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ASCSU Chair's Report

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Announcements

- Executive Committee appreciates the interest expressed by so many senators in response to our calls for volunteers. Recent appointments/substitutions include:
 - **Search Committee for the CSU Vice Chancellor Human Resources:** Jim Postma and Darlene Yee-Melichar.
 - **Extended Education Task Force on Defining “Supplant”:** Steven Filling, Kathy Kaiser, Sean Monemi, and Barry Pasternack.
 - **Student Re-Envisioning Committee:** Diana Guerin (substitute) and Catherine Nelson.
 - **WICHE Passport Meeting (Gates Foundation):** Steven Filling and Barry Pasternack.
 - **ASCSU-CTE Advisory Committee (Irvine Foundation):** Kathy Kaiser, Sandra Chong, and Tom Krabacher.
- Responses to January 2014 ASCSU resolutions are available on our website [[click here for pdf](#)].
- Executive Committee provided an update on AS-3158-13/AA (unit limits in engineering) this morning. Please share with interested colleagues and administrators.
- The ASCSU [Faculty-to-Faculty](#) newsletter was posted today. Please encourage distribution to your campus faculty and administration.

SB 1052/1053: California Open Educational Resources Council (COERC) Update and Faculty Member Needed

The goal of COERC is to help reduce the cost of higher education for students. The Council will create an online library of high-quality resources reviewed by faculty, and then work to increase adoption of such materials. It is funded by matching funds from the State of California and private foundations (Hewlett and Gates).

The Council has three faculty from each segment of public higher education, and currently the ASCSU has one more faculty member to appoint. We are seeking a faculty member from the southern part of the state to complement our existing CSU members (Lawrence Hanley from SFSU and Diego Bonilla from Sacramento) and project director (Kathy Harris from SJSU). I will put out a call to the ASCSU and campus senate chairs shortly. Please help us build a strong pool to complete the CSU contingent by sharing the call for nominations or applying yourself. The faculty member appointed will receive 6 WTUs for fall 2014, and we expect the project to continue for two additional years with 3 or 6 WTUs each semester. Please contact Diana Guerin if interested.

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

Faculty Trustee Legislative Proposal

At its January meeting, the CSU Board of Trustees approved the system's legislative agenda for this year, which included the ASCSU request for legislation to ensure the continuous presence of a faculty trustee. Karen Yelverton Zamarripa and Andy Martinez in the Sacramento CSU Office of Advocacy and State Relations are working with ASCSU on this effort, which will hopefully conclude with success in fall 2014. As of this time, we know the bill is AB 2324 authored by Assemblymember Das Williams.

CSU Budget Advocacy by Joint Stakeholders

Senator Tom Krabacher (Sacramento) has been attending the joint stakeholder meetings (including student leaders, unions, ASCSU, and others) organized by the CSU Office of Advocacy and State Relations. This is a concerted effort to lobby for \$95 million in additional funding in the State Legislature on top of the \$142 million increase in Governor Brown's January budget plan. The CSU Board of Trustees requested an augmentation of about \$240 million in its budget proposal. Senators, please contact your campus government relations staff if you are able to make district calls/visits to help with this effort. Our Fiscal and Governmental Affairs Committee will visit Sacramento on April 22nd. Tom and I gave testified at the budget hearing last week, along with several other CSU advocates.

Online Education Legislative Briefing

Working with Speaker Perez's staff, Vice Chair Filling and I organized a legislative briefing in the Capitol on February 12th involving faculty and students of the three segments of higher education. The briefing focused on student and faculty perspectives on online instruction, research on student success, examples of online courses, and trends within each segment. Many thanks to Senator Benavides for discussing his online course through a live video conference. Professor Vikki Costa from CSU Fullerton presented the research on student success. Vice Chair Filling brought all the IT and gave a presentation on comparative costs of online and traditional instruction, and I discussed trends. CSSA's Anthony Gibson gave a great presentation on the CSSA Online White Paper. We appreciate the support of Speaker Perez and his staff member Monica Henestroza in planning and publicizing the event.

CSU Student Re-Envisioning Committee

The purpose of this committee is "to support the strategic vision for a "world-class student system" that supports the CSU Graduation Initiative, facilitates student success, enhances student satisfaction, and assists academic decision making." Senator Catherine Nelson and I represent the CSU on this committee. On 2/17/14, we provided comments on a draft report, which was organized from the four perspectives: Students; Faculty; Staff and Administrators; and External Stakeholders. Consistent themes included ease of access, security, portability across multiple devices/platforms, accurate and readily-available data. The committee agreed another draft was needed.

Academic Conference and Retreat 2014 Update

The CSU Academic Conference and Retreat is scheduled to be held on November 13-14, 2014 at the Hilton Long Beach. The theme is "It's All about Our Students." This event is hosted by Chancellor White. Members-at-Large Susan Gubernat and Darlene Yee-Melichar are working with me to plan the agenda, using information collected by Secretary Brodowsky in a focus group at our November 2013 plenary.