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ASCSU Chair's Report

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Thank You

Two years ago this month, I asked senators for their support of my candidacy for chair. I appreciate the opportunity to serve, and also the senators' wisdom for the past two years to elect an outstanding Executive Committee to work with me. As last year, this year's officers have worked tirelessly on our behalf. On top of their responsibilities as described in the Bylaws, I asked officers to take the lead on a special project. Steven Filling led our technology initiatives; Darlene Yee-Melichar and Glen Brodowsky worked on professional development, especially for new senators. Susan Gubernat edited the newsletter. Both Darlene and Susan work closely with me on the planning of the Academic Conference and Retreat (also Tracy Butler and Carrie Kato).

I hope you see progress on the priorities that I committed to work on in my campaign speech:

Priorities

- Promote academic excellence and advocate for the CSU;
- Represent the voice of CSU faculty based on the formal positions of the ASCSU;
- Improve internal and external communications of the ASCSU and expand sustainable practices within the ASCSU through the use of technology;
- Increase effectiveness of the ASCSU by working with the committee chairs to establish timelines for agendas, minutes, resolutions;
- Collaborate with the ASCSU, Campus Senate Chairs, Chancellor, CO, BOT, CSSA, CSU-ERFA, CFA and others to identify items of mutual concern that we can work together to achieve.

May Plenary Overview

Agenda is posted at www.calstate.edu/acadsen.

- Standing committees meet Wednesday, May 14th, from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00p.m.
- Extended Executive Committee meets Wednesday the 14th from 8:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m.
- Executive Committee meets from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- ASCSU plenary starts Thursday at 8:00 a.m. and ends Friday at noon.
- The Organizational Meeting is from 1:00 to 3:00 on Friday, and this is when 2014-15 Executive Committee will be elected.

The New Senator Orientation "Lunch and Learn" (Thursday noon; all welcome) focuses on ASCSU committees. FGA is in charge of the social (Thursday at 5:00 pm).

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

Scheduled guests at the May Plenary include:

Thursday: May 15th

- 9:30 Andy Merrifield, CFA liaison
- 10:00 Bettina Huber (Northridge) and Ed Sullivan (Fullerton), to discuss campus reports on Early Start Program
- 11:00 Ephraim Smith, EVC/CAO
- 1:00 Katherine Harris (SJSU), Project Director, to give an update on California Open Educational Resources Council
- 2:00 Liaison reports: CSSA, CSU ERFA
- 4:00 Gerry Hanley to give an update on CSU academic technology projects, including CourseMatch

Friday: May 16th

- 9:00 Steven Relyea, EVC/CFO
- 11:00 Chancellor Tim White

Organizational Meeting, ASCSU 2014-15

ASCSU 2014-15 meets at 1:00 Friday May 16th to elect the next Executive Committee. Continuing senators, you will be asked via survey to indicate which standing and systemwide committees you are interested in serving on next year. You will also have an opportunity to indicate your interest in serving in a leadership role as chair or vice chair of the standing committees and GEAC.

Brief Announcements

- Executive Committee appreciates the interest expressed by so many senators in response to our calls for volunteers. Recent appointments include:
 - Search Committee for Assistant Vice Chancellor, Research Initiatives and Partnerships: Darlene Yee-Melichar
 - Search Committee, Associate Director, International Programs: Cliona Murphy
- Executive Vice Chancellor/Chief Academic Officer Ephraim Smith has announced that he will retire at the end of 2014. ASCSU will be represented on the search committee.
- The outgoing and incoming ASCSU chairs and the Faculty Trustee will meet with Chancellor White and his cabinet on Monday next Monday. Executive Committee
- The first meeting of the CSU Commission on Online Education is scheduled for June 2nd in the Chancellor's Office.

Congratulations

- Senators re-elected at their campuses: Simone Aloisio, David Barsky, Otto Benavides, Steven Browne, Denise Fleming, Manzar Foroohar, David Hood, Sue Holl, Judith Lessow-Hurley, Catherine Nelson, Ken Nishita, Cezar Ornatowski, Jay Swartz, Jodie Ullman.
- New senators on their election: Cristina Bodinger-deUriarte (Los Angeles), Steven Frye (Bakersfield), Francelina Neto (Pomona), Thomas Norman (Dominguez Hills), Ann Schulte (Chico), Jerald Schutte (Northridge), Sean Walker (Fullerton), John Yudelson (Channel Islands).
- Barry Pasternack was elected at the CSU-ERFA meeting in April to represent retired faculty.
- Senator Jodie Ullman (SB) is now President of the Western Psychological Association.

In Appreciation

Senators leaving the ASCSU: Lillian Castaneda, Andreas Gebauer, Patricia Kalayjian, Kimberly King, Harold Goldwhite, Dave Kopplin, Sean Monemi, Isabelle Pelaud, Jim Postma, Steven Stambough, Adam Swenson.

Faculty-to-Faculty Newsletter

You can find the April 2014 ASCSU newsletter and subscribe to receive future issues by clicking [here](#).

Outstanding Faculty of the CSU

The Outstanding Faculty of the CSU [website](#) was updated in April with additional faculty recognized with campus-wide outstanding faculty awards. Please congratulate members of the ASCSU included on the website: Steven Browne, Sue Holl, and incoming senator Sean Walker.

Faculty Trustee Legislative Proposal

AB 2324 (Williams), the CSU-sponsored bill to establish a holdover appointment for the faculty trustee, has cleared the Assembly and is now in the Senate Education Committee. Please send a letter of support to the following:

The Honorable Carol Liu, Chair
Senate Education Committee Room 2083
State Capitol, Room 2083
Sacramento, California 95814

Assembly Member Das Williams
Chair, California State Assembly Higher Education Committee
State Capitol Room 4005
Sacramento, CA 94248-0037

The ASCSU resolution (AS-3172-14/EX) in support of AB 2324 is attached and will be acted upon at the May plenary.

ASCSU Lobby Day

We had a very busy and productive Lobby Day on April 22nd. FGA-ers Otto Benavides, Steven Browne, Erick Eschker, Kate Fawver, Tom Krabacher, Cezar Ornatowski, and Praveen Soni organized the event. From Executive Committee, Susan Gubernat, Darlene Yee-Melichar, and I attended. We visited legislators and/or their staff, committee consultants, and also staff from the Department of Finance and Legislative Analyst Office. On the agenda were advocating for funding for the CSU and numerous bills. We owe Committee Chair Soni and FGA-ers a big round of applause for their work on Lobby Day.

California Open Education Resource Council (COERC)

COERC Project Director Katherine Harris (SJSU) will provide an update at our plenary. The nine faculty members (three from each segment) have been appointed, as well as the staff person housed in the ASCSU Office, Theresa Dykes. The first five courses that COERC will first focus on are Public Speaking 110, Micro Economics 201, US History 130, Intro to Chemistry 110, and Intro to Stats. Outreach to faculty to encourage adoption will begin in fall. Student and faculty surveys are underway.

CourseMatch

This is the online registration website established by AB 386 (Levine). The Academic Technology Advisory Committee provided feedback to Gerry Hanley in response to a presentation last month; Gerry Hanley will give an update at the plenary. You can visit the website by clicking [here](#).

Upcoming

- **ASCSU Organizational Meeting** will be Friday May 16 from 1 to 3 pm.
- **CSU Board of Trustees** meets on May 20 and 21 at the Chancellor's Office.
- **Budget Advisory Committee (System)** scheduled for May 23.
- **Commission on Online Education** inaugural meeting will be June 2.
- **Academic Council** (Provosts and Academic Affairs leadership in the Chancellor's Office) will meet in Southern California on June 4 and 5. ASCSU chair attends and reports.
- **Intersegmental Committee of Academic Senates** (ICAS; composed of the academic senate leaders of the three segments of higher education in California) meets in Sacramento on June 5. The ASCSU will chair ICAS in 2014-15.

AS-3172-14/EX
March 20-21, 2014
First Reading

In Support of AB 2324 (Williams) Pertaining to CSU Faculty Trustee

1. RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate of the California State University (ASCSU) thank the Board of Trustees for including the Faculty Trustee Holdover Appointment proposal in their Legislative Program for 2014; and be it further
2. RESOLVED: That the ASCSU express its appreciation to Assembly Member Das Williams for introducing Assembly Bill 2324, *Trustees of the California State University: faculty member of the board*, on February 21, 2014; and be it further
3. RESOLVED: That the ASCSU request that members of the CSU community register support for AB 2324 as it moves through the legislative process; and be it further
4. RESOLVED: That the ASCSU distribute this resolution to
 - CSU Chancellor,
 - CSU Board of Trustees,
 - Assembly Member Das Williams,
 - CSU Office of Advocacy and State Relations,
 - Assembly Committee on Higher Education of the California State Legislature,
 - CSU campus Presidents,
 - CSU campus Senate Chairs,
 - California Faculty Association,
 - California State Student Association,
 - CSU Emeritus and Retired Faculty Association

RATIONALE: *The Faculty Trustee provides the Board of Trustees (BOT) with both expertise and a faculty perspective in areas of academic policy as well as matters of curricular and fiscal concern affecting the CSU. In addition, the presence of a Faculty Trustee strengthens faculty confidence in BOT actions.*

In recent years, however, there have been lengthy intervals during which no Faculty Trustee has been appointed to the Board, the longest being the period from 2009 to 2011, which resulted in the Faculty Trustee position staying vacant for an entire 2-year term. This again occurred more recently in the summer and fall of 2013 – a period of several months during which the Board met twice without a Faculty Trustee.

AB 2324 addresses the ongoing concern raised by the ASCSU pertaining to the lack of a faculty trustee on the CSU Board of Trustees, most recently described in the ASCSU resolutions listed below. AS-3153-13/FGA/FA, Ensuring the Continuous Presence of a Faculty Trustee on the California State University Board of Trustees <http://www.calstate.edu/AcadSen/Records/Resolutions/2013-2014/documents/3153.pdf>

AS-3141-13/EX, Concern over Delay in Governor's Appointment of CSU Faculty Trustee <http://www.calstate.edu/AcadSen/Records/Resolutions/2013-2014/documents/3141.pdf>