

# Academic Senate CSU Executive Committee

## April 9, 2010 Minutes

Executive Vice Chancellor Jeri Echeverria (via phone)

### Presidents' GE Task Force

Jeri recommends that ASCSU Senate Chair speak directly with President Corrigan and have a conversation with him about the process and outcomes. She says the task force has not yet met; she is a member of the group. Linda Buckley has sent out documents to the group, which may be meeting on April 20<sup>th</sup>. The role of the GEAC was reiterated. The possibility of asking that the chair of GEAC be included on the task force was mentioned. The six items circulated for discussion by the task force were developed via email by the presidents.

### University of Pennsylvania Report

Chancellor suggested that the ASCSU might like to meet with Joni Finney. He has been invited to have a conversation with other state system head leaders on this. Finney will be in California at the time of the May plenary.

### Senate Budget for 2010-11

By the end of April, units will have to identify encumbered funds; all unencumbered funds will be swept up. She will try to hold the ASCSU budget at the same level as this year.

### Faculty Trustee

John updated Jeri on plans.

### SB 1126

Jeri suggested that she and John talk with Karen on Monday and hammer this out. She wants to find a solution that can be enforced. **Tracy** asked to arrange a meeting.

### Update on Early Start

Her goal is that the draft would be circulated in late April and presented at the BOT in May.

### Graduation Initiative Implementation

She has had four workshops. She says more faculty members are showing up. The workshops have been helpful. The goal is to communicate that we are trying to increase graduation rates and set aside the "D" words. Increases are doable, and sharing best practices is a goal. She has three more meetings next week with nine more campuses.

### Faculty Recognition at BOT Meetings

John reported that we referred this to Faculty Affairs Committee and Academic Chairs Council. Jeri thinks this would help the BOT understand the work that faculty do every day and we should try to communicate inspiration.

## **Executive Committee**

### Announcements

Yesterday's conversation at Council of Academic Senate Chairs on the Presidents' task force on general education was discussed. There is concern that any recommendations regarding general education should follow the process (via GEAC).

The possibility that FGA increase involvement in taking positions on bills next year and a process for taking positions was discussed.

### Approval of Agenda

Approved as amended.

### Approval of Minutes from March 10-12, 2010

Approved.

### Faculty Trustee Update

John is trying to schedule a meeting with John Cruz at the beginning of next week. Pending the outcome of that conversation, Executive Committee may request that the Recommending Committee convene and discuss options. We will try to schedule a conference call immediately after Lobby Day on April 13<sup>th</sup> (**TRACY**).

### ICAS Planning

Executive Committee members should plan to be in Sacramento at 6:30 pm on Sunday April 25<sup>th</sup>. ICAS meets Monday. Leg visits on Tuesday.

### Budget Update

Tracy reported that the last of the travel funds have been sent to campuses. We seem to be on target. John suggested that next year's Exec Comm schedule times for interim meeting teleconferences, if they are needed next year. Attendance seemed to be a problem this year. Senators who accept assigned time should schedule the dates for interim for ASCSU. Also, standing committee chairs should have a scheduled time to meet with Exec during interims (via teleconference or in person).

### Communication/Best Practices Report

Bernadette sent notes to Exec Comm members summarizing the meeting with past ASCSU chairs. Future Exec members should discuss how to handle confidential communication with the EVC, a desired communication plan with the EVC, and how to maintain close communication among senators when in-face meetings are replaced by teleconference or other cost-saving methods.

### EAP

Catherine discussed concerns about the use of the EAP and asked that it be put on the agenda of ICAS. (**TRACY**) Catherine was asked to put together a referral to APEP on the expanded use of the EAP.

### Travel/Scheduling Task Force Update

Catherine reported that the group will have a conference call and finish its work this Thursday.

### May Plenary Planning

Bernadette sent out a message about the May contest and prize. She will send out a reminder shortly.

### Guest Speaker at May Plenary

“Changing the Subject: Costs, Graduation rates, and the Importance of Re-engineering the Undergraduate Curriculum:” Should we invite Joni Finney to visit with ASCSU during May plenary? Agreed to invite Finney to spend some time with AA and the plenary, most probably on Thursday (TRACY). Other speakers: Karen Yelverton, Ben Quillian.

### Liaison Reports

Alumni Council: John reported that fundraising is a big concern.

CSSA: John reported on the rally. He was honored to speak.

Academic Council: John sent an electronic report following the meeting.

LDTP: Barbara reported that activity focuses on updating ASSIST and working on the “cusp” disciplines that are high demand but do not quite meet the standard for the common core.

### Meeting Liaisons

April 9 CFA (LA Westin Bonaventure) – *John 4/9; Catherine 4/10*

April 15 Academic Council (virtual) - *John*

April 23-26 CHESS (Sacramento) – *John, schedule permitting*

April 24 ERFA (LAX Crowne Plaza) – *Marshelle? Bernadette will check*

May 11-12 Agenda Setting/BOT (CO) – *John, Bernadette, Diana (Catherine, Barbara will teleconference)*

May 20 Academic Council (virtual) – *John*

### Committee List

Members gave Tracy feedback on the list of committees.

### Resolution for Jeri

John is drafting. Forward comments to him.

Meeting adjourned at 2:15.

Respectfully submitted by Diana Guerin, Secretary