

ASCSU Chair Marshelle Thobaben's Report for ASCSU March 2007 Plenary

On February 23, 2007, the ASCSU Executive Committee sent a letter to Chancellor Reed and CFA President Travis regarding the importance of settling the contract between California State University administration and California Faculty Association. This concern is shared by faculty throughout the CSU. The letter and supporting documentation is available on the ASCSU web site at <http://www.calstate.edu/AcadSen/>.

Ralph Wolff, President and Executive Director Western Association of Schools & Colleges, has accepted an invitation to attend the ASCSU plenary meeting on May 11, 2007.

The ASCSU Executive Committee appointed Senators Barrett, Hornbeck, Kegley, Postma and Thobaben to serve on the *Task Force on Intellectual Property*. The purpose of this task force is to gain some clarity and direction on CSU system/campus policies and implementation with regard to intellectual property, particularly with respect to the handling of patents and technology transfer. The draft recommendations will be sent to the ASCSU, CSU Academic Affairs, and campus Research Officers.

ASCSU senators are involved in two CSU Chancellor's Office searches, the *Dean for Academic Planning* and the *AVC for Research Initiatives and Partnerships*. The searches should conclude this spring.

The Executive Committee is participating in several of the Board of Trustees *Access To Excellence Strategic Planning Process* campus discussions. These will be taking place between January and March 2007. The web site for the Board of Trustees strategic planning process is at http://www.calstate.edu/acadaff/System_Strategic_Planning/AccessToExcellence.shtml.

The ASCSU Executive Committee has been meeting with CSSA leadership bimonthly prior to the Board of Trustees meeting. We last met with them on January 23, 2007, during which we updated each other on current issues and priorities for CSSA and the ASCSU.

The Executive Committee minutes are posted on the Academic Senate web page <http://www.calstate.edu/AcadSen/Committees/Executive/index.shtml>.

Following is a list of Senate-related activities the Executive Committee has been involved with over the past two months, including some highlights from meetings in which we have participated.

Academic Council (AC) [CSU Council of campus Provosts/Vice-Presidents for Academic Affairs]: I represented ASCSU at the February 15-16, 2007, meeting in SF. The provosts discussed *The Place of Scholarly Research and Creative Activities in the CSU* paper, presented by Interim Assistant Vice Chancellor for Research Initiatives and Partnerships Beth Ambos, and Provosts Covino, Cutrer, and Echeverria. The paper will be revised for the next AC meeting. Several campuses discussed their best practices for

Remediation/Proficiency at Entry. Vice Chancellor Reichard and Associate Vice Chancellor Boyum gave an update on the “First-wave” Ed D. programs. Please refer to the attached report on the CSU EdDs. It was reported that the CSU is in discussion about the possibility of increasing the number of joint doctoral programs in audiology and physical therapy. It was announced that there is a new Executive Order on International Programs (see <http://www.calstate.edu/eo/EO-998.html>). Brief reports were given on PTSC meeting and the various Task Forces [Textbook; Drops/Withdrawals/Incompletes/Repeats, and MBA Professional Fee].

Academic Technology Advisory Committee (ATAC): ATAC is co-chaired by CSU Los Angeles Provost Herman Lujan, Chair of the Provost Technology Steering Committee (PTSC), and me. Senators Benavides, Buckley, Kegley, Pasternack, Rohm and Thobaben attended the February 22, 2007 meeting. Senator Buckley will send a complete report to the ASCSU. A subcommittee, chaired by Joe Grimes (CSU FDC representative, administrator from Cal Poly University, San Luis Obispo) presented its report, *ATAC Recommended Strategic Policies for Providing Faculty Resources*. The final report will be sent to Co-chair Lujan for distribution to the committee. The committee recommended to VC Reichard that iTunesU not be used at this time due to ADA accessibility issues. An update was given on the Academic Transformation project (see http://www.calstate.edu/ats/academic_transformation/) and a proposed plan for managing, advising, and approving CSU’s Online Degree Programs (OLDP). ATAC is drafting RFPs for the CSU to develop a portal for online programs and a marketing plan for CSU Online Degrees. Subcommittees were formed to help draft these RFPs.

Alumni Council: Vice Chair Pasternack attended the CSU Alumni Council on January 20, 2007, and sent the ASCSU an extensive report. Highlights included: Associate Vice Chancellor Karen Yelverton-Zamarripa gave an overview on the campus-based advocacy conference as well as the plan for “Legislative Day” on March 19th. Vice Chair Pasternack updated the Council about the Access to Excellence planning activities and bargaining. Trustee Bob Linscheid was reelected the Alumni Trustee and the Alumni Council voted for recommended recipients of the Lifetime Achievement Award and Legislator of the Year Award.

Board of Trustees: The Board of Trustees met on January 23-24, 2007. Faculty Trustee Craig Smith’s reports of the meeting are available on the Academic Senate web page at <http://www.calstate.edu/AcadSen/Committees/Executive/index.shtml>. The next Board meeting is March 13-14, 2007.

Campus Actions to Facilitate Graduation (CAFG): I participated in a *CSU Facilitating Graduation Initiative’s* [CAFG] campus visit to California State University, Dominguez Hills on March 1, 2007 with former Senator Ted Anagnoson, the team leader for this visit, and Senators Kegley and Goldwhite. It is impressive to see what various campuses are doing to facilitate students’ graduation with a quality education in a timely fashion.

CFA: Vice Chair Pasternack attended the CFA Board Meeting on February 10, 2007. He sent an extensive report to the ASCSU. Highlights of the meetings included: the FMI/SSI settlement is still being resolved on campuses. District lobbying days will be held on February 23 and March 2, 2007. Letters to Trustee Chair Achtenberg from Senators Romaro and Yee criticizing the Board's decision to grant a 4% pay hike to top administrators were distributed. A letter from Assembly Member Portantino (Chair of the Assembly Higher Education Subcommittee) regarding the imprudence of the 4% increase in executive compensation was also distributed. The Board passed a resolution reaffirming CFA's position opposing student fee hikes. CFA's home page is <http://www.calfac.org/>

California State Student Association (CSSA): Member-at-large Reichman attended the February 17, 2007, California State Student Association Board of Directors meeting at the California Maritime Academy. He sent his report to the ASCSU. During the meeting, there was a special presentation by CFA President John Travis. This meeting was also the last for CSSA Government Relations Director Laura Kerr who is leaving for a position with the Charter Schools Association. ASCSU Secretary Marshall Cates attended the January 19-21, 2007, CSSA Board meeting at Channel Islands. Patrick Lenz presented the budget picture to the CSSA Board of Directors. Senator Cates sent his report to the ASCSU.

Campus Senate Chairs: The Executive Committee met with the campus senate chairs on February 8, 2007. The senate chairs were updated on current ASCSU issues, shared respective campus activities, and discussed the contract negotiations and the *Access to Excellence* initiative.

CSU Advisory Sustainability Subcommittee on Education and Research: I attended the January 23, 2007 meeting, and Senators Hornbeck and Kaiser and I attended the conference call meeting on February 21, 2007. The committee outlined a plan for CSU academic sustainability and a draft a proposed policy statement for academic sustainability. A draft resolution on the proposed policy statement for academic sustainability is being sent to the ASCU and campus senates for their possible endorsement.

CSU/P-12/Community College Educational Leadership Doctorate Advisory Board: I attended the EdD Advisory Board meeting on February 23, 2007, at the Chancellor's Office. An update on implementation of the CSU EdD was provided for the first seven campuses, as well as a progress report on the development of the EdDs on the next four campuses. Campus status reports were given by representatives from San Francisco State University and San Diego State University. Senator Darlene Yee-Melichar did an excellent job of presenting SFSU University's program. There was a general discussion of the need to provide the EdD students with the opportunity for some online learning, system-wide electronic library resources and schedules that meet the needs of working professionals.

Intersegmental Committee of Academic Senates (ICAS): ASCSU Executive Committee members attended the February 1, 2007 ICAS meeting at LAX. The main items discussed were ASSIST, WASC and the Intersegmental Course Identification Numbering System.

- Ralph Wolff, President and Executive Director Western Association of Schools & Colleges, gave an overview of WASC, discussed the lack of faculty participation in the accreditation process, how faculty are selected to serve in the accreditation process, the increasingly significant investments of time and resources in the accreditation process during a period of diminishing support and funding for public higher education, and the differing standards for community college accreditation versus those for the CSU and UC.
- ICAS Chair Michael Brown sent a letter on behalf of ICAS to UC regarding the continued concerns ICAS has regarding the effectiveness of the ASSIST Board.
- An update was given by each system senate on their respective activities.
- Appointments were made by each senate to the Intersegmental Course Identification Numbering System (C-ID) Committee, which would be CCCs replacement of the CAN System. Vice Chair Barry Pasternack, Secretary Marshall Cates, LDTP Chair Barbara Swerkes and Associate Vice Chancellor Keith Boyum [or his designee] will be the CSU members. The Committee will meet in March.
- ICAS Legislative Day will be on April 10, 2007.

The ICAS agenda and minutes are available at

<http://www.academicssenate.cc.ca.us/icas/Meetings.html>

The Intersegmental Coordinating Committee (ICC): I attended the ICC retreat in Sacramento on January 25-26, 2007. ICC, the programmatic arm of the Education Round Table, is composed of administrators, faculty, and student representatives from all sectors of education. The theme of the retreat was *Focusing on Collaboration to Enhance Student Success in Middle Schools*. The discussion centered on what goals ICC could set at the programmatic and policy levels in order to focus on improving student achievement through collaboration at middle schools.

Legislation: Important dates: March 6: Assembly Education Committee and April 17: Senate Education Committee. Chancellor Reed will address the need for Outreach Funding (\$7 million), Student Services (\$25 million) and an additional 1% for compensation.

Naming Facilities Review Panel: Executive Director Ann Peacock is the Executive Committee's designee to review all proposals to the Board of Trustees to name campus buildings and to report any concerns she has to me.

Provosts' Technology Steering Committee (PTSC): PTSC met on February 15, 2007, in San Francisco. The main items discussed were the CMS Student Services module, the concern about accessibility issues regarding iTunesU, an update on the Academic Transformation project (see http://www.calstate.edu/ats/academic_transformation/) and the RFP for CSU's Online Degree Program (OLDP).

Systemwide Budget Advisory Committee [CSU]: On February 21, 2007, Senators Dave Hood, Kegley, Pasternack and Thobaben (via teleconference from HSU) attended the Systemwide Budget Advisory Committee meeting. Senator David Hood sent the ASCSU an extensive report on the meeting. Assistant Vice Chancellor Patrick Lenz reviewed the Governor's Budget in terms similar to those in the PowerPoint presentation he made in January to the Board of Trustees. (Recall the Governor proposed a \$7 million reduction in Outreach Funding and did not include the Trustees' request for an additional 1% for compensation). AVC Lenz and VC West reported on the Legislative Analyst's Report, an analysis of the 2007-2008 Budget Bill. In summary, the Governor's Budget recommended a budget increase of \$299 million; the LAO would remove \$131 million of that proposed increase. Of particular interest to faculty was the LOA's recommendation regarding a change in the methodology that CPEC should use in determining the salary gap. *In particular, the LAO believes that total compensation, including all benefits, should be compared to the total compensation for other institutions, not just the cash compensation comparison as is done currently.*

As always, your support, comments, and suggestions are greatly appreciated.
Marshelle Thobaben, Chair Academic Senate CSU

Timeline for CSU Doctorate of Education Reviews by WASC

CSU Campus	Proposal Submission to WASC	Conference Call Review by WASC Panel	Site Visit Scheduled or Proposal Not Yet Accepted	Planned Time for WASC Site Visit to Campus
Campuses with Preliminary Reviews and Conference Calls Conducted in Fall 2006				
Fresno	October, 2006	Late October 2006	Site Visit March 13, 2007	March 2007
Fullerton	Early November, 2006	Late November, 2006	Site Visit Feb. 12, 2007	February 2007
San Francisco	November, 2006	December, 2006	Site Visit Feb. 16, 2007	February 2007
Campuses with Preliminary Reviews and Conference Calls Scheduled in Winter 2007				
Long Beach	December, 2006	January 25, 2007	Site Visit March 28, 2007	March 2007
Sacramento	December, 2006	January 25, 2007	Proposal Revisions Requested Prior to Scheduling Site Visit	Late March/Early April assuming proposal is accepted
San Bernardino	January, 2007	February 23, 2007	N/A	Late March/Early April assuming proposal is accepted
San Diego	January, 2007	February 20, 2007	N/A	Late March/Early April assuming proposal is accepted

Notes: The Structural Change Panel may review and take Interim Action on the CSU Doctorate of Education proposals during a call in early April to review the fall 2006 proposals and one in late April to review the winter 2007 proposals. This is assuming that all necessary approvals have been received in order to be considered by the Structural Change Panel (i.e., the campus proposals have received favorable action from the Substantive Change Committee after the required site visit has been conducted). The Structural Change Panel has the authority to grant interim approval at that time with ratification by the full Commission occurring at the next scheduled Commission meeting (June 2007).

In order for San Bernardino and San Diego to be considered by the Structural Change Panel in late April, the proposal will need to receive a favorable review in February and the site visit will need to occur in March.

The schedule will allow for all seven CSU campuses' Doctorate of Education proposals to be approved by the WASC Commission at its June 2007 meeting through ratification of the Structural Change Panel Interim Actions assuming that the conditions listed above are met.

