

## **ASCSU Chair John Tarjan's Report for November 2009**

November 3, 2009

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. Thanks
  - i. I am personally very grateful to members of the Executive Committee and standing committee chairs for their willingness to forgo some of their assigned time to address the budget crisis. They have done so without complaint and I have yet to see a drop in their productivity.
  - ii. We are all grateful for the extra effort all Senators have expended to maintain Senate functioning during times of reduced face-to-face meeting time and the often-frustrating use of technology. Also thanks to all who have worked hard to keep travel expenses to a minimum.
- b. Update
  - i. The Executive Committee will be meeting with Tracy Butler on November 5<sup>th</sup> to get a budget update. We will plan for interim committee meetings and plenaries at that time.
  - ii. No additional budget cuts are anticipated for the current year.

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

- a. Advocacy Task Force
  - i. I am serving as chair of this task force. We have met twice via teleconference since the formation of the group and plan to meet some time after November 16<sup>th</sup>.
  - ii. Vice-Chair Bernadette Cheyne is also on the task force and is part of a subcommittee refining a proposed message and developing informational materials.
  - iii. The main message will focus on workforce and the economic contributions of public higher education.
  - iv. We have decided to attempt to partner with students in all three segments.
  - v. We are planning to recommend the three chairs again participate in a letter to the editor campaign.
  - vi. There is a proposal to move ICAS meetings to Sacramento to facilitate additional meetings with elected officials.
- b. IGETC Standards Committee—we have met once this quarter and dealt with several technical issues concerning transfer and certification.
- c. The next ICAS meeting will be on December 4<sup>th</sup> at LAX..

### **3. Appointments**

- a. The Executive Committee continues to make appointments. Appointments during the past month were mainly to the C-ID project.

### **4. Liaison with CO Administration**

- a. 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. I accompanied several members of the Academic Affairs staff and a campus administrator to a meeting on accountability. While there was relatively little information presented at the meeting that the CSU didn't already have, it was gratifying that the CSU is a leader in public accountability.
- b. The members of the Executive Committee continue to share liaison responsibilities. I attended CSSA meeting in November. There continues to be considerable interest by CSSA leadership to work with ASCSU on advocacy and policy recommendations. Textbook affordability and fees are two issues of particular interest to the students.
- c. I continue to participate in Academic Council meetings. There were teleconferences in September and October. The next meeting will be in San Francisco on November 12<sup>th</sup>.
- d. The Academic Technology Steering Committee also met virtually once this fall. The first face-to-face meeting will be held in conjunction with the Academic Council meeting on November 12<sup>th</sup>. A major focus of the committee is to find ways to leverage technology funds to the greatest effect.
- e. I continue to serve on the COMPASS project steering committee and am giving a keynote address at the COMPASS meeting at DH on November 3-4.
- f. I have participated as a guest in GEAC meetings.
- g. The ASCSU Chair attends BOT meetings and reports to the Board. In September I expressed our dismay at not having a faculty trustee. I plan a more extensive report in November than normal if a faculty trustee has not yet been appointed.