

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, May 18, 2016
8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Munitz Room

1. Call to Order

With a quorum being present, the meeting was called to order.

2. Attendance

- a. Extended Exec time certain 8:30-10:00 - The following ASCSU ExCom members were in attendance: Steven Filling (Chair), Christine Miller (Vice Chair), Robert Keith Collins (Secretary), Steven Stepanek (Faculty Trustee).
- b. The following ASCSU Standing Committee Chairs were in attendance: Manzar Foroohar (Chair, FA), Denise Fleming (APEP), Tom Krabacher (FGA), Catherine Nelson (Academic Affairs), Tracy Butler, Academic Senate Office.
- c. Absent/Excused: Praveen Soni (At-Large), Darlene Yee-Melichar (At-Large).

3. Leo Van Cleve 11:00 time certain

With a time certain reached, ExCom met with Director Van Cleve. He discussed and reported on current workings with legislative staff. Four-year graduation rates, technology, performance-based funding, and teacher education have all been of central concern. EVC Blanchard sent a memo on how a CSU working group will be convened to reach the new graduation initiative targets. The request invited three ASCSU senators to work on this group. The May revise did not include specific enrollment numbers and this enables the CO to discuss strategies on how to achieve targets. Money has been requested for summer stipends and summer travel for this working group. On the subject of teacher preparation, integrated baccalaureate teacher preparation is now being discussed. Current integrated programs have not been popular on campuses, as teacher pay is of concern and issue for many students. 25 million one-time dollars have been allocated. The plan will be discussed in June at the BoT for potential approval in November. The budget (k-12 section) allows for the development of such programs. The underlining assumption is that the integrated baccalaureate would be a 120-unit degree. Director Van Cleve also reported that there is a suggestion of performance based funding and the allocation of more money would follow specific initiatives and state priorities. Four-year graduation rates, bottlenecks, and super seniors are of interest to the BoT and would be reviewed. The Academic Conference is also of interest. Chair Filling offered Director Van Cleve an update on important issues that ExCom is engage in. The following concerns and questions were raised:

- a. Dates for the Chancellor's availability for the Academic Conference are being discussed.
- b. Will Chancellor White devote time to discussions of shared governance during the plenary?
- c. It is important to pay attention to what is going well with student success.
- d. It is important to remember that the DOE meeting is 9:00a.m.-noon and the Quantitative Reasoning Task Force will meet from noon – 3:00p.m. It is important to save time in mid-June for a possible revision. Recommendations will be done by mid-June and sent to the new Executive Committee. The focus will be on what students should know and initiate conversations with k-12 and stakeholders for a comprehensive implementation discussion.
- e. It is important to take into consideration faculty grading scales when discussing the C/C- issue.
- f. Is it possible to have Director Van Cleve attend the Academic Conference planning meetings?

4. Approval of Agenda

The Agenda was approved.

5. Approval of Minutes

8 April Zoom meeting - The Minutes were approved.

6. Announcements

- a. At-Large Senator Soni will be absent due to graduation commitment. At-Large Senator Yee-Melichar will be absent due to a family emergency. Senator Fleming announced and discussed the importance of monitoring shared governance concerns raised by the faculty at CSU East Bay.

7. Reports

Chair

Chair Filling reported on the Chancellor's responses to the resolutions passed during the last plenary. Central in this discussion was the need for greater critical thinking within the CSU on the meaning of higher education and student achievement. Chair Filling also reported that Chancellor White has agreed to a discussion on Student Success and that the Academic Affairs Committee (AA) would be involved. Central in this discussion would be the roles that shared governance/ shared leadership could play to ensure student achievement. Extended ExCom were reminded that committee preference forms would be distributed to all ASCSU Senators. Chair Filling further reported that a Quantitative Reasoning Task Force meeting would occur on May 31, 2016 in the Munitz Room. Representatives from the federal government would be in attendance and would meet the task force between 9:00a.m. and noon. The Quantitative Reasoning Task Force Report would be of central focus in the discussion. The task force would continue until mid-June

and an additional mid-June meeting is being considered. Chair Filling also reported that Executive Vice Chancellor Blanchard and Vice Chancellor Lamb were consulted regarding Tenure Density. The Task Force would be constituted and would consist of three representatives from the CFA, three from the ASCSU, campus presidents, provosts and AVPs of Academic Affairs, representatives from the Chancellor's Office, including EVC Blanchard, and AVC Merryfield, for a total of thirteen. The charge and data types to be used would be discussed during the first meeting. The draft charge would be sent out as soon as it is completed. Sacramento is also interested in the discussion of tenure density. Chair Filling further reported that on the subject of Academic Freedom and Intellectual Property, there seems to be support from campuses on overarching practices that address concerns. There is also much support for discipline councils. It is important that instructional faculty engage in discussion of what works and what does not. This would be an effort to create innovation from the "middle". Chair Filling further reported that meetings with Chancellor White and the cabinet have been scheduled for 2016-2017. Chancellor White would attend the Academic Senate meetings and alternate between meetings with the ASCSU and the ASCSU chair/Executive Committee. State advocacy representatives at the CSU have not offered talking points to ensure consistency in communication with Sacramento and these should continue to be pursued. Garret Ashley, Advancement and Government Relations would be consulted. It is important that the next ASCSU chair and ExCom follow up on this. Lastly, Chair Filling reported that Kathleen Chavira had been appointed the new Assistant Vice Chancellor for Advocacy and State Relations. The Campus Climate, Civility Policy, and Ethnic Studies Task Force Report information is being awaited. The Ethnic Studies Task Force Report should be made public in June. SB 1450 Glazer, California Promise, did not leave the Education Committee in Sacramento. The bill's impacts on underrepresented minorities and the tuition freeze would continue to be discussed, as it seems to lead in role changes for the CCC. Amendments to the bill are desired by Thursday and FGA would take this up as an agenda item. On the subject of budget, it is important to share the information. These discussions must be a two way street. The following concerns and questions were raised:

- a. What are the goals of the discussion?
- b. It is important to discuss current initiatives.
- c. It is possible that matrices would be foci of discussion?
- d. Is a resolution on shared governance still necessary?
- e. It is important that matrices are grounded in observable behaviors.
- f. It is important to consider the usage of shared governance in common discourse, rather than shared leadership.
- g. It is important to stress faculty consultation during the discussion with the Chancellor.
- h. Is the Tenure Density Task Force still under negotiation? Could this task force be used as an example of academic freedom?
- i. Is it possible to invited AVC Chavira to the fall plenary?

Vice Chair

Vice Chair Miller would offer a report at a future meeting.

- a. Liaison reports from committees [time certain 4:00]

Academic Affairs (AA)

Chair Nelson reported that AA would focus on three issues. AA would discuss the change in the minimum grade for the golden four. Former GEAC Chair, Senator Mark Van Selst would be consulted. AA would also discuss the need for a resolution for electronic library resources that calls for an increase in funding from \$2.5 to \$7.5 million. The budget has been static for ten years. Student success would also be discussed. The following concerns and questions were raised:

- a. Will this increase cover Lexus-Nexus?
- b. On the C- issue, it is possible for the discussion of C- to be a separate resolution from that on consultation? This would enable discussions of grade and process to gain the attention of different stakeholders?

Academic Preparation and Education Programs (APEP)

Chair Fleming reported that this would conclude her two-year service as committee chair. A consolidation of the gains made by APEP would be on the agenda. APEP would engage in discussion of The Quantitative Reasoning Task Force and the role of computer science as math. APEP would suggest that collaborations continue with the General Education Advisory Committee (GEAC) next year. APEP would also discuss the importance of access and the recent discussion given by Deborah David, Senior Advisor for Liberal Learning Partnerships. APEP would encourage the next APEP to consider the need for a renewal of a thread between academic preparation and teacher preparation. Chair Fleming would further recommend that Ken O'Donnell, Senior Director of Student Engagement and Ed Sullivan, Assistant Vice Chancellor of Research and Resources to continue meeting with both APEP and GEAC. Lastly, Chair Fleming reported that the Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC) remains in flux and the new standards for English learners would be discussed. The call for pre-K and transitional kindergarten may require a resolution from the next APEP committee that speaks to academic education preparation in these areas. The following concerns and questions were raised:

- a. What is the link between APEP and the discussion of fulfilling the Oral Communication requirement online?
- b. Is it possible for APEP to think about modality issues in online education?
- c. It is important to pay attention to this press for online preparation and the equity issues that may arise.
- d. Will the teacher shortage be on your agenda? It is important to remind stakeholders that the ASCSU is paying attention to this critical issue. What is it that APEP needs to recommend to address the teacher shortage?
 - i. Is it possible to fold teacher preparation into the baccalaureate degree?

Faculty Affairs (FA)

Chair Foroohar reported that FA would discuss the resolution In Support of Increased Funding for the Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activities (RCSA) Program. This resolution will appear at plenary in Second Reading. FA would also continue discussion of the Background Check Policy. Revisions have been made and the new document is an improvement over the old policy. “Sensitive positions” have been defined; however, the faculty is still given a blanket background check requirement. This seems to be a contradiction that the committee will discuss. Chair Foroohar further reported that FA would continue discussing the Academic Freedom policy and CFA President Eagan would be consulted. The Chancellor’s response to the resolution on Shared Governance would also be discussed. The following concerns and questions were raised:

- a. Will FA discuss the Executive Order on smoking?

Fiscal and Governmental Affairs (FGA)

Chair Krabacher reported that FGA would examine two resolutions: Resolution Regarding Evaluation of Online Teaching and Commendation in Honor of Trustee Lou Monville. FGA would also meet with Christian Osmena, California Department of Finance. Chair Krabacher also reported that the Smarter Balance Assessments Committee (SBAC) met yesterday and the presentation would be circulated. This presentation addressed the May revise and potential impacts on the CSU budget. After lunch the committee would meet with AVC Merryfield, Academic Human Resources for a follow-up on the Tenure Density Task Force. Legislation tracking would also be discussed. FGA would continue to review the bill priority list. Three other bills would be examined for potential impacts on the CSU. SB 1450 Glazer would also be examined. Chair Krabacher further reported that there is the possibility that this bill could be amended and brought back under a different number. The amended version of SB 1439 on sexual harassment would also be monitored. These amendments may require contact faculty, administrators, and other stakeholders to report charges that have been sustained. FGA would discuss and examine SB 2386 Williams on the appointment of a staff trustee to the BoT. Part of the bill (section 1-C-3) removes language in AB 2324 (i.e., continuation of the faculty trustee for six months until a new one is appointed.). Lastly, Chair Krabacher reported that red glasses would be the symbol used to encourage additional state support for the CSU and group photos will go out on social media. Campus mascots will go to the state capital to lobby. The following concerns and questions were raised:

- a. Is it possible for APEP to consult with FGA on bills that might impact teacher preparation?

8. Liaison time 3:30 - 4:00: Liaisons met with their committees.

Academic Affairs (AA)

Chair Filling reported for AA Liaison, At-Large Senator Soni, that AA continued to discuss the changes in the minimum grade for the “Golden Four” and resolution drafted Regarding Coded Memorandum ASA-2016-08 “Basic Subject Courses and the Grade of C-”. The committee also discussed carry forwards for 2016-17.

Academic Preparation and Education Programs (APEP)

APEP Liaison, Vice Chair Miller, reported that APEP continued discussion of teacher preparation and the teacher shortage in California. The committee also discussed the resolution drafted on a Call for a Center for Advancement of Instruction in Mathematics.

Faculty Affairs (FA)

FA Liaison, Secretary Collins, reported that FA continued discussion of the implications of the revised Background Check Policy and the resolution In Support of Increased Funding for the Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activities (RSCA) Program. The committee also encouraged ExCom to consider inviting Ms. Tess Ahmed, CFA Research Department Staff to speak at a future plenary in 2016-17.

Fiscal and Governmental Affairs (FGA)

Chair Filling reported for FGA Liaison, At-Large Senator Yee-Melichar, on FGA's continued discussion of legislation, the resolution drafted for Commendation in Honor of Trustee Lou Monville, and a Resolution Regarding Evaluation of Online Teaching.

9. Appointments

- a. *Advisory* Group to Develop New Graduation Initiatives [3] summer 16
- b. *Senator* Jodie Ulman and Senator Mark Van Selst were appointed, and the newly elected ASCSU Chair will serve as well.

10. Old Business

- a. *CO Responses to March resolutions*

Central in this discussion was the need for ongoing addressing of ASCSU concerns, finding common ground with the CO, and ensuring effective communication.

- b. *Sustainable Financial Model draft report update*

Chair Filling and Faculty Trustee Stepanek both reported that the Sustainable Financial Model Task Force has met. Four major discussion points were noted and Faculty Trustee Stepanek would discuss these in his plenary report. Tuition concerns and issues were discussed. There seems to be misunderstandings of the language on planned increases. More predictable amounts were needed to enable students and families to calculate the increases and its impact on their budgets. This mechanism would ensure consistency with the California Promise. The task force also discussed the need for consideration of a different model for SUGS and language clarification. The language on expanding state supported summer sessions was also discussed and needs to be clearer. Lastly, the overall need for the document to be translatable to different stakeholders was examined.

c. *Quantitative Reasoning Task Force - extension*

Central in this discussion was the need to complete recommendations by June 15, 2016. Implementation issues seem to be of interest for various stakeholders and were also discussed.

d. *ASCSU budget report*

Central in this discussion were ASCSU travel concerns. Operating expenses were also discussed. Zoom has enabled under budgeting in several areas and Chair Filling is waiting for the 2016-17 budget request.

e. *Shared Governance Issues [FA]*

Central in this discussion was the possible need for a resolution in response to the CO. Senators would be asked to provide updates on campus based shared governance concerns during plenary. The following concerns and questions were raised:

- i. It is important for the BoT to discuss the behaviors of outgoing presidents.
- ii. It is important for faculty to consider administrative manuals for their campuses and examine best practices and models from other CSU campuses.
- iii. Does the BoT set policy on president behavior or exit interviews?
- iv. It is important to have conversations with the Chancellor so that these concerns and issues can be raised with the Council of Presidents.

f. *Tenure Density*

ExCom discussed the need to make sure that values discussions don't take the place of action.

g. *Academic Freedom [IP]*

Central in this discussion was the task force charge and the need for issuing a call for service to the ASCSU.

h. *Ethnic Studies Report*

The committee discussed the rationale behind the delayed release of the report and its release by the end of the academic year.

i. *Academic Conference Planning*

Discussion centered on the current status of the Academic Conference and speaker fee. Dates would be established after the speaker has been secured.

j. *Group Hotel Rooms*

Discussion centered on the viability of obtaining block rooms in hotels for senators. Senators would be offered a form during plenary that enables the ASCSU office staff to reserve hotel rooms.

11. New Business

a. *Pending Legislation*

Chair Filling discussed his meeting with Senator Bonilla's staff and examination of the access fee bill. There is no effort to create mandates. Amendments to the

bill are in progress and an update would be provided as it becomes available. SB 1450 was also discussed.

- b. *Campus issues [SB, SLO, SM, ST, LB, SD, SF]*
Central in this discussion was the need for senators to offer updates during plenary.
- c. *CSU Budget Advocacy*
Consultation will occur with Garrett Ashley. June 1, 2016 is mascot day and June 2, 2016 is CSU glasses day to show the focus on students. June 15, 2016 is the expected passing of the budget.
- d. *EVC and Chancellor campus visits*
Central in this discussion was the protocol for campus visits, the need for consultation with Academic Senate chairs during visits, and the implications campus visit hold for shared governance.
- e. *ICAS [June meeting]*
This discussion centered on the need for representatives from both the old and new ExCom to attend the upcoming ICAS meeting in Oakland, CA. Suggested ICAS Agenda Items included the Quantitative Reasoning Task Force, budget conversations in Sacramento, and the C/C- issue in the “Golden Four” and the potential impact this change could have on the CCC.
- f. *June meetings attendance [ICC, AAC, Tenure Density]*
Central in this discussion was the need for ICC attendees. Senators Sue Holl, Ken Nishita, and Kevin Baaske would be contact regarding their ability to serve on the Admissions Advisory Council (AAC). ASCSU Senators Tom Norman, Ann Strahm (Stanislaus), Michael Ritter (SF State), Christine Miller (Vice Chair) (Sacramento), and Robert Keith Collins (Secretary) (SF State) were appointed to attend the ITL Summer Institute. ASCSU Diana Guerin (Fullerton), Jerald Schutte (Northridge), and Simone Aloisio (Channel Islands) were appointed to the Tenure Density Task Force.
- g. *Student evaluations of teaching [anonymous vs. confidential]*
This discussion centered on the need to pay attention to the line between student evaluation of teaching and harassment. The suggestion was made that the new ExCom ask FA to be the committee that addresses this issue in 2016-17. It may also be necessary for FA to examine the consistencies and inconsistencies between online versus face-2-face evaluation of teaching.
- h. *Ed Insights letter of support*
Central in this discussion was the potential need for the 2016-17 ExCom to address the letter.
- i. *Carry forward items for next year*
Central in this discussion were the following:
 - i. FA should examine student evaluation of teaching and harassment.

- ii. It is important to examine support of campus senates and shared governance.
 - iii. The Quantitative Reasoning Task Force recommendations need to be examined.
 - iv. A Resolution of Support for the QR Task Force will be necessary in September.
 - v. It is important for APEP to examine the California teacher shortage.
 - vi. It is important for the AAC to meet regularly.
 - vii. A Resolution of Support for the Ethnic Studies Task Force will be necessary in September.
 - viii. It is important to consider the need for a systemwide Financial Aid Commission.
 - ix. It is important to have APEP consider work on the changing demographic of the CSU student.
 - x. It is important to have AA consider work on what kind of student we want to leave the CSU.
- j. *CSU Equity Conference*
Discussion centered on Senator Karen Davis' report and recommendation to invite Ms. Tess Ahmed, CFA Research Department Staff to speak at a 2016-17 plenary.

12. Adjourn

The ASCSU Executive Committee Adjourned at 5:00p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Robert Keith Collins, ASCSU Secretary