We are awaiting developments on the white paper on the status of higher education in California. We are also awaiting developments on the letter on accreditation agencies.
- f. Academic Council—the potential policy on repeated courses was introduced. EAP was highlighted. There is BOT concern about progress to degree. An ASCSU committee on independent EdDs was mentioned. Keith Boyum and Beverly Young have met with Bob Maxson to discuss the system approach to the new independent EdD.
- g. Provosts Technology Steering Committee (PTSC)—The LMS summit was discussed at length. A communication’s plan with other interested groups was developed. Progress is being made to have more of a campus focus rather than a system focus.
- h. Ad Hoc Task Force for dealing with long-term budget issues
 - i. Anagnoson, Chair
 - ii. Sam Edelman, Vince Buck, David Hood, Lynne Cook are members.
 - iii. There is an electronic discussion underway.
- i. Search for an Academic Affairs (CO) Transfer Specialist—the search is underway.
- j. Area 10 Accountability (developing measures of graduate programs quality). McNeil, Cook, and Van Selst are the ASCSU representatives. Keith Boyum, Donna Shafer and others are also members.
- k. LMS—David submitted a detailed report. Folks seemed pleased with the North meeting. Do we need someone at the South meeting?—likely not.
- l. Faculty Trustee—Trustee Smith intends to visit every campus this year.

6. Appointments

- a. ELM Development Committee—the Executive Committee accepted the structure and appointments recommended by Myron Hood.
- b. EPT Development Committee—we are awaiting a proposal.
- c. IMPAC—we are awaiting an update on proposed appointments.
- d. GE Course Review Subcommittee—new members were added to round out the committee.
- e. Task Force on the Establishment of Academic Policies for the Independent EdD
 - i. David McNeil, Cristy Jensen will represent the Executive Committee.
 - ii. Cheryl Mason, Lillian Vega-Casteneda, Barbara Swerkes, Sam Edelman, Darlene Yee, Lynne Cook, Mark Van Selst, Mark O’Shea, Nancy Hunt will round out the committee.

- iii. David McNeil will chair.
- iv. The initial meeting will be on November 2nd from 6:00-9:00 pm at the Chancellor's Office. Light refreshments will be served.
- v. A second meeting is tentatively scheduled for December 1st.
- vi. Issues to be addressed by the group
 - 1. faculty qualifications
 - 2. faculty workload/accounting for faculty time
 - 3. structure of culminating activities
 - 4. curriculum review processes, especially in a multiple-campus program
 - 5. possible formation of a coordinating council at the system level
 - 6. guidelines for the use of technology
 - 7. coordinating/balancing program offerings across the system
 - 8. coordination with school districts and community colleges
 - 9. NCATE Standards
 - 10. interplay of joint degrees and independent degrees
- 7. November Plenary
 - a. Invitees—standard group
 - b. Trustee —deferred until January.
 - c. The Chancellor's Reception will be on Thursday night.
- 8. Miscellaneous
 - a. Senate Guidelines Document—John Tarjan will communicate with the committee chairs. The guidelines will be posted in January, pending feedback.