

FGA Agenda

May 4 -- Coronado Room

- I. **Approval of Agenda**
- II. **Approval of Minutes of April 8 meeting** (attached)
- III. **Legislation -- TIME CERTAIN: 10:30 a.m.**

We have a time-certain videoconference or conference call with Wess Larson at 10:30 a.m. Among the pending legislation we might like to review with him are the following, with links to current status/history as of Monday a.m., May 2.

SB 5 (Morrow) B Academic Freedom

SB 5 was defeated in committee. Sen. Morrow has indicated that he will reintroduce next year.

Status: http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/bill/sen/sb_0001-0050/sb_5_bill_20050428_status.html

History: http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/bill/sen/sb_0001-0050/sb_5_bill_20050420_history.html

SB 724 (Scott) B Professional Doctorates

Status: http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/bill/sen/sb_0701-0750/sb_724_bill_20050428_status.html

History: http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/bill/sen/sb_0701-0750/sb_724_bill_20050421_history.html

AB 196 (Liu) B Accountability

As most recently amended on April 25:

http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/bill/asm/ab_0151-0200/ab_196_bill_20050425_amended_asm.pdf

Status: http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/bill/asm/ab_0151-0200/ab_196_bill_20050428_status.html

History: http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/bill/asm/ab_0151-0200/ab_196_bill_20050426_history.html

Other Legislation

- IV. **Budget – TIME CERTAIN: 11:00 a.m.**

Patrick Lenz has agreed to meet with us via videoconference or conference call.

- V. **Other Reports**

VI. Budget Priorities Resolution

Attached is a draft based on the work of Sens. Pasternack and Menon.

VII. Faculty Compensation Resolution

Attached is a draft of an important resolution that FAC is preparing. It covers a number of issues that committee members have wanted to address. We should discuss. Do we wish to cosponsor?

VIII. Resolution on The California Live Within Our Means Act Initiative

According to the May 2 *Sacramento Bee*, Gov. Schwarzenegger has decided to proceed with a special election in November and will place three resolutions – on redistricting, “tenure reform” (for K-12 teachers), and “budget reform” (see <http://www.sacbee.com/content/politics/story/12824657p-13674840c.html>) on the ballot.

The budget reform initiative, entitled the California Live Within Our Means Act and written by Allen Zaremborg of the California Chamber of Commerce and CSU Trustee Bill Hauck, would make changes to the California Constitution related to a new state spending limit, Proposition 98 funding, the budget process, Proposition 42 transfers, special fund loans and transfers, and payment of deferred mandate claims. Under the initiative, annual state expenditures (General Fund and special funds) in a given fiscal year—beginning in 2006-07—would be limited to the prior-year expenditure level plus the average of the growth rates in combined General Fund and special funds revenues over the prior three years. This could make it extremely difficult for the CSU to ever recover the kind of state funding it enjoyed in the 1980s and it would endanger initiatives like the ACR 73 plan. In addition, the initiative would empower the governor to declare a fiscal emergency and, if the Legislature does not act within 45 days, make unilateral reductions in the state budget.

The initiative itself can be found at:

http://ag.ca.gov/initiatives/pdf/sa2005rf0067_amdt_1_ns.pdf

The Legislative Analyst’s review of the initiative can be found at:

<http://www.lao.ca.gov/ballot/2005/050176.pdf>.

The *Los Angeles Times* on April 18 called the initiative “a really bad idea” in an editorial that is attached.

Should the Senate take a position on this initiative? If so, should we submit a resolution to this plenary and seek a waiver? Attached is a very rough draft resolution.

IX. Other Business