ASCSU Chair John Tarjan's Report for January 2010

January 19, 2010

This report is a recap of the chair's activities since the last plenary. I will only highlight a few points in my report during the plenary. Please refer to previously distributed notes for more detail on meetings that I reference below. Copies of these notes can be obtained from ASCSU staff.

1. Budget

a. Reduction Steps Taken

- Reduced assigned time for Executive Committee members and standing committee chairs
- ii. Compressed plenary sessions
- iii. Reduced attendance at Board of Trustees, agenda review with Chancellor and CSSA
- iv. Virtual interim and other meetings

b. Moving Forward

- i. Senators are requested to follow all travel guidelines and to economize whenever it is feasible.
- ii. No additional budget reductions steps are anticipated for the current year. A normal plenary and interim meeting schedule is planned.

2. Intersegmental Committee of Academic Senates (ICAS)

a. Advocacy Task Force

- i. I am serving as chair of this task force. We continue to meet virtually to plan advocacy activities for the rest of the year.
- ii. CSSA, the CCC student senate and a UC student regent have agreed to partner with us in our advocacy efforts.
- iii. A subgroup is developing two brochures—one for the public and one for policy makers.
- iv. ICAS will be meeting in Sacramento the rest of the year to allow for more advocacy opportunities.
- v. The respective faculty senate heads and student leaders plan to meet with legislative leaders on February 3rd prior to the next ICAS meeting the next day.
- vi. We plan to develop a joint letter to editors across the state.
- b. **Master Plan**—ICAS has been involved in Master Plan activities. Student leaders and faculty senate heads testified on December 7th. My testimony has been linked to the ASCSU home page.
- c. **IGETC Standards Review Committee**—we met once in November (virtually) and continue to refine the manual providing guidance to articulation officers and counselors.
- **3. Appointments**—The Executive Committee continues to make appointments. Appointments during the past month included the Chancellor's Doctoral Incentive Program committees, C-ID, and ICAS subcommittees.
- 4. **Liaison with CO Administration**—A weekly telephone call between the Chair and Executive Vice Chancellor continues. This has been a valuable tool for keeping lines of communication open.

- 5. Other Functions as Chair
 - a. **Liaison to outside groups**. I attended the following meetings since our last plenary.
 - i. CCC Plenary
 - ii. CSSA
 - iii. ICC
 - iv. C-ID
 - v. Campus Senate Chairs
 - b. **Other committees**. As ASCSU Chair, I serve on the following committees that met since our last plenary either as a member or liaison. All but one meeting was virtual.
 - i. Academic Council
 - ii. ATSC
 - iii. Early Start Task Force
 - iv. Facilities Naming Committee
 - v. COMPASS
 - c. The ASCSU Chair attends BOT meetings and reports to the Board. In November a large portion of my report dealt with the importance of having a faculty trustee.