

ASCSU Chair John Tarjan's Report for January 2010

March 8, 2010

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 Update**—While it is difficult to ascertain exactly how many dollars have been expended/committed to travel to date across the campuses, it is clear that the Senate budget will “down to the wire” this year. Any efforts that individual Senators can undertake to conserve on travel-related expenses will continue to be appreciated
2. **Intersegmental Committee of Academic Senates (ICAS)**
 - a. **Advocacy Task Force**
 - i. I am serving as chair of this task force. We have met virtually and some of the ICAS meeting in February was devoted to advocacy, with governmental relations leaders from the UC and CSU joining us.
 - ii. An advocacy brochure has been finalized and we are planning to print enough to distribute copies to each member of the legislature, approximately 10 to each UC, CSU and CCC campus and have enough left for distribution to segment senates.
 - iii. We hope to utilize CCC district level efforts at advocacy to include students and faculty from all three segments in local district advocacy.
 - iv. We are working on a joint letter to editors across the state.
 - v. Prior to our February meeting, the three senate heads and student leaders from the three segments joined together in an historic advocacy effort at the capitol. I personally participated in seven visits.
 - b. **Master Plan**
 - i. I attended the Master Plan hearing on February 2nd and had a chance to present perspectives on the potential impacts of eliminating lower-division courses in the CSU.
 - ii. ICAS has developed a couple of position papers relevant to the Master Plan to share with legislators.
 - iii. The three segment senate heads will be testifying on March 10th. A major focus will be on transfer issues. Segment governmental affairs leaders are also trying to schedule a meeting with the senate heads and several legislators to talk about transfer.
 - c. **IGETC Standards Review Committee**—a referral has been made to the committee to investigate the feasibility/desirability of exploring increased alignment of IGETC and CSU Area-Breadth requirements for transfer students.
3. **Other Functions as Chair**
 - a. **Liaison to outside groups.** I attended the following meetings since our last plenary.
 - i. CSSA (in Bakersfield for the first time in years!)
 - ii. Campus Senate Chairs
 - iii. CFA Board

- b. **Other committees.** As ASCSU Chair, I serve on the following committees/groups that met since our last plenary either as a member or liaison. Some of the groups have met multiple times. All but two of the meetings were virtual.
- i. Academic Council
 - ii. ICAS
 - iii. ICAS Advocacy Task Force
 - iv. ICAS Chairs
 - v. ATSC
 - vi. ATAC
 - vii. Early Start Task Force
 - viii. Trustees Honorary Doctorate Subcommittee (with Vice Chair Cheyne)
 - ix. Facilities Naming Committee
 - x. COMPASS
- c. The ASCSU Chair attends BOT meetings and reports to the Board.