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Complete Reports:

http://www.calstate.edu/AcadSen/Records/Chairs_Reports/

I would like to call your attention to two items that we discussed with the campus senate chairs this month. The first is our lower-division curriculum initiative that you will read more about in this newsletter. This project will require significant effort from faculty across the system. We are just wrapping up the selection of campus representatives and discipline facilitators. They will be meeting to finalize the curricular patterns. But their work should be the culmination of the discussions taking place on the campuses prior to the statewide meetings. Faculty members from the designated disciplines should have the opportunity to discuss their concerns and ideas with their colleagues as campus recommendations are developed. The second is the need for our campuses to safeguard student academic rights. The ASCSU leadership is concerned that many campuses either do not have policies that adequately address student academic rights and/or do not do an adequate job of making them available. Last year's proposed legislation that we expect to see reintroduced in some form can be viewed at the following URL:

http://info.sen.ca.gov/pub/bill/sen/sb_1301-1350/sb_1335_bill_20040412_amended_sen.html

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Committee

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Detailed Notes:

<http://www.calstate.edu/AcadSen/committees/executive/index.shtml>

The Executive Committee met with campus senate chairs on October 7. Jacqueline Trischman (CSU San Marcos) related the events leading up to the Michael Moore event being cancelled on her campus. Trustee Kaiser and others voiced the strong opinion that get out the vote initiatives and political speech can and should take place on our campuses. AVC Keith Boyum reviewed the Lower-Division Transfer Patterns (LDTP) Project. Keith and Marshall Cates (CSULA) are directing the effort. Ted Anagnoson (CSULA) and Kelly McCoy (CSUCO) are other involved individuals. Articulation is particularly important for the CSU since two thirds of our students are transfers. The CO will pay for training, meetings. A website with FAQs and details has been developed and is located at: <http://www.calstate.edu/acadaff/ldtp.shtml>. Cristy Jensen introduced the document, *Facing Reality: California Needs a Statewide Agenda to Improve Higher Education Outcomes*. The web site for the report is <http://www.csus.edu/ihe/PDFs/Facing%20Reality.pdf>. The report has specific suggestions for California higher education.

Academic Affairs (AA)

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In our October meeting, we addressed the following issues:

- **California Performance Review recommendation on mandatory community service for college students** The committee will be proposing a resolution to the ASCSU at the November meetings stating that community service is a worthy objective but should be an option for students, rather than a requirement. Required volunteerism is not volunteerism at all.

- **SCIGETC** This is a slight modification of the general education program for community college transfer students majoring in the sciences. Specifically, the program allows students to defer one course in Area C, Arts and Humanities, and one course in Area D, Social and Behavioral Sciences, (and potentially Area E) to be able to complete lower division preparation for high unit majors prior to accumulating 60 units for transfer. We will be preparing a resolution of support for this program for the November meetings.

- **Lower-Division Transfer Patterns (LDTP) Project** The implementation of this program continues. Facilitators have been designated and will meet on November 13th. The first round of disciplinary meetings will be held on December 4th, January 22nd, and January 28th. If needed, follow up meetings will be held during the spring semester. Academic Affairs has a web site with Frequently Asked Questions about the implementation of the program at: <http://www.calstate.edu/AcadAff/ldtp.shtml>.

- **Community College BA Degrees** This recommendation, from the California Performance Review, appears to be inactive at this point.

Faculty Affairs (FA)

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At its October meeting, the Faculty Affairs Committee focused most of its efforts on issues of academic freedom and freedom of speech on our campuses. As a result of the discussion, we are preparing a resolution on academic freedom for consideration at the November plenary. Another significant agenda item—reviewing a document on faculty compensation in timely enough a way to provide ASCSU perspectives to CSU and CFA when they start bargaining for a new contract—was discussed at a joint session with the committee on Fiscal and Government Affairs (FGA). FAC also heard a brief interim report on the plans for a study of proposals to shift academic programs in colleges of business—currently offered via general fund monies—to colleges of extended learning. We deferred discussion of issues resulting from the recent unionization of graduate students employed by CSU in several categories (they are now represented by the UAW). We also deferred consideration of rumored proposals that the CSU conduct formal—if limited—background checks of new hires for positions that do not presently require this kind of information.

Our November agenda includes the following.

- A review of the draft resolution on academic freedom and speech rights.
- An update by the chancellor's office on concerns about implementation of CMS.
 - Issues resulting from MPP searches on some campuses.
- Discussion of the issues held over from the October meeting.

Fiscal & Governmental Affairs (FGA)

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At our interim meeting on October 8th we discussed the draft budget proposal prepared by the Chancellor's Office and presented to the System Budget Advisory Committee the previous day. The Committee also reviewed the fate of legislation passed last year. Gov. Schwarzenegger signed several bills of interest to CSU faculty into law, but other proposals were vetoed. The committee discussed the potential implications of the governor's California Performance Review for the CSU and agreed that these seem limited for now. For more information:

<http://report.cpr.ca.gov/cprprt/issrec/etv/index.htm>

The committee heard a report on CFA's political and legislative strategy from CFA PA/Leg Chair Susan Meisenhelder. In our next meetings the committee will continue to monitor the budget process and will begin to prepare for the next legislative session, which begins in January. The committee is also working with the Executive Committee and FAC on efforts to raise issues of faculty compensation and workload with the Board of Trustees and the Legislature.

Link to CA Legislation: http://info.sen.ca.gov/cgi-bin/pagequery?type=sen_billinfo&site=sen&title=Bill+Information

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<http://www.csuchico.edu/fs/Statewide%20Teacher%20Ed/>

No new resolutions emerged from the October meeting of TEKR. The Committee voted to withdraw AS-2673-04/TEKR "Allocation of Teacher Credential Fee Differential" which had been presented for a First Reading at the September Plenary. It was the consensus of the committee that this issue had been adequately addressed by the resolution on graduate fees passed by senate last year. The committee agreed to continue

the discussion on policies and procedures regarding the assignment of student teacher supervisors. Committee members agreed to discuss the issue on their campus, with TEKR continuing the discussion at the November meeting. The November agenda will also include the role CSET might be playing in affecting enrollment in Teacher Education programs. Part of this discussion will entail addressing how campuses will collect data and monitor the effect CSET may have on enrollments.

LIAISON REPORTS IMPAC

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Editor's Note: IMPAC is a project under the auspices of the three public system Academic Senates to facilitate intersegmental and cross-discipline discussions about transfer and articulation. <http://www.cal-impac.org/>

There have been changes to the structure/operation of the project, which should lead to more effective functioning.

1. There is a push to include more curriculum "decision makers" in meetings.
2. There is more of a focus on tangible outcomes such as producing CAN descriptors.
3. There is more formal training of discipline leads and an effort to coordinate with other curricular efforts.
4. A proposal for a GE pattern for high-unit lower-division science programs is being developed. It is known as "SCIGETC."
5. CAN descriptors may now include student learning outcomes.
6. There will only be two regional meetings, Nov 13 (LAX), and Jan 29 (SFO) and the usual statewide meeting at LAX on April 29/30.

Alumni Council

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Accounting, audit and funds management will now be handled by the CSU Chancellor's Office. Fred Pierce is reluctantly stepping down as alumni trustee due to family and business considerations. A new trustee will need to be named by December. A great deal of discussion revolved around the contract to offer campus logo credit cards (Affinity). This program raises approximately \$20m per year for system alumni projects. The issue of greatest immediate concern is the desire to protect the confidentiality of card subscribers.

COLD

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The Council of Library Directors (COLD) held its first meeting of the academic year in Monterey Bay, September 22-24. The principal item on the agenda was strategic planning. COLD is currently in the process of developing a new strategic plan for CSU libraries to build on the five-year plan adopted in 2000. COLD reviewed reports on various system-wide library and information competence initiatives, including a review of the central library resources budget. In 2003-04 system-wide library initiatives accounted for \$3.6 million of the CSU budget. The proposal for 2004-05 is for \$3.3 million. However, owing to the negotiation of favorable contracts for some electronic resources and the prepayments for software maintenance in 2003-04, it has not been necessary to remove resources from the Electronic Core Collection or to cut systemwide library resources significantly. COLD will next meet at the new San Marcos library on November 18-19 where the planning process will continue. COLD will also give a presentation to the Senate at our November plenary on the state of CSU libraries and the planning initiative.

PeopleSoft Update

Editor's Note: The following is a summary of a report on PeopleSoft by Assistant Vice Chancellor David Ernst.

- A new license was signed which extends through 2013-14.
- It includes a 25% reduction in the fee structure.
- It puts a strong cap (0% for years 1-5, 2% for years 6-10) on base fee increases.
- It includes a 20% reduction in training costs.
- It covers increases in the number of students supported.

Overall, it was felt that there was an opportunity, through early renewal, to dramatically reduce CSU's exposure to potential fee increases and problems resulting from a potential corporate takeover of PeopleSoft.

Commission on the Extended University

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The two principal items of discussion were the summer term and the request for proposals using CERF (continuing education revolving fund) monies. Additionally, it was reported that while overall CERF reserves are strong, a small number of campuses are in the red or in a close to break even situation. Arbitrator Knapp's ruling may require all CSU campuses to pay faculty at the rate of 10% of salary for each three unit course taught during summer even if a campus declared itself to be running the summer on self support. If this were true, campuses would have to find the funds to pay the retroactive increase. It was also mentioned that blended programs for summer (i.e. some classes being run as YRO and others being run as self support) would not be done in the future. The only exception to this would be programs such as self-support Executive MBA's. It is anticipated that by 2006 all campuses would be on state support for the summer term. It was felt that some clarification was needed on some parts of the call for funding proposals and that there

should be wider circulation to the campuses of these documents. Up to \$400,000 is available system-wide and campuses can apply for grants of up to \$50,000 in areas directly related to extended education. One requirement of the proposal, however, is that the campus must provide matching funds equal to 25% of the amount requested. Another item of discussion was the fees paid by the Extended Education office to the Chancellor's Office for handling accounting and financial support. It also was decided that international education should have a more prominent focus and a small working group was set up to deal with this issue.

ASSIST

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ASSIST is the official repository of transfer/articulation information for CA segments of public higher education.

<http://www.assist.org/web-assist/welcome.html>

- San José and other campuses using ASSIST data to populate CMS Student module rules. This saves the campuses considerable funds.
- CA private institutions are starting to request the listing of their information on ASSIST.
- ASSIST has developed Major Explorer, a flexible tool to allow prospective UC students to explore majors across the UC system. The CSU has requested a similar feature to support future CSU students.
- The UC is funding a feature that will allow H.S. students to ascertain which CC course offerings will fulfill a-g requirements for UC/CSU admissions.

PEOPLE IN THE CSU



David McNeil (San José) is the Chair of the Academic Senate, CSU. He is a professor of history whose teaching focuses on European intellectual development, culture, and scientific progress from 1400 to the present. David was educated at Antioch College and Stanford. His main current research interests are the intellectual and social responses to epidemics and witchcraft in Italy and France. He credits his parent (both professors) with being the biggest influence on his teaching. David married his wife, Sally (SFSU professor of history), in Venice. He has worked and studied in France and has done archeology in Greece and Germany. Most people are probably unaware that David has worked with The Living Theater in Spain, Italy and Switzerland and is a licensed radio “ham.”



Keith Boyum is the Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs. He received a B.A. from North Dakota and an M.A. and Ph.D. from Minnesota, all in political science. Keith reports directly to David Spence, supervising the work of the Academic Affairs staff. His primary focus at this time is facilitating the Lower-Division Transfer Project. Before coming to the Chancellor's Office, Keith represented CSU, Fullerton for 10 years as a member of ASCSU. He chaired the Governmental Affairs Committee (now FGA). He was attracted to a career in higher education partly because of his interactions with mentors and role models during his four-year undergraduate honors experience. This experience made him want to participate in the learning/teaching process. Keith is proud to report that he has a recently married daughter and a recently graduated son (BA, UCLA). He has been married for 34 years to Renae, who is a program coordinator for the Garden Grove Unified School District. He has a keen interest in politics and public affairs. Most are probably unaware that Keith's picture hangs in the Brocket, North Dakota Sports Wall of Fame. Of course, it should be noted that Brocket has a population of 55.