



**Academic Senate – California State University
Fiscal and Governmental Affairs Committee (FGA)
Minutes**

Meeting: Wednesday, November 13, 2019

Present: D. Speak, S. Browne, E. Boyd, K. Janousek, E. Klink, C. Ornatowski, B. Pasternack, H. Riggio, J. Schutte, E. Sussman, C. Trevisan, K. Perkins, S. Thomas, B. Steffel, S. Rein (observer)

Meeting called to order: 1100

1. Agenda amended and approved.
2. October 25, 2019, minutes amended and approved.
3. AB1460 / AA Resolution
 - a. Speak: FGA and ASCSU should continue to work to advocate against AB1460.
 - b. Schutte: Bill is “held under submission”. The procedures required to move the bill are unclear. If it does go to the CA Senate it is likely to pass with a supermajority. The ASCSU received a letter from Assemblymember Weber that stated that the courses would not necessarily be taught by Ethnic Studies departments. This should be reflected in any ASCSU resolution. Several legislators are under the impression that CSU faculty support the bill. Campuses should, instead, require appropriate learning outcomes and implement them in ways that best fit individual campuses.
 - c. Speak: It doesn’t appear that the CO’s legislative affairs office is strongly advocating against the bill. S. Thomas: The official CO position is Oppose.
 - d. The primary issues with the bill are legislative intrusion in the curriculum and the limited scope of the fields included in the bill.
 - e. AA resolution on Ethnic Studies will focus on outcomes rather than implementation.
4. Budget Resolution: FGA resolution, “SUPPORT FOR THE CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY (CSU) BOARD OF TRUSTEES (BOT) PROPOSED 2020-21 OPERATING BUDGET REQUEST” was perfected. The committee voted to send the resolution to the body as a First Reading / Waiver item.
5. Old Business
 - a. Legislative Update: ASCSU took positions on 22 legislative bills in 2018-19 of which four were deemed priority. Of the thirteen pieces of legislation that we supported or supported in concept, seven have become law, four were altered, died or dropped, while two continue “Held Under Submission”. Of the 22 bills, twelve went our way (seven passed that we supported or supported in concept and five failed of those we



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opposed or opposed unless amended). Only one was incongruent with our position (AB 467).

- b. December Advocacy trip: On December 10th, Jerry Schutte, David Speak, Catherine Nelson and Rob Collins will travel to Sacramento to meet with Assemblymember Weber regarding AB1460 and to advocate for the CSU budget. The committee suggested a separate meeting with CFA regarding AB1460.

6. New Business

- a. Regarding the BOT agenda item on CSU president compensation compared to comparable campuses: 1. What are the comparable campuses? 2. What are the faculty salaries at those campuses? Comment: that might be a CFA issue rather than ASCSU. K. Perkins will obtain and provide the list of comparable campuses.
- b. The proposed change to the Quantitative Reasoning requirement is an informational item on the BOT agenda. A vote would be taken in January, at the earliest.

7. Senator Beth Steffel, ExComm Liaison:

- a. ExComm has drafted a resolution that would establish an Equity committee.
- b. ExComm is requesting a budget augmentation due to increased travel costs.
- c. The committee preference form will be a digital form starting in the Spring.
- d. Dropbox files will be relabeled and reorganized to make it easier to find items.
- e. The ExComm would support a resolution calling for a 2nd Faculty Trustee.
- f. The ExComm will examine utilizing rank-order elections for ASCSU elections. Online elections could also be considered.

Meeting adjourned at 4:21