Academic Affairs (AA) Committee

MINUTES

Friday October 25, 2019; 11:00am-2:00pm

Zoom Meeting

http://www.calstate.edu/AcadSen/Committees/Academic_Affairs/index.shtml

1. Welcome; Call to Order; Roll Call
The meeting was called to order at 11:00am. Chair Schlievert welcomed everyone. In attendance were Senators Schlievert (Chair), Millar (Vice Chair), Butler-Byrd, Csomay, Rodan, Soni, Stambough, Van Selst, Urey, and AVC Wrynn.

2. Approval of Agenda
http://www.calstate.edu/AcadSen/Committees/academic_affairs/agendas.shtml
The Agenda was approved.

3. Approval of Minutes
The Minutes from 9/18/2019 were approved.

4. Campus and Member Announcements

5. Chair’s Report
Extended Executive Committee Report: Chancellor’s search committee is in development, and the BOT is collecting information. There will be a Trustee committee and an advisory committee. ASCSU will put forward two people for the committee (Chair Nelson and another senator).

The senate Exec is looking at issues within the GE report, and EVC Blanchard is considering doing a “listening time” about GE.

Senator Van Selst reported that some CID courses don’t have CID reviewers; some courses have been sitting in cue for a long time. We discussed the review process. Could reviews take place on the CSU campus, including faculty and community college representatives? Would it include compensation and other incentives? How would it be structured?

Lumina is offering certificates in lieu of a degree. This will be discussed at our future meetings.

Committee Chairs of ASCSU will summarize resolutions that have been written by their committee.
Conversations about AB1460: There were mixed messages and questions. Dr. Weber has stated that her bill will go to the Senate floor; CFA concurred. The CSU senate and campuses will continue to monitor this.

6. Liaison Reports
   Chancellor’s Office (CO) Liaisons

   - Dr. Wrynn is still in the process of collecting cultural diversity requirements and ethnic studies updates from the campuses. She observed that campuses have done a lot that addresses the Ethnic Studies Task Force Report. Discussion included how will the different data be collected, interpreted, and combined; how to use the dashboard to keep information public; and diversity might be used to dilute the issue of ethnic studies. The Chancellor’s office is opposed to the legislature dictating curriculum and is working to get Senator Pan information.

   - Executive Committee (Exec) Liaison: Senator Darlene Yee Melichar
     Stakeholder advisory committee is being developed to consider qualities and characteristics of a chancellor; they need the names of two senators by Nov. 6. BOT Chair Day has a committee of 7 trustees. The question for AA is how to go about selecting 2 senators to sit on this committee. One example is the ASCSU chair and immediate past chair. The ASCSU bylaws do not say how to approach the search of a chancellor or the representation of ASCSU. Could ASCSU have a full vote from the whole body for the second representative? The AA committee, by a majority, asked that the second member of the advisory committee be elected from the ASCSU and by the ASCSU.

     AB1460 update: Jerry Schutte presented background and information. Dr. Weber is moving forward; she may not need to make amendments.

     There are a variety of referrals to AA including the Lumina certificate programs and the interface with degree programs; APEP and FGA also are addressing this.

     Resolution summaries will be made to share with the BOT.

     ASCSU Travel budget: $50,000 added in September, but much will be used for increased costs.

     The formation of an ad hoc Inclusive Excellence Committee will be shared at November meeting.

     Senators Yee Melichar and Norman are looking for mentors for new senators. They will arrange “dine arounds “ for after the socials on Thursdays.

     Standing committee forms will be put on line for completion in May.

7. Systemwide Committee and Task Force Reports
   http://www.calstate.edu/AcadSen/Committees/SystemwideCommList.shtml
Reports may be found in our AA Committee Dropbox:
7.1. Committee on Academic Technology and Online Education (Celly, Rodan) Not met.
7.2. Course Identification Numbering Project (C-ID) (Van Selst) Met (see Item 5).
7.3. Disabilities Advisory Committee (Millar, Stambough, Urey) Not met.
7.4. Commission on Extended University (Sonni) Not met.
7.5. General Education Advisory Committee (GEAC) (Csomay, Schlievert, Stambough, Van Selst) Met. GEAC is asking campuses for feedback about programmatic assessments and how to build intentionality into GE. For a once a year review, should there be an appeals process for these reviews?
7.6. Information Technology Advisory Committee (ITAC) (Rodan) Met. There are concerns about data security, a move to have multifactorial authentication, ADA compliance, and a move to institute a new system for hiring. Some campuses have adopted software, for example eHiring. These will be replaced by software from the CO. CO needs to let faculty hirers know so that they can learn the software.
7.7. Institute for Teaching and Learning (ITL) Advisory Board (Butler-Byrd, Celly, Ullman) Not met.
7.8. International Programs, Academic Counsel (liaison) (Csomay) Not met.
7.9. Student Mental Health Services Advisory Committee (Butler-Byrd, Millar) Met. They discussed grants to campuses, the Intersegmental meeting in Feb 2020, and some national interest in moving to outsource mental health services.
7.10. Summer Arts Advisory Council (Schlievert) is meeting in November to address dates and how to keep enrollment up.

8. Resolutions
http://www.calstate.edu/AcadSen/Records/Resolutions/

AS3397: We are waiting for additional data and will develop the resolution at our next meeting.

AS3401: Senator Rodan has reordered the resolved section and suggests the resolution is an attempt to understand what has been done and where we are going regarding ethnic studies. Discussion included looking at summarizing data coming in; this resolution might be redundant after looking at the data. Senator Rodan moved to formally table AS 3401 for now.

For the next meeting, we will write assessable learning outcomes, and those would be a system requirement. We divided into work groups to look at the data coming in, to assess system requirements, and to develop learning outcomes. We will include members of the Ethnic Studies Council in our discussions.

9. Discussion Items (see Dropbox for materials)
Discussion Items: Read them, and we will address at the November meeting.

10. Review of Chancellor’s Office Response to ASCSU Resolutions
No responses at this time.
http://www.calstate.edu/AcadSen/Records/Resolutions/co_response/index.shtml

11. New Business
The CO is monitoring campuses regarding safety, fire, water, and smoke.

12. Adjournment was at 2 p.m.