

Chair's Report October 30, 2012

Plenary Schedule

- Senators on Academic Technology Advisory Committee (ATAC), please recall that we meet Wednesday, November 7th from 9:00 am - 11:00 am.
- Standing Committees meet Wednesday, November 7th from 11:00 am - 5:00 pm. You have time Thursday morning until 10 am if you need additional time.
- Extended Executive and Executive Committees will meet from 8:00 am until 9:00 am on Wednesday, November 7th. Executive Committee continues its meeting (following ATAC) from 11:00 am until 5:00 pm.
- All senators: The plenary is scheduled Thursday, November 8th from 10:00 am – 5:00 pm and Friday, November 9th from 8:00 am – 3:00 pm.
- Academic Affairs Committee is hosting the social on Thursday, November 8th from 5:00 pm – 6:45 pm. All are invited.
- Executive Committee will meet Friday from 3:30 pm-4:30 pm for the agenda-setting meeting with CO leadership.

Announcements

- Two newly-elected senators join us at our next meeting: Lillian Castaneda (Channel Islands) and Andrea Boyle (San Francisco). Welcome!
- Many thanks to Steven Stepanek, Sandra Chong, and Michael Hoggan for organizing the “Funding the Future of the CSU” Symposium on October 11th and inviting the ASCSU to co-sponsor. The resources and conversations were very stimulating and future-oriented, and we look forward to the symposium report and transcripts. The website developed to document this and prior similar events is truly an impressive resource. See www.csun.edu/csufuture.
- I'd like to recognize Chris Miller, Glen Brodowsky, Tracy Butler, and all who contributed to the first issue of our newsletter, Faculty to Faculty. I received several positive comments from faculty. November's issue will launch a new web-based format. Interested individuals will be able to subscribe for direct delivery.
- Many of us attended Gerry Hanley's support sessions on using Elluminate for the October interims. Gerry followed up with updated participant and moderator guides, which I sent to you on 10/27. Thank you, Gerry!
- The Board of Trustees agenda for November should be posted this Friday at www.calstate.edu/bot/agendas.

- To date, seven campuses have voted affirmatively for the ASCSU Constitutional amendment adding academic freedom to our mission (Fullerton, San Marcos, Pomona, Stanislaus, Chico, San Luis Obispo, Dominguez Hills).
- The Faculty Trustee Recommending Committee must be formed and a timeline set to solicit candidates from campuses. Amir Dabirian from CSU Fullerton will assist with the voting using clickers on Thursday afternoon. Please read the [document](#) guiding this process.
- Our sustainability initiative to reduce the amount of paper used during our plenary went well in September, so we will continue to use electronic copies of resolutions delivered through the ascsu listserve. We received a few suggestions, and these will be incorporated. Thank you for your support.

American Association of University Professors Conference

Trustee Cheyne, CFA President Lillian Taiz, and I made a presentation (“What’s Going on in California? An Update on the California State University from Three Faculty Leaders”) at the AAUP Conference this past week. We described the ASCSU, Board of Trustees, and CFA organizations; gave an update on the CSU; and then discussed our perspective on how each of our organizations responded to the following: Ballot propositions, administrative/executive searches, curricular directives, and recent legislation. We concluded with suggestions about how we move forward: fresh start with new leadership, operationalizing shared governance, creating a unified faculty voice/system voice when possible, and identifying joint priorities to support the mission of the CSU. The first session I attended was on making senates more effective; some of my comments were mentioned in [Inside Higher Ed](#).

Chancellor Search and Outcome

UC Riverside Chancellor Tim White was named the next CSU Chancellor on October 4th. I believe ASCSU recommendations to the Search Committee about the qualifications of the new chancellor (experience leading an institution of higher education, academically qualified to meet tenure standards, record of shared governance) and the inclusion of an advisory committee were incorporated. The search process was not as transparent as we requested. However, as I reported to you after the interview process that Jim Postma and I were invited to participate in on October 3rd, the advisory committee and (we subsequently learned) the Board were unanimous in the selection of Chancellor Tim White. We have invited Chancellor White to meet with ASCSU as soon as possible.

Intersegmental Committee of the Academic Senates (ICAS)

The Academic Senate Executive Committees of the UC, CSU, and CCC (California Community Colleges) meet approximately every two months; the chairs communicate via teleconference more frequently. We developed three op-ed pieces supporting Proposition 30 from the three senate chairs ([one has been published to date](#)). ICAS is charged with administration of the California Open Education Resources Council as a result of the passage of SB 1052. We have begun conversations to determine how to

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progress on this and the related SB 1053 (digital library). UC is worried about the depth of content in Statway; a group to examine this is proposed. At our next meeting, we will have MOOCs (massive open online courses) on our agenda. State leaders from the [Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium](#) discussed the upcoming assessment being developed for 11th graders. Higher education faculty will need to be involved. ICAS will be looking at how the Common Core standards connect with [ICAS Competency Statements](#).

I believe you have received updates through the listserve from other senators regarding Cal State Online, SB 1440, the Council of Library Deans, Early Start, and other systemwide efforts. I look forward to seeing you next week!

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