

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

March 13, 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. The Executive Committee has continued to monitor the budget. We believe that continuing efforts by individual senators to conserve resources and reduced Executive Committee participation at Board of Trustees meetings will allow us to continue normal operations through the summer.

### **2. Executive Director Search/ASCSU Office Management**

- a. The Executive Director Search was suspended during the budget uncertainty.
- b. Tracy Butler has been appointed Interim Program Director.
- c. Sharon Van Steenwyk has assumed additional office responsibilities.
- d. Yvonne Benavides from Academic Affairs will be providing support during plenaries and interim committee meetings.

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

- a. Our segment is chairing the group this year.
- b. A meeting was held on February 26<sup>th</sup>. Agenda items included.
  - i. Segment reports, with an emphasis on budget impacts.
    1. The UC is withdrawing their support for CSU authorization for an independent DNP.
  - ii. Transfer Issues
    1. The new intersegmental task force.
    2. Impaction/redirection
    3. LDTP, C-ID updates
    4. Transfer White Paper
  - iii. ICAS By-laws
  - iv. Planning for ICAS Leg Day (April 13)
  - v. Textbook Affordability
  - vi. Potential increase in math requirements in the "a-g" high school course pattern.
  - vii. Potential intersegmental cooperation on
    1. Enrollment management
    2. Financial aid and affordability messaging
    3. Accessibility
- c. The new IGETC Standards Review Committee met for the first time this month. Agenda items include:
  - i. The location of the official IGETC website.
  - ii. Unit values for transfer English courses (out of state).
  - iii. Correlation of International Baccalaureate standards between CSU GE Area-Breadth and IGETC.
  - iv. GE certification/partial certification (designations on transcripts).
  - v. Foreign language credit when the languages are not taught on a sending or receiving campus.

- vi. Effective start dates for articulation.
- 4. **WASC:** Following in Past Chair Pasternack's footsteps, I was a member of the planning committee for the upcoming WASC Academic Resource Conference to be held April 15-18. There is usually high participation from the CSU at this conference.
- 5. **Appointments:** The Executive Committee appointed faculty representatives to the following initiatives.
  - a. Executive Vice Chancellor Search Committee
  - b. CSU Select Committee on Mental Health Services
  - c. Intersegmental Transfer Task Force
  - d. ATI Leadership Council
  - e. EdD Review Committee
  - f. C-ID Project
  - g. GE Course Review Subcommittee
- 6. **Technology:** The ASCSU Chair serves as co-chair of the Academic Technology Advisory Committee (ATAC) and on the newly-constituted Academic Technology Steering Committee (ATSC). Both meet regularly, primarily in a virtual mode. The main issues before these groups are
  - a. Facilitation of on-line degree programs.
  - b. Course redesign.
  - c. Learning Management Systems.
- 7. **Other Functions as Chair**
  - a. The ASCSU chair attends the dinner for Board members and presidents in conjunction with the Board meeting.
  - b. For the first time, a majority of the Executive Committee met with CSU leadership to go over the Board agenda and relevant ASCSU resolutions via technology. We also met with CSSA to review their resolutions and ours, primarily via technology.
  - c. Beginning with the Board meeting last May, the ASCSU has given a formal oral report to the Board during its meetings.
  - d. I attended the January meeting of CSSA and will attend the March meeting immediately following the March plenary. The students continue to work on reorganization of CSSA. There is a hope that all campuses will have full participation. Textbook affordability and fees are two issues of particular interest.
  - e. I am grateful to the other members of the Executive Committee for assuming liaison responsibilities to groups such as CSSA, the alumni, CFA, and the retired faculty. We have attempted to share assignments while being mindful of budget constraints.
  - f. All four ASCSU representatives, including the chair, participated in the Systemwide Budget Advisory Committee Meeting on February 25<sup>th</sup>.
  - g. On the day before the interim committee meetings, I split time between the Campus Senate Chairs Council, the GE Advisory Committee and the LDTP Steering Committee.
  - h. I attended the February 6<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Intersegmental Coordinating Committee. This is a group with representatives from many education groups.
  - i. I continue to attend Academic Council meetings. The last meeting was on February 12-13 in San Francisco. The next meeting will be on April 2<sup>nd</sup> at LAX.