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**ASCSU Chair's Report**  
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**Resolution on Engineering Unit Cap Exception Requests**

Communications pertaining to the follow up by Executive Committee, Trustee Stepanek, and AA Chair Chris Miller on the Chancellor's Office response to AS-3158-13/AA, Recommendation to Amend Title 5 to Re-Establish Appropriate Unit Limits for Engineering Executive Committee have been shared with the ASCSU and campus senate chairs. Chancellor White forwarded more details about the advisory group to us, and the memo was sent to senators last evening.

**California Open Education Resource Council (COERC)**

Many thanks to those who shared the call for applicants from Southern California campuses for the third CSU faculty member to serve on COERC. We have a good sized pool of applicants by the deadline on March 18<sup>th</sup>. Executive Committee will meet via teleconference in early April to complete the appointment process.

**Meeting with CO Communications (3/3/14)**

Campus updates of the [Outstanding Faculty](#) website on the system website were due March 15<sup>th</sup>. The list of campus-wide annual faculty recognition awards has increased from 77 in October 2013 to 92 in March 2014. I appreciate the work of Faculty Affairs Committee in reviewing the awards submitted by the campuses. The ASCSU staff (Tracy Butler and Carrie Kato) are instrumental in working with the campuses on their submissions. The CO Communications staff are unwavering in their support, and the campus public affairs/information staff are increasingly involved. I understand that efforts are underway to spotlight the outstanding staff of the CSU, as well.

**Meeting with Faculty Development Council (3/6/14)**

Given that ASCSU's primary purpose is to promote academic excellence, I have reached out to the Faculty Development Council to see how we might work together. I have been invited to present a liaison report and participate in their meeting annually. Discussed at the March meeting was the recently announced call for proposals developed by Gerry Hanley (ASCSU Executive Committee and FDC Council members provided input). Faculty developers also shared campus programs/practices. Campus resources committed to faculty development seem to vary considerably, and this may be something that one or more of our standing committees might investigate.

**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

### **Academic Council Meeting (March 12-13, 2014)**

This is the meeting of the provosts and CO Academic Affairs. Topics included Extended Education “supplant” language, Graduation Initiative, Enrollment Bottlenecks, Student Engagement, Legislative Update, International Programs audit, and the Student-Re-Envisioning Task Force. Nancy Shulock, Director of the [Institute for Higher Education Leadership and Policy \(iHELP\)](#), gave a presentation on transfer degree implementation (report forthcoming) and meeting public needs through California higher education (see “Average Won’t Do” report on iHELP website).

I reported on our recent resolutions, resolutions we will consider at our March plenary, COERC progress, legislative activities including AB 2324 on faculty trustee, and March 15<sup>th</sup> deadline for updating the Outstanding Faculty website.

### **SB 1440 Implementation Oversight Committee Meeting (3/17/14)**

Generally speaking, this is the meeting of the system level faculty and administration from CCC and CSU involved in the associate degree transfer (ADT) legislation. Jim Postma and Mark Van Selst, our ASCSU representatives, will probably have a report for the plenary. A few items of note from my perspective: (1) we are nearing completion of the majors for which TMCs/ADTs will be developed, and I believe I heard that these degrees encompass about 90% of transfer students based on recent transfer data; (2) the CCCs conferred about 5300 ADTs in the last year; CSU admitted all (just over 900) transfers who had an ADT (well, perhaps except one student who did not meet transfer GPA minimum); (3) the faculty on the Intersegmental Curriculum Workgroup are exploring how to implement SB 440 (ADTs for CCC areas of emphasis); (4) the CCCs have created about 70% of the number of ADTs that they set as a goal.

### **Joint Lobby Day (3/18/14)**

Chancellor White invited Lillian Taiz (CFA), Pat Gantt (CSUEU), Sarah Couch (CSSA), and I to lobby with him in the Capitol in support of the BOT budget request, which is \$95 mil higher than the \$142 mil augmentation provided by the governor. We were asked about the student success fees at some of the campuses. Campus teams were also making the rounds.

### **Faculty Trustee Legislative Proposal**

The bill is AB 2324 authored by Assemblymember Das Williams. It has been assigned a committee hearing date of April 1<sup>st</sup>, and I will go to the hearing to speak in support if needed.

### **Academic Conference 2014 Update**

The CSU Academic Conference 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. We are in the process of inviting keynote speakers.

### **Executive Committee Meeting (3-19-14)**

- We consulted with Extended Executive Committee on a request for a standing committee on Academic Freedom. We agree that current events reveal a number of challenges to academic freedom, as discussed at our last plenary by Hank Reichman in his AAUP liaison report. We encouraged the Faculty Affairs Committee to use a subcommittee to work on academic freedom issues or to request a special committee (see ASCSU Bylaw 4) be formed in their annual report to Executive Committee filed in June. That request would be handled by next year’s Executive Committee.
- CSSA asked the ASCSU Chair to speak in favor of the CSSA request on the Board of Trustee (BOT) agenda for a voluntary statewide student involvement and representation fee (\$2 each

student, assessed twice per year). CSSA President Sarah Couch and Director Miles Nevin met with Executive Committee yesterday. After consulting with the standing committees through our liaisons yesterday, Executive Committee voted to support the CSSA request for support at the BOT. This means that, if recognized at the BOT, I will give ASCSU support for the CSSA request for a \$4/year voluntary fee to fund systemwide student involvement and representation.

- Executive Committee polled standing committees on budget priorities to include in ASCSU budget request for next year, which will be submitted in the next several weeks. Consensus about high priority items to include in the request are additional funding for hosting meeting of the Intersegmental Committee of Academic Senates (ICAS), which we host every third year; inflation (travel and hotel expenses, in particular, are increasing); summer stipends for Executive Committee (which were traditionally given but have been cut in the last few years), assigned time for senators (third senator, first year senators). The latter items were reduced or eliminated in the past several years due to cuts in state funding.
- We expect to bring forward resolutions of commendation for Trustee Linscheid, Trustee Hauck, and also a resolution supporting AB 2324 on the faculty trustee. We have the second reading of AS-3160-14/EX/FA, Selection of Faculty Representatives in Shared Governance.
- We are seeking senators' input on the election process at the Organizational Meeting in May.
  
- Responses to January 2014 ASCSU resolutions are available on our website [\[click here for pdf\]](#).
- The ASCSU [Faculty-to-Faculty](#) newsletter is available. Please encourage distribution/subscription to your campus faculty and administration.