

## ASCSU Chair's Report

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### Welcome to 2014-15

I hope your summer was reinvigorating and rewarding!

We will continue to have a three day plenary in September. Standing Committees will meet from 11:00-5:00 on Wednesday, and again from 1:00-5:00 on Thursday. This expanded Standing Committee schedule is in direct response to comments from last year's committee chairs and members noting that they felt that some discussions were truncated because of time constraints.

Our plenary will convene Thursday from 8:00 to noon. Chancellor White will visit at 9:00, we will elect a Faculty Trustee Candidate Selection Committee at 10:00, and Eric Forbes will join us at 11:00. We will also be hearing liaison reports as time allows. New senators will have an orientation session from 1:00-3:00 on Thursday and then have time to visit one or more of the standing committees before our social at 5:15. The social will be hosted by the Executive Committee.

The plenary will reconvene at 8 am Friday morning. Sharon Tanabe [of the search firm Storbeck Pimentel & Associates] will join us at 9:00 for a discussion of the Executive Vice Chancellor Academic Affairs and Student Services position and search, Ephraim Smith will join us at 10:00, and State University Dean Sheila Thomas will join us at 11:00 for an update on Cal State Online.

Please be sure that you are registered for the Academic Conference in November [immediately following the Board of Trustees meeting]. Campus Presidents have been asked to cover travel and lodging expense for the Conference.

### ASCSU Social Fund

On Thursday evening from 5:15-6:30 of each plenary week, the ASCSU has a tradition of hosting a social for senators and Chancellor's Office staff/liaisons. Please remember to bring your contribution of \$35 [cash please] to fund our five socials this year. Executive Committee

#### 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

Members-At-Large Praveen Soni and Julie Chisholm will be collecting your contributions at our September plenary - please make their lives easier by seeking them out and giving them your contribution.

### **Executive Committee Members**

While the ASCSU Chair is a 12-month position, the other Executive Committee offices are not and ASCSU does not have funding to compensate Executive Committee members for their work over the summer. I deeply appreciate their commitment and willingness to participate in numerous conference calls and two in-person retreats as well as devoting significant time to dealing with ASCSU issues. Please join me in thanking Vice Chair Chris Miller, Secretary Susan Gubernat and Members-At-Large Julie Chisholm and Praveen Soni as well as Immediate Past Chair Diana Guerin, for their service over the summer.

### **Executive Committee Work in Summer**

1. Completed standing and systemwide committee assignments
2. Prepared and sent letters of support for legislation ASCSU took positions of support on.
3. Met with Chancellor White and his Cabinet prior to the July BoT meeting.
4. Worked with standing committee chairs to develop draft priorities for 2014-15 and shared same with Chancellor White and CSUCO standing committee liaisons.
5. Continued preparation for the Academic Conference to be held 13 & 14 November at the Long Beach Hilton.

### **ASCSU Chair Summer Activities**

1. Testified at Assembly and Senate hearings on bills ASCSU took positions on, visited numerous state legislator and legislative committee consultants' offices to discuss pending legislation and issues of interest to the ASCSU.
2. Attended a plethora of meetings, including the WICHE Convening on Transfer Passports, CSSA Board meetings, AAUP Summer Institute, CFA Board meetings, Academic Council meetings, System Budget meetings, and the July Board of Trustees meeting.
3. Met multiple times with Chancellor White and/or his staff on the Academic Conference and other issues.
4. Attended the Chico Academic Senate retreat to explore mechanisms for better two-way communication between ASCSU and campus senates.

### **Systemwide Search Committees**

Senator Manzar Foroohar and I will be serving on the search committee for the Executive Vice Chancellor and Chief Academic Officer. The first meeting is scheduled for 25 September.

### **Legislative Update**

The faculty trustee bill [AB 2324] has been approved by the legislature and is at the Governor's desk.

AB 2153 language was amended into AB 2610, which was not passed out of committee [Appropriations] and is now dead.

Our legislative analyst will be preparing an end of legislative session report with information on all bills ASCSU took positions on.

### **Priorities for 2014-15**

As noted in Chair Guerin's Report of September 2013, multiple ASCSU resolutions passed in recent years request early consultation and involvement in system-wide initiatives, and for the last two years ASCSU has identified improving internal communications as an important priority. In pursuit of addressing those continuing concerns, the Executive Committee again invited CSUCO Academic Affairs leadership, standing committee chairs, Faculty Trustee Stepanek and CSSA leaders to join us for a discussion of our respective priorities for the coming year. The meeting was held 9 August.

Please review and discuss these priorities in your committees. We obviously cannot know beforehand all of the issues and challenges which will require our attention this year, however we believe that these statements of priorities highlight at least some of the things we will need to address. Our intent was and is to leverage collaboration and genuine consultation to more effectively deal with the challenges the CSU faces.

### **Response to Resolutions from the May Plenary**

You can view the responses to most of the resolutions passed at the May plenary at [http://calstate.edu/AcadSen/Records/Resolutions/co\\_response/documents/CO\\_Responses\\_June2014.pdf](http://calstate.edu/AcadSen/Records/Resolutions/co_response/documents/CO_Responses_June2014.pdf)

We are pleased to note the invitation to further dialogue in responses to some of them. The Executive Committee discussed possible paths forward to that dialogue, and will be asking the originating committees to continue that work this fall. We received no CO response to the following resolutions, despite requesting a response on multiple occasions:

AS-3175-14/FGA Formation of a Task Force to Assess the Role of Student Success Fees Across California State University (CSU) Campuses

AS-3178-14/EX Request for Annual Progress Reports on Access to Excellence Strategic Plan Through 2018

Should you have any questions or comments about these appointments, please do not hesitate to contact me. My mobile number is 209.988.8256.