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ASCSU Chair's Report

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Announcements

- The December 2013 ASCSU *Faculty-to-Faculty* newsletter will be distributed shortly. Please make it available widely on all campuses.
- Executive Committee has been asked by Academic Affairs Committee to respond to the recently released report from the California Community College Baccalaureate Degree Study Group (attached). We will consult broadly and share our findings with the ASCSU in a timely fashion. The Intersegmental Committee of Academic Senates (leaders from the UC, CSU, and CCC academic senates) meets 12/12/13, and this has been added to our agenda.
- Many thanks to Senator Stephen Stambough (Fullerton) in advance for his service to the Alumni Council committee on the CSU Three Million Alumni Celebration Campaign.
- I testified at the Oversight Hearing of the Assembly Higher Education Committee on Streamlining Transfer on November 12 in Fullerton; Glen Brodowsky testified at the Assembly Select Committee on Higher Education in San Diego County on November 21st in San Diego.
- The search committee for the Executive Vice Chancellor/Chief Financial Officer met again this month. The plan is to complete the search process in December.
- The system-wide online course catalog, formerly "ICE," then "OCE," is now called "CourseMatch."

Legislative Visits

On November 13 and 14, a delegation of ASCSU leaders (Senators Guerin, Filling, Brodowsky, Yee-Melichar, Gubernat, Krabacher, Soni, and Miller) visited legislative and committee staff members in the Capitol to offer ASCSU consultation on higher education issues. Chair of the Academic Senate of the California Community Colleges, Beth Smith, joined us on the 14th. Some of the issues of interest to various members mentioned to our delegation include transfer, online education, access, affordability, and accountability metrics.

Faculty Trustee Legislative Proposal

Karen Yelverton-Zamarripa and Andrew Martinez (Sacramento CSU GRO) conducted research on other agencies with hold-over appointments and drafted language for proposed change to

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Channel Islands
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Humboldt
Long Beach
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Pomona
Sacramento
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San Diego

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San Marcos
Sonoma
Stanislaus

Education Code to allow for the Faculty Trustee to continue until a successor is appointed. This will be discussed with Extended Executive Committee at the interim meeting. Karen is working to identify legislators to carry the legislation.

Cal State Online Board

The Cal State Online Board met on December 4th and reviewed draft language proposing that it be replaced by the CSU Commission on Online Education. The proposed language will be shared with the campus presidents at their meeting next week. The vision, mission, goals, responsibilities, membership, and responsibilities of commission members were discussed. We should have a report at the January plenary. Advising on academic offerings in CourseMatch is included as one of the proposed responsibilities. Also of major note, changes to the with Cal State Online-Pearson contract were finalized. These were outlined in the October 2013 Cal State Online Report, and include among other things (1) removal of exclusivity with the Pearson learning management system and (2) removal of marketing. The Cal State Online website will include both courses and programs.

California Open Education Resources Council (COERC)

COERC was created in SB 1052 (Steinberg) in 2012. In late November, we received formal notification of funding from the Hewlett Foundation for the first year. The Intersegmental Committee of Academic Senates (ICAS) is charged with coordinating the work of COERC, and the project will commence in January 2014. The primary goal of the project is to help reduce the cost of textbooks for students and increase the adoption of open educational resources. Faculty from all segments will coordinate review and selection of materials to include in the online digital library.

Universities in other states also have such projects underway. Legislation was introduced in Congress seeking to further the use of open educational resources by Senators Durbin and Franken. Also, the California Colleges Board of Governors on September 9th voted to require all materials created with state funding to be available at no charge to anyone in the state, including college students.

Academic Conference – November 13-14, 2014 in Long Beach

Recall that in response to our resolution (AS-3120-13/EX) last May, Chancellor White funded the Academic Conference for three years. The Academic Conference will be held following the November 2014 Board of Trustees meeting in Long Beach. A contract has been signed with the Hilton.

Outstanding Faculty of the CSU Website

The website launched on November 1st and recognizes faculty receiving annually-awarded campus-wide recognition in teaching, research/scholarship/creative activities, and/or service. [View it on the system website.](#)

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Attachment: Report from California Community College Baccalaureate Degree Study Group