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## ASCSU Chair's Report Diana Guerin October 9, 2013

### Announcements

- Carrie Kato has joined Tracy Butler in the ASCSU office, so please introduce yourself and welcome Carrie on board when you see her at the plenary!
- ASCSU standing committees meet (teleconference+Collaborate) Friday, October 11<sup>th</sup>
- ASCSU standing committees meet at Chancellor's Office Wednesday, October 30<sup>th</sup>
- ASCSU plenary is Thursday October 31 and Friday November 1 at Chancellor's Office. Please make your travel plans now, if you have not already done so. At this time, I believe we will have as guests Chancellor White and Trustee Faigin.

### Faculty Trustee

As of today, we have not been notified of an appointment. Our resolution and those from campuses communicated prior to the BOT were handed to the governor at the meeting. Since then, additional campuses have approved resolutions. We will communicate these to the governor.

At the September plenary, the ASCSU Executive Committee was encouraged to forward a legislative proposal to ensure the continuous presence of a Faculty Trustee. October 1 was the due date for legislative proposals to the CSU administration. Chancellor White suggested that we seek legislation for a second nonvoting trustee (as students have) to solve this problem when he spoke to us at our plenary. However, subsequent research indicated that a holdover appointment would have higher probability of success. The proposal currently in process is that the Faculty Trustee would serve until a successor is appointed. We will discuss this at the next plenary. The request for CSU support can be withdrawn at our request.

### Academic Conference

Due to lack of hotel space in the Long Beach area, we will need to reschedule the Academic Conference to a later date. We will **NOT** be able to hold it following the March Board of Trustees meeting on March 26 and 27, 2014 as initially hoped.

#### 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

At this time, we are checking availability of venues one year out, which would delay the Academic Conference until the 2014-15 academic year.

### **Board of Trustees Meeting**

In the absence of a Faculty Trustee, Vice Chair Steven Filling has provided a report in the ASCSU's *Faculty to Faculty* newsletter; you can view video recording at <http://www.calstate.edu/bot/agendas/Sep13/> .

### **Intersegmental Committee of Academic Senates (ICAS)**

ICAS is composed of the Executive Committees of the CSU, CCC, and UC academic senates. We met on 9/26/13; the key points from the meeting are as follows:

- We discussed a proposal being submitted to Hewlett and Gates Foundations by ICAS jointly with our systems seeking funding for SB 1052 California Open Education Resource Council. We should have a response in a few weeks. If funded, work would begin in January 2014.
- The possibility of touching bases with the legislators and committees involved with higher education bills in fall was proposed.
- Ongoing consideration of a position statement on principles for identifying and using accountability measures.
- Update on SB 1440 and C-ID from CCC leaders.
- UC is trying to understand lower numbers of transfer applications to their system.
- The ICAS Statement on Math Competencies has been printed. (ASCSU office has a number of copies, should you wish to get one at the next plenary).

### **CSU Northridge Symposium**

Darlene Yee-Melichar and I attended the CSUN Symposium on Sept 30 and Oct 1. The first day focused on models of delivery of higher education, and the second on quality. The speakers were outstanding, the hosts welcoming, and the conversation engaging. Many thanks to Steven Stepanek, Sandra Chong, and Michael Hoggan for organizing such an outstanding event.

### **Academic Council**

The Academic Council is the 1.5-day meeting of the provosts/VPAA's and the CSO Academic Affairs leadership that occurs about every other month. Some key points:

- Concern about the impact on SB 1440 transfers when CSU campuses are impacted and closed for mid-year admissions.
- Ken O'Donnell talked about how CSU can measure student engagement in high impact practices beyond NSSE self-reports. (NSSE=National Survey of Student Engagement).
- A committee is looking at how technology can support student success. Susan Gubernat and Catherine Nelson are faculty representatives on this group.
- Ron Vogel gave the report on the bottleneck survey that he presented to the BOT.

- Robert Turnage spoke about the CSU budget request. CSU priorities include enrollment growth, compensation, and student success. The CSU is requesting increase of \$250 mil, but the governor has said not to expect more than \$142 mil.
- Gerry Hanley spoke about intrasystem online concurrent enrollment. In fall 2012, the pilot included 33 fully online courses offered by 11 campuses. This is still a paper process, and articulation of courses needs to be worked out. He asked what quality assurance should be built into the process, and I have asked AA Chair Miller to put this on AA's agenda.
- Chris Mallon gave a presentation on the shortage of nurses and our nursing programs. Several concerns about how to expand nursing programs were discussed, including shortage of nursing faculty (salaries twice as high if nurses work in hospitals rather than CSU!) and need for more clinical placements. There was a discussion about putting together a request for funding next year to expand access to nursing programs.
- On the 120/180 baccalaureate degree unit limits, engineering programs are a challenge. Over 100 engineering programs have more than 120/180 units (14 do not). According to Chris Mallon, an average of 15 units is double-counted to meet both GE and the major. A couple of provosts said that getting the units to 120/180 will be a challenge, and some said this is creating divisions among the faculty within the university (GE vs. engineering). One said that he doesn't want to see GE changed to solve the problem for engineering. I commented that a cost-benefit analysis of reducing units in terms of program quality and conflict on the campuses might suggest that a separate section of Title 5 for engineering (such as BFA) would be a better approach (with higher unit limits than 120/180). I have asked AA Chair Miller to put this on AA agenda.
- Bev Young talked about the STAR/EAP issue (we had a resolution on this in September) and also SB 5, which removes the 1-year cap on teacher preparation programs. The new cap is 2 years. Another issue she discussed is the accreditation of teacher education programs. NCATE has joined another accrediting institution to form CAEP, and participation in CAEP accreditation was discussed.
- Lori Redfearn announced that fundraising training workshops for a limited number of academic leaders from each campus will be held in January and February.

### **Early Start Program LAO Report**

I was interviewed by the LAO for a report that is being prepared for the California State Legislature on the CSU Early Start Program. AB 2497 (Solorio), sponsored by CFA and approved by the Governor in September 2012, requires a "report by January 1, 2014, and every two years thereafter until January 1, 2018, specified information measuring the impact of the CSU's Early Start Program on students' mathematics and English proficiency." My comments focused on the several ASCSU resolutions on ESP, which I sent to the interviewer. To be notified when the LAO issues reports on higher education issues, subscribe at this link:

<http://www.lao.ca.gov/laoapp/rss/LAOEmailSubscriptionsList.aspx>.

### **Early Start Implementation Committee**

This committee met yesterday. A re-cap of summer 2013 ESP was the first agenda item. There were about 3,500 more students participating, and about 80% attended ESP at their destination campus. Campuses offered more 3-unit courses than in the first year. After July 15<sup>th</sup>, students must attend ESP at their destination campuses.

Data collection problems continue to plague efforts to examine systemwide data. Campuses have until November 15<sup>th</sup> to provide complete data. Analyses of data from two campuses (NO and FU) provided evidence of positive effects, but longer-term follow-up and better data are needed to understand system wide impact.

### **First Reading Items**

Please seek input on the first reading items at your campus. They can be accessed at the following link: <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/6agzs6f531ajnlk/D8GhiaBH3w>

AS-3145-13 Changes to Bylaws of the Academic Senate (only editorial changes)

AS-3146-13 Legislative Principles of the ASCSU

AS-3147-13 Support for Extension of the Statway Curriculum Pilot Program as an Alternative for Establishing Proficiency in Quantitative Reasoning

AS-3148-13 Legislative Advocacy Guidelines for the Academic Senate of the CSU

AS-3149-13 California State University BOT Proposed 2014-15 Support Budget

### **Upcoming Meetings**

I will attend the following meetings between now and the plenary and provide a brief report after each:

- 10/10 Council of Academic Senate Chairs
- 10/11 California Faculty Association
- 10/12 California State Student Association (CSSA)
- 10/24 Cal State Online Board