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# ASCSU Chair's Report Diana Guerin April 10, 2014

## Announcements

- March 2014 Plenary Summary is attached. This document shows resolutions approved in March and those under campus consultation that may be acted on in May. Please share it broadly.
- Executive Committee appreciates the interest expressed by so many senators in response to our calls for volunteers. Recent appointments include:
  - Helmsley STEM Grant Faculty Advisor: Harold Goldwhite.
  - Review of Quality Assurance RFPs for Online Courses: Otto Benavides.
- California Open Education Resources Council (COERC): Several faculty from campuses in the southern part of the state responded to our call for interest. Dr. Ruth Guthrie from Pomona has agreed to serve. Other CSU faculty members serving on COERC are Diego Bonilla (Sacramento) and Larry Hanley (San Francisco). The Project Director is Katherine Harris (San Jose). We are also in the process of hiring a staff member to support COERC.
- Chancellor's Office responses to March 2014 ASCSU resolutions are not yet available.

# Faculty Trustee Legislative Proposal

AB 2324 (Williams), the CSU-sponsored bill for a holdover appointment for the faculty trustee, has cleared both the Higher Education and Appropriations Committees in the Assembly. As of today, the date of the Third Reading has not been set. You can help!

- Encourage your Assembly Member to vote AYE for AB 2324 (<u>find your representative by</u> <u>clicking here</u>) when it comes to the floor for a vote.
- Register your support with a letter to the bill's author, and encourage others—including your campus senat—to do the same:

Assembly Member Das Williams Chair, California State Assembly Higher Education Committee State Capitol Room 4005 Sacramento, CA 94248-0037

 Ask your campus senate to support AS-3172-14/EX, the ASCSU resolution in first reading (see page 3) that urges all members of the CSU community to support AB 2324. ASCSU can use this later in the legislative process.

CSU Campuses Bakersfield Channel Islands Chico Dominguez Hills East Bay Fresno Fullerton Humboldt Long Beach Los Angeles Maritime Academy Monterey Bay Northridge Pomona Sacramento San Bernardino San Diego San Francisco San José San Luis Obispo San Marcos Sonoma Stanislaus



As of today, only the CSU and ASCSU are listed on the analysis of AB 2324. Please help us build our list of supporters by encouraging your campus community to register formal support.

# CSU Budget Advocacy by Joint Stakeholders

Senator Tom Krabacher (Sacramento) has been attending the joint stakeholder meetings (including student leaders, unions, ASCSU, and others) organized by the CSU Office of Advocacy and State Relations. This is a concerted effort to lobby for \$95 million in additional funding in the State Legislature on top of the \$142 million increase in Governor Brown's January budget plan. Our Fiscal and Governmental Affairs Committee will visit Sacramento on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Some will testify at a budget hearing the following day.

## Faculty-to-Faculty Newsletter

The ASCSU newsletter should be available shortly. You can see the current issue and subscribe for future issues by clicking <u>here</u>.

## **Upcoming Meetings**

April 10	Campus senate chairs meet at SFSU
April 11	ASCSU Virtual Interim Committee Meetings
April 11	CFA Board in Los Angeles
April 12	CSSA at San Diego State
April 22	ASCSU Lobby Day in Sacramento
April 26	CSU-ERFA meeting at Cal Poly Pomona
April 29	Intersegmental Committee of Academic Senates in the Capitol
May 3	CSSA at Channel Islands
May 13	General Education Advisory Committee at CO
May 14	ASCSU Standing Committees at CO
May 15-16	ASCSU Plenary at CO
May 16	ASCSU Organizational Meeting at CO (Election of ASCSU Executive
	Committee for 2014-15)
May 20-21	CSU Board of Trustees at CO



AS-3172-14/EX March 20-21, 2014 First Reading

#### In Support of AB 2324 (Williams) Pertaining to CSU Faculty Trustee

- 1. RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate of the California State University (ASCSU) thank the Board of Trustees for including the Faculty Trustee Holdover Appointment proposal in their Legislative Program for 2014; and be it further
- 2. RESOLVED: That the ASCSU express its appreciation to Assembly Member Das Williams for introducing Assembly Bill 2324, *Trustees of the California State University: faculty member of the board*, on February 21, 2014; and be it further
- 3. RESOLVED: That the ASCSU request that members of the CSU community register support for AB 2324 as it moves through the legislative process; and be it further
- 4. RESOLVED: That the ASCSU distribute this resolution to
  - CSU Chancellor,
  - CSU Board of Trustees,
  - Assembly Member Das Williams,
  - CSU Office of Advocacy and State Relations,
  - Assembly Committee on Higher Education of the California State Legislature,
  - CSU campus Presidents,
  - CSU campus Senate Chairs,
  - California Faculty Association,
  - California State Student Association,
  - CSU Emeritus and Retired Faculty Association

**RATIONALE**: The Faculty Trustee provides the Board of Trustees (BOT) with both expertise and a faculty perspective in areas of academic policy as well as matters of curricular and fiscal concern affecting the CSU. In addition, the presence of a Faculty Trustee strengthens faculty confidence in BOT actions.

In recent years, however, there have been lengthy intervals during which no Faculty Trustee has been appointed to the Board, the longest being the period from 2009 to 2011, which resulted in the Faculty Trustee position staying vacant for an entire 2-year term. This again occurred more recently in the summer and fall of 2013 - a period of several months during which the Board met twice without a Faculty Trustee.

AB 2324 addresses the ongoing concern raised by the ASCSU pertaining to the lack of a faculty trustee on the CSU Board of Trustees, most recently described in the ASCSU resolutions listed below. AS-3153-13/FGA/FA, Ensuring the Continuous Presence of a Faculty Trustee on the California State University Board of Trustees <u>http://www.calstate.edu/AcadSen/Records/Resolutions/2013-2014/documents/3153.pdf</u>

AS-3141-13/EX, Concern over Delay in Governor's Appointment of CSU Faculty Trustee <u>http://www.calstate.edu/AcadSen/Records/Resolutions/2013-2014/documents/3141.pdf</u>