

## Extended Executive Committee

Minutes April 20, 2017

8:30 a.m. -9:30 a.m.

Virtual

### 1. Call to order

With a quorum being present, the meeting was called to order.

### 2. Attendance

- a. The following ASCSU ExCom members were in attendance: Christine Miller (Chair), Catherine Nelson (Vice-Chair) Robert Keith Collins (Secretary), Kevin Baaske (At-Large Senator) Tom Krabacher (At-Large Senator), Steven Filling (Immediate Past Chair), Steven Stepanek (Faculty Trustee).
- b. The following ASCSU Standing Committee Chairs were in attendance: Jodie Ullman (AA), Denise Fleming (APEP), Tom Norman (FA), Praveen Soni (FGA).

### 3. Approval of agenda

The agenda was Approved.

### 4. Approval of minutes of March 15, 2017

The Minutes were Approved.

### 5. Time certain: liaisons at 12:30

Central in this discussion was Chair Miller's reminder to the Standing Committee Chairs that liaisons would be visiting at 12:30p.m.

### 6. Chair's report

ASCSU Chair Miller reported that she attended Hill Day in Washington, DC with the Chancellor to advocate for the CSU. She wasn't slated to do so, but the Executive Committee met with the Chancellor after plenary and he mentioned her attending, so she followed up shortly thereafter and an invitation was extended. Chair Miller also reported that she attended the CSU Alumni reception before Hill Day and met with alums living on the east coast. Her meetings also included Congressional representatives Ami Bera and Doris Matsui, and the Policy Advisor for the House Workforce Committee; then she, the Chancellor, the Chair of the Board of Trustees (BoT) and the Student Trustee met with the California Democratic caucus, Senator

Camilla Harris, and Congresswoman Susan Davis. At each meeting, year-Round Pell was discussed. Chair Miller also reported that she will work to make sure that the ASCSU Chair is included in future Hill Day advocacy activities and she and At-Large Senator Krabacher will attend the upcoming legislative reception on Golden Bear in Sacramento. These advocacy activities are part of concerted efforts in both capitals and is the result - in large part - of ASCSU legislative work. The following concerns and questions were raised:

- a. Was there any coordination with our CFA counterparts?
- b. CFA had their own advocacy day.
- c. During the Sacramento CSU advocacy day, the delegation included: ASCSU Chair Miller, the Chancellor, the Student Trustee, and a representative of SEIU.
- d. Advocacy stakeholder groups have included CFA representatives.
- e. It is important for the CFA to be part of these new advocacy efforts.

## **7. Committee chair reports**

### **a. Academic Affairs (AA)**

AA Chair Ullman reported that the committee would be light on resolutions and long on discussions during this meeting. AA would prepare a resolution on High Impact Practices in time for the May plenary and also discuss Discipline Councils. AA would also review the implications that the new draft IP policy holds for them. AA Chair Ullman also reported that the committee would meet with AVC Mallon to discuss the Academic Preparation Memo and discuss and consider a resolution on Project Rebound in the CSU, including whether or not a waiver would be needed. Tenure density for counseling personnel and a review of the Resolution Responses would also be discussed.

- i. It is important to remember that everything introduced in May dies if not acted upon.

### **b. Academic Preparation and Education Programs (APEP)**

APEP Chair Fleming reported that the committee would hear and discuss updates from Senator Van Selst on GEAC and Quantitative Reasoning Task Force Report (QRTFR). The General Education (GE) Task Force and would also be discussed. APEP Chair Fleming also reported that the committee would examine the California Teaching Performance Expectations (CAL TPE) and their new supervision requirements. Particular attention would be paid to workload associated issues – discussed by Senator Schulte - and curricular implications for teacher preparation. SB 1440 and Dr. Blanchard’s memo on Statistics Pathways would also be discussed. Lastly, APEP Chair Fleming reported that AVC Forbes would not be able to meet with the committee; however, AVC Grenot-Scheyer would be able to meet with the committee. The goal of the latter meeting was to discuss how APEP could remain strategically

useful. APEP Chair Fleming further reported that an APEP member had been emailed from the CO to speak to GEAC about EVC Blanchard's memo. APEP planned to consult with AVC Grenot-Scheyer and discuss the history and nature of consultation between the CO and ASCSU and what consultation looks like. Lastly, APEP Chair Fleming reported that the committee had concerns about the math center and would encourage stakeholders to consult with APEP on issues within their purview. Potential resolutions for the May plenary would also be discussed. The following concerns and questions were raised:

- i. It is important to inform AVC Grenot-Scheyer of the consultation culture between the CO and the ASCSU.
  - ii. Math Council is meeting today and AVC Eric Forbes will be speaking.
  - iii. Senator Baaske has a conflict and he and Chair Miller will both attend APEP during the liaison time certain.
  - iv. During the senate chairs meeting, the Chair from Fresno State brought a problem to the attention of the body. The senator was asked to write up the issues for discussion. The issue concerned a resolved grievance regarding graduate students and their teaching. A new policy seems to have been created that requires graduate students to clock in and out and an accounting of student TA hours is now required. Upon inquiry, Human Resources (HR) said one thing and the CO said another. It is important for both AA and FA to discuss this issue. This issue may have wide implications for graduate student teaching and curriculum. Another campus chair suggested that the curricular issues should be focused on.
  - v. Has the California Faculty Association (CFA) been contacted? It may be important to contact faculty rights to get their interpretation of the issue.
  - vi. It is important to see if action in May is necessary.
- c. Faculty Affairs (FA)
- FA Chair Norman thanked AA Chair Ullman for her recommendation to examine workplace environment concerns. FA Chair Norman reported that the committee would discuss the possible need for a resolution. FA Chair Norman also thanked APEP Chair Fleming for the consultation discussion. It is important to not be in the position of no consultation guiding actions. FA Chair Norman also thanked Immediate Past Chair Filling for his risk avoidance discussion. FA Chair Norman also reported that the committee would discuss the draft Intellectual Property (IP) policy, AVC Raman would join the committee to discuss the implications of research, its impact on recruitment and retention of new faculty, workplace surveys, and TA workloads. FA Chair

Norman also asked ASCSU Chair Miller to consider speaking with EVC Virjee on the TA issue and stressed the need for consultation on the issue with the ASCSU. Lastly, FA Chair Norman asserted the importance of considering organizational effectiveness and the need for recognizing outgoing senators.

- i. Senator Soni will assist with the commendation of an outgoing FA senator.
- d. Fiscal and Governmental Affairs (FGA)  
FGA Chair Soni reported that the committee would follow-up with staffers and senators on CSU advocacy meetings that had occurred. Central in this follow-up will be attention to takeaways and senator meeting reports would be examined for suggested best-practices in 2017-18 advocacy. FGA Chair Soni also reported that FGA would finalize the resolution in support of veteran students using suggestions received from the body during the last plenary. Lastly, FGA Chair Soni reported that Senator Browne would be leaving to teach at sea and Senator Swartz would take over the completion of the resolution. FGA would also continue to monitor legislative bills for possible changes and Senator Levine's bill would be discussed and a suggested ASCSU position decided.

#### **8. Committee question for Chancellor White**

Central in this discussion was the need for Standing Committee Chairs to send Chair Miller their questions for discussion during the Chancellor's plenary report. The following concern and question was raised:

- a. It is important to continue experimenting with the new format.

#### **9. ASCSU staff**

This discussion centered on the search for a new staff member in the Academic Senate Office. Chair Miller discussed permanent position announcement to be posted with the hire date of June 1, 2017. She also reminded Standing Committee Chairs to remind senators to reduce burdens for Ms. Tracy, as she is covering two jobs until the position is filled.

#### **10. Departing Senators**

Central in this discussion was the need for commendations on departing senators and the importance of not setting a precedent of chairs writing them. The following concerns and questions were raised:

- a. It is important to not ask Ms. Tracy to find information on senators, as we are down staff in the ASCSU Office. It is also important to remind senators to contact local senate staff for this information. Vice Chair Nelson will take initiative on coordinating outgoing senator information.
- b. It is important to get specific information the senators' system-wide service.

- c. It is important to reach out to the Standing Committee Chairs for information on senator service.
- d. FGA will not need to plan the social, as the Chancellor will host the ACSCU.
- e. Senators Foroohar, Hood, Murphy, Nashita, and Swartz will need commendations.

## **11. Academic Preparation FAQ**

Central in this discussion were the origins of the FAQs on the letter head from James Minor, Senior Strategist for Academic Success and Inclusive Excellence. The following concerns and questions were raised:

- a. Will faculty expertise be consulted across the system?
- b. Which academic senate is being referred to in the memo, ASCSU or campus? Who will be making these selections and is it appropriate for campuses to make these selections?
- c. Can this information be shared with the campuses?
- d. What is ALEKS?
- e. It is a McGraw Hill product that helps students learn math quickly.
- f. It is important to consider the extent to which stretch math may have problems.
- g. It seems that many approaches will be taken and this is not an edict from the Chancellor's Office (CO). The goal is to move away from pre-baccalaureate courses in the CSU.
- h. Is it possible to examine the implications of using high school grades as a surrogate and the role that the center will play in this process?
- i. It is important to pay attention to the need to vet information with the Senate or at least the Executive Committee.
- j. It may be important to consider a resolution on that engages the importance of the consultation process.
- k. What roles will academic senate chairs play? Will the campus senate chairs stress the need to elect those stakeholders that provide feedback?
- l. Is it possible to see if conversation on the importance of consultation can be had between James Minor, Senior Strategist for Academic Success and Inclusive Excellence and the ASCSU Executive Committee?

## **12. Adjournment**

The ASCSU Plenary adjourned at 9:30a.m.

**Respectfully submitted by Robert Keith Collins, ASCSU Secretary**