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Chair's Report September 4, 2012

General Announcements

Two of our colleagues, Shane Frelich (CSU Northridge) and John Travis (CFA Liaison), are battling health issues. We will have get well cards for you to sign at the upcoming plenary.

Steven Stepanek has been elected to serve as Convener of the Campus Senate Chairs group this year. Thanks to Steven for serving in this important role.

ASCSU senators should be invited as part of campus delegations to an event on October 11, 2012 on the future of the CSU at the LAX Marriott. This is organized by the CSU Northridge senate.

September Plenary Schedule

Executive Committee meets 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm on Wednesday 9/12/12 with Ralph Wolff (WASC). Extended Exec members and members of GEAC welcome.

Standing Committees meet 11:00 am – 3:15 pm on Thursday 9/13/12. You should be able to access all committee draft agendas and the plenary agenda on the [ASCSU](#) website as of Wednesday 9/5/12 at 5:00 pm.

Plenary session begins Thursday at 3:30 pm – 5:00 pm. Social at 5:00 pm – 6:45 pm. Plenary continues Friday 9/14/12 from 8:00 am – 3:00 pm.

New senators: Your orientation to the ASCSU is scheduled as a lunch meeting from noon to 2:00 pm Thursday 9/13/12 and from noon to 1:00 pm on Friday 9/14/12 (both in Wallace Room). If you have questions, please contact Tracy Butler (tbutler@calstate.edu).

All senators: Please remember to bring \$35 in cash for the ASCSU Social Fund. This is used to buy refreshments for our Thursday evening socials. Catherine Nelson and Christine Miller will collect the contributions at the plenary. The Executive Committee is hosting the September social.

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

Internal ASCSU Operations

Last year, senators expressed an interest in our plenary sessions “going green.” In response to two email inquiries I circulated in late August, only two senators requested paper copies of resolutions. Therefore, resolutions under consideration at the September plenary will be e-mailed to the ascsu listserv as they become available rather than being printed on paper and distributed. Instead of printing 70 copies, we will be printing only 3 (2 senators who requested copies plus chair). This system will be evaluated following the plenary.

Extended Executive Committee (Executive Committee and Committee Chairs) has adopted a proposed timeline for ASCSU internal operations that lays out dates for agendas, meetings, minutes/reports, and resolutions through December. This document is attached. Included in the plan is an opportunity for senators to comment on second reading items between the October interim meeting and November plenary via a Moodle discussion forum.

Each member of Executive Committee is taking leadership on a special project this year and will provide a brief update at the plenary:

- Steven Filling: AS-3073-12 Internal Actions Following the Disposition of Resolutions
- Glen Brodowsky and Christine Miller: ASCSU newsletter
- Catherine Nelson: New senator orientation
- Jim Postma: SB 1440

Prop 30

Executive Committee voted unanimously to approve [AS-3090-12](#) endorsing Prop 30. We are now working with academic senate leadership from the University of California (UC) and California Community Colleges (CCC) to write op-ed articles relating Prop 30 to student success, California’s economic development, and academic quality. (The academic senate executive committees of the three segments form the Intersegmental Committee of Academic Senates, or ICAS).

CSU Budget

The System Budget Advisory Committee met on 8/29/12. The report of senators Filling, Guerin, Hood, and Krabacher sent to you on 8/30/12 provided details of the meeting. Briefly, the three main agenda items were Prop 30 advocacy efforts, CSU strategies to address the \$250 million trigger cut if Prop 30 fails, and the 2013-14 support budget request. Compared to the report at the Board of Trustees in July, the proposal to deal with the trigger cut now excludes employee salary cuts. However, proposals include: tuition increase of \$150/semester, increasing employee share of health-care costs, reduction of assigned time, adding additional tuition for high units, repeated classes, systemwide administrative efficiencies, shifting continuing education funds to campus funds, and cash reserves. The support budget includes a request for 5% enrollment growth given that 16 CSU institutions are impacted and students are being turned away in large numbers.

Cal State Online (CSO)

President Welty (Fresno), Chair of the CSO Board, will visit our September plenary to give an update and answer your questions. A report on the CSO August Board meeting was sent to senators on 8/23/12. Briefly, a beta test with a limited number of programs will launch in October, and the official launch is scheduled for January 2013. Tuition for undergraduate programs will range from \$400 and \$500 per unit; graduate tuition will vary. I have asked that an

update to faculty and students be developed, and I encourage senators to follow developments in CSO at their campuses.

Chancellor Search

Executive Committee was asked by Trustee Cheyne to offer “a variety of recommendations on how faculty representatives might be selected to serve in some capacity in the search for the new chancellor. A response was provided to her on August 1. As of this date, I have not been contacted regarding faculty representatives to serve.

California Faculty Association

Extended Executive Committee met with officers of CFA on August 16 to preview key issues for 2012-13 for each of our organizations. We both agreed that working on Prop 30 was critical for the CSU. Both CFA and ASCSU have endorsed Prop 30. The CFA is also working to defeat Prop 32 and on the November elections.

ASCSU Priorities

From discussions among ASCSU Executive Committee, Extended Executive Committee, Chancellor Reed, and CSU Academic Affairs administrators across the summer, the following items were raised as potential priorities for ASCSU this year:

- Improvement of internal ASCSU operations
 - Providing a means to “perfect” resolutions between plenaries
 - Reducing use of paper during plenaries
 - Monitoring consequences of resolutions
 - Expanding use of technology
 - Clarification of roles of CO liaisons
- Improvement of ASCSU external operations
 - Appointment of legislative specialist
 - Newsletter
- Assessment of Early Start Program
- Definition of admissions criteria for impacted campuses
- Student fees: “Super seniors,” course repeats, 16.5 units or more in a term
- Development/streamlining of international programs policies
- Academic technology initiatives (College Readiness, Teacher Education, systemwide library services, library and learning management systems, e-book collections)
- Ongoing preparation for K-12 conversion to Common Core State Standards
- Development of new K-12 standardized assessment and its impact on CSU Early Assessment Program and determination of college readiness
- High-impact practices for student learning (Center for Community Engagement, Give Students a Compass)
- Graduation Initiative
- SB 1440 Student Transfer Achievement Reform Act
- Cal State Online
- Remediation/use of technology
- Common course numbering
- General education on the campuses
- Textbook affordability
- Mix of undergraduate and graduate students
- Saving programs by consolidation
- Maintenance of shared governance when assigned time is cut

- Types of work supported by assigned time (what doesn't get done when assigned time is cut)
- Shaping what is less if CSU budget is cut further
- Academic freedom
- Prop 30

ASCSU 50th Anniversary

Our joint retreat with Academic Council to recognize the 50th anniversary of the ASCSU is set for March 14, 2013 from noon to 5 pm at the Chancellor's Office. Working within these parameters, we need to identify the program for the event. I respectfully request that senators interested in bringing this vision to completion contact me at your earliest convenience. Exec Comm liaisons will also touch bases with each committee during the September plenary.

(tia) Thanks in Advance

Senators, you may have gleaned from my reports this summer that your Executive Committee (Steven Filling, Glen Brodowsky, Chris Miller, Catherine Nelson, Jim Postma) has been hard at work. I'd like to recognize them for their active participation and engagement in two retreats, a meeting in Sacramento lasting until 10:30 pm, and five conference calls since mid-May. As you have seen from the meeting reports sent this summer, they have also represented the ASCSU at numerous systemwide meetings and initiated special projects to further our goals. Our standing committee chairs also participated in conference calls and/or a retreat this summer (Darlene Yee-Melichar, Bob Buckley, Kevin Baaske, Praveen Soni, Mark VanSelst); Jodie Ullman and Tom Krabacher represented their standing committees at the retreat in August.

Although I am sure to miss some who contributed, I'd also like to thank David Hood, Otto Benavides, and Harold Goldwhite for their work for the ASCSU over the summer. Trustee Cheyne has been an active participant in our deliberations and on the BOT.

Finally, many thanks to Tracy and Sharon in the ASCSU office for their ongoing support of ASCSU.

Attachment:
Proposed Timeline for ASCSU Internal Operations