

Minutes of the Statewide Academic Senate Plenary Session held September 14-16, 2016

1. 8:00 am. Call to order, Approval of Agenda and Introductions.

2. Campus Updates and Announcements:

a. Campus Updates: 1) Fresno has been named to the top 25 campuses in the U.S. for graduation rates; 2) Stanislaus was rated in the top five universities in the country by NPR for upward mobility; 3) San Bernardino has appointed a new provost; 4) Chico, Sonoma, San Jose and East Bay have installed new Presidents; 5) San Marcos and San Diego were approved by WASC for another 10 years; 6) The Humboldt Senate passed an Intellectual Properties policy, but Presidents were told not to sign any such policy as the Chancellor's Office was working on a system wide version; campus feels in limbo; 7) East Bay appointed a new Provost, elected a lecturer as their Senate President, and faculty Sue Schaeffer was given an outstanding service award; 8) San Francisco's Provost is now a special consultant to the Chancellor's Office.

b. Announcement: Senator Soni conveyed details on the Academic Conference to be held on the afternoon of Feb 9th and all day Feb 10th, at Sacramento State, with the theme of student success and closing achievement gap. Senators, Presidents and Chairs will be in attendance. Details to follow.

3. Senate Standing Committee Reports:

a. Chair's report - Chair Miller reported on meetings attended, during the summer, including Intersegmental Committee of Academic Senates; Academic Council, California State Student Association, Graduation Initiative 2025, Quantitative Task Force and AAUP. The most significant items coming up are the graduation initiative, general education and task forces on Quantitative Reasoning, Intellectual Property and Tenure Density. Priorities are shared governance, faculty advocacy and ASCSU relationship with campus senates.

Additional items included attending emeritus and retired faculty (EFRA) meeting and multiple campus visits. The Executive Committee agenda is posted and involves new senator orientation, appointments (including HR selection committee); student response system (clickers) committee; October legislative hearings on diversity; November plenary guests; intersegmental committee next Friday. Follow ups included, GE with EVP Blanchard, expanding dialogue among BOT and legislature, ASCSU, students, IP policies, with further communication to CO and ASCSU. Questions involved role of ASCSU executive committee with the Chancellor, SUG as related to tenure density and GE. Chair wanted to use same committee model for IP and Academic Freedom, but CO wanted CFA to waive negotiation rights if both CFA and ASCSU are

in the same room. For further reference the complete report can be accessed at the following link: www.calstate.edu/AcadSen/, under Chair's Reports

b. Academic Affairs (AA) - time spent on (two) first read resolutions concerning grading of Golden Four and General Education; also reviewed policy on veteran's affairs, especially receiving credit for prior work.

c. Academic Preparation and Education Program (APEP) - will be sponsoring three resolutions. Spent most of the day on quantitative reasoning task force and teacher credentialing

d. Faculty Affairs (FA) - developed commendation for Lori Lamb and met with Margie Marryfield and Ed Sullivan with respect to tenure density.

e. Fiscal and Governmental Affairs (FGA), debated the need for advocacy in Sacramento vs. locally, decided both are needed with FGA folks making the local contacts, met with CO's Ed Sullivan, received reports from Ryan Storm and Kathleen Chavira. Will be introducing two resolutions having to do with Proposition 55 and ACR 158.

4. **Senate Affiliate Reports:**

a. Faculty Trustee Report: Trustee Stepanek reported he attended 18 campus commencement ceremonies at nine sites, attended June 3rd, Intersegmental governance meeting discussing pathways for major selection for freshmen and sophomores. Follow up meeting will be in San Francisco in January. Upcoming items for the BOT are primarily the budget, particularly accounting for salary increases after this year. Other items are the graduation initiative and sustainability (all kinds, not just economic). Questions involved educating trustees as to GE. Suggestion was made to sponsor a mixer with Trustees. Question was asked of Grad Initiative Report and the \$35 million and online course prep for students. The full report can be accessed at: www.calstate.edu/AcadSen/ under Faculty Trustee Reports

A new Faculty Trustee nominating committee was elected as this is the last term of Faculty Trustee Stepanek. The committee consists of nine members, of which ASCSU elects five, plus two campus senators chosen by lottery, and two elected by campus senates. ASCSU elected Senators Soni, Chong, Orantowski, Davis and Pasternack, with East bay and SLO's senators chosen by lottery

b. General Education Accreditation Committee (GEAC) – Senator Eadie reported the committee reviewed ACR 158, concerning transfer of course credits, requested of presidents to survey GE courses, and discussed the use of C- in Golden Four GE

c. Emeritus and Retired Faculty Association (ERFA) – Representative Goldwhite reported the association now has 2300 members, with its headquarters located on the Northridge campus. Next statewide ERFA meeting is scheduled October 27th at Cal Poly Pomona. RPEA and ERFA

are partners in lobbying in Sacramento where ERFA is only taking a position on Prop 61, having to do with price controls on drugs. The association is also actively involved in the “soles for souls” campaign to distribute shoes to the needy.

d. California Faculty Association (CFA) - Jennifer Eagan reported on discussion with the Chancellor endorsement of Prop 55 and lobbying efforts for more state funding of the CSU. Has instituted phone in calling software so that you don't need to use personal phone. Membership drives to start on each campus, as well as survey, coming in mid-October. During the spring, CFA will be presenting the results of the survey and solicit additional comments on the next bargaining bargainingideas@calfac.com. As to task forces, CFA clarified it is not their intent to block dialogue with ASCSU, but question why are the Chancellor is developing IP policy without ASCSU or CFA consultation. Article 39 of the CFA contract requires CO to negotiate with CFA on these issues. Question on prop 55 as successor to prop 30, in asking for clarification that Prop 55 is not more tax but a continuation of the income tax portion of prop 30. Also questions of equity across geography re: salary, housing, etc. Solution proposed is to use campus based equity funds.

e. California State Student Association (CSSA) - Michael Radcliffe student liaison to the ASCSU reported on finalizing policy agenda for the coming year, including revisiting structure of CSSA's role in shared governance with ASCSU, CO, and campus admin/senates, including researching the correlation between student success and faculty commitment; increasing student participation in academic senate collaboration, AB540 dream centers, mental health for veterans, food resource centers; also prop 55 endorsement; system committee assignments, student voter registration and increasing membership in CSSA. Questions included student understanding of academic freedom and sexual assault prevention policy recommendations

5. Presentations:

a. Council of Library Directors (COLD - John Wentzler, Chair explained the committee's structure as consisting of all 23 Deans/Directors from campuses, plus the liaison from ASCSU, Provost's council, and the CO (Gerry Hanley). COLD reports 800,000 student visits per week to all libraries and with a system wide inventory of 21 million books, one million in circulation at any given time. The committee has \$5 million to purchase core resources, such as JSTOR and Biological Abstracts. They are negotiating centralized licenses for items such as Web of Science, IEEE and Academic Search Library. As well, they are planning a new digital cloud platform (ULMS), to be operational next June and pushing Scholar Works as the platform for faculty publications, student theses, etc. The challenge is the costs of book are three times inflation and four times for journals. As a result, Lexus Nexus has to be cut due to lack of resources. Wiley was not included in the ECC, but negotiated with Wiley for a core subset collection that reduces student access. Questions included requesting a copy of his PowerPoint presentation, continued dialogue by COLD with the ASCSU, and their position on open access. journals (suggested a ASCSU offer open access resolution), centralized books and online publishing implications for RTP.

b. Quantitative Reasoning Task Force - Senator Filing and our own Kate Stevenson reported on the efforts resulting from the Resolution passed last fall. The task force consisted of ASCSU members, campus faculty and multiple third party entities, such as Microsoft and the community colleges. The Report was governed by the goal of balancing access and opportunity to achieve equity. Major points were: 1) The definition of quantitative reasoning. Includes the ability to read, comprehend, interpret and communicate quantitative information; 2) Revising quantitative reasoning requirements involves more than a single course, and therefore, suggests a move away from the word “prerequisite” to a “baccalaureate” requirement, and to demonstrate proficiency across broad range of curriculum consistent with State Standards for K-8, Algebra I and modeling with mathematics; 3) equity, access and opportunity, including requiring four years of coursework as part of CSU admission criteria and to have appropriate quantitative reasoning course for first time freshmen; and 4) establish Center for the Advancement of Instruction in Quantitative Reasoning. Questions involved discipline specific courses and application to qualitative methods, ASCSU involvement in implementing the report.

c. Ethnic Studies Task Force Report - American Indian Studies Professor Craig Stone shared the history, current offerings and system wide recommendations for ethnic studies. It was argued that a quality education is a multi-cultural education. Ethnic studies are the core of multi-cultural approaches in higher education. Ethnic studies have been around for 37 years, but Long Beach only recently hired the first exclusive tenure track faculty. Questions concerned language based programs not a part of ethnic studies; also what can be done to avoid competition for resources, particularly with respect funds for hiring and organizational home

6. CSU Administration Reports

a. Executive Vice Chancellor Blanchard spoke on the Graduation Initiative 2025 in summarizing the committee work, including looking at the 6-year graduate rates and elimination of the achievement gaps. Data shows 6-yr rate is 57%, and 4-yr at 19%, with 2-year transfer rate at 31%. Underserved students 6-year rate is lower, Pell eligible is 14% lower. Goals should be realistic, sustainable, with access and commitment to students where they are and to help them to graduate, understanding that rate increases are related to resources. (see publication titled The Four Year Myth). He quoted PPIC in stating the work force demand exceeds one million jobs in 2025. Using the baseline of 30-units, top 25% HS GPA, college ready, one-parent non Pell eligible, the grad rate is actually 49% (see college results online). Using peer comparison schools, the 4-year rate is 35-40%. If the achievement gap is closed, the CSU system will graduate almost 500,000 additional students, particularly if we change campus culture, improve curriculum, do better advising and form math pathway. We must have a consumable and actionable department major lever (and are working on dashboard to give data down to course level). Questions included comments about sufficient number of courses, financial aid and tenure density.

b. Chancellor White spoke of Grad Rate Commission Report going to the BOT next week, with a four-way partnership to achieve impact on Sacramento (budget ask this year will be bigger): 1) State support (Governor and Legislature), 2) learning environment (faculty, staff and administration), 3) K-14 system (for preparedness) and finally 4) the students and their families (in terms of focus and tenacity). Questions involved the relationship of faculty vs. CO policy, on intellectual property, academic freedom, SUGs, quantitative reasoning, student preparation, faculty voice, support (faculty, staff and student), and withdrawal policy for non-payment.

c. CSU Legislative Analyst Kathleen Chavira, legislative advocate for CSU, spoke of 1) her background, including work with Senate Higher Education engaged in analysis as staff director; she is a first generation college student, undergrad at Stanford and MBA at UCLA and only second of 100 cousins with post-graduate work; she also gave 2) legislative update in describing that the legislative session ended on August 31st; bills from that session are: SB 1412 (expanded investment authority), AB 2215 (re: distribution of Lottery Funds); AB 1747 (food assistance), and AB 1359 (free cost of course material). SB 412 is expected to be signed, establishing 8 campuses in the next year that must establish the four year California Promise. Questions involved turnover of legislators such as Liu, Hancock and Block, on the higher education committee (she recommended building relationships with the newly elected, particularly in light of new term limits); also questions about ACR 158, using the BOT as lobbyist and deferred maintenance.

7. Resolutions Passed:

a. AS-3264-16/EX Receipt of Quantitative Reasoning Task Force Report -- Resolution from the Executive Committee to waive first reading and acknowledge receipt of the Task Force Report, with gratitude, so as to move it to relevant administrative units. Passed as amended

b. AS-3265-16/APEP implementation of Quantitative Reasoning Task Force Report - Resolution from Academic Preparation and Education Programs to waive first reading and approve previously endorsed fourth year mathematics requirement. Passed as amended:

c. AS-3266-16/FA Commendation for Lori Lamb - Vice Chancellor, Human Resources on the occasion of her leaving the CSU. Approved by acclamation.

d. AS 3367- Support of Proposition 55/FGA: Resolution to support proposition 55 on the November ballot, extending the effect of proposition 30 as to income tax surcharge for 12 more years. Extension is to fund K-14 Education and Healthcare. Passed unanimously.

Respectively submitted by Senators Jerald Schutte, Sandra Chong and Adam Swenson, on September 20, 2016.