

**MINUTES OF THE ASCSU MEETINGS MARCH 16-17, 2017
LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA**

8:00 AM - Call to order, Roll call, approval of agenda / minutes

I. REPORTS:

Chair's Report: Chair Miller reported her attendance at multiple meetings since the last ASCSU plenary, including with Trustee Firstenberg in Sacramento, Math 110 meeting (virtual), State Government Relations welcome reception for legislators in Sacramento, California State Student Association meeting in San Luis Obispo, Academic Conference in San Diego, San Luis Obispo Campus Senate and Executive Committee meetings, Council of Campus Chairs meeting in Long Beach, ASCSU interim virtual meeting, Interim "agenda setting" meeting with Chancellor and cabinet in Long Beach, Meetings with EVC Blanchard in Long Beach, California State University Fullerton Campus Senate and Executive Committee meetings, Meeting with Lark Park Senior Consultant for Governor Brown, Tenure Density Task Force meeting in Long Beach, Academic Council meeting in Los Angeles, Meeting with Christian Osmena and others Department of Finance, California Assembly Budget Subcommittee 2 advocacy in Sacramento, CSSA CHESS Reception in Sacramento, Advocacy meetings (along with Chancellor White, CSSA President Lopez, and SEIU, Legislative Coordinator Harrington) with Assembly member Ting, Senate Pro Tem deLeon, Senator Portantino, and Speaker Rendon.

She also reported on several important ongoing issues, among which are General Education, Quantitative Reasoning, Tenure Density, Intellectual Property, The Academic Conference, and Legislative Advocacy. As well, these supplementary items were put forth verbally: 1) Vice Chancellor's search continues, with ASCSU senator appointed. Senate will meet on Monday to select; 2) Legislative advocacy by the Executive Committee; 3) Review of Senate Budget for 2017-8, including increasing cost of hotels to \$175; 4) Chancellor has accepted Association of Governance Boards request to be included in report on shared governance (Including shared leadership); 5) GE task force re: concerns of EO 1100 conflicting with ASCSU GE task force, but was stated it is not intended to limit or expand the number of GE courses.

Faculty Trustee Report: Trustee Stepanek submitted his summary of the Board of Trustees report but did not issue a Faculty Trustee report as he was on a two-week tour of Cuba, but will be returning for the March Board of Trustee's meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Academic Affairs: AA chair Ullman spoke of three sponsored resolutions, including support for graduate education, high impact practices in the Graduation Initiative 2025, and for students with military obligations. She also reported on project rebound, for formerly incarcerated students, who have recorded a 94% grad rate. She said they also reviewed AVC Blanchard memo requesting modification of Executive Order 1100. As well, she spoke of discipline councils. Their final discussion concerned declining budgets for Academic Affair.

Academic Preparation and Educational Programs: APEP vice chair Barsky spoke of two sponsored resolutions, concerning elimination of proxies for intermediate algebra and the incorporation of Quantitative Reasoning Task Force recommendations into the modification of EO 1100. He also spoke of response to the CA Promise legislation and discussed the academic preparation report, as well as the AVC search in effect.

Faculty Affairs: FA chair Norman spoke of three resolutions, including support for a task force ensuring security for contingent faculty, saving California's Master Plan through tax changes, and support for DACA students. They also had discussion regarding the President's travel ban and the shortness of the 60-day obligation to answer the GE document.

Fiscal and Governmental Affairs: FGA chair Soni reported on the conference call with Legislative Analyst Office CSU liaison, Paul Steenhausen, who expressed the Assembly Budget Committee's reluctance to support a 5% tuition increase, as well as his insistence that grad rates are in part due to unnecessary remediation. He also spoke of the committee's positions on legislation, their veteran's resolution, and the schedule for legislative advocacy (April 19th).

General Education Advisory Committee: GEAC chair Creighton spoke of Patrick O'Rourke in veteran affairs and the recommendation for world language. They reviewed EVC Blanchard memo on GE; examined GE catalogue pages from all campus to provide a model and a revise of B4 language in the CO 1100, to eliminate intermediate Algebra.

OTHER REPORTS:

Chancellor's Office - AVC: AVC Blanchard spoke of Academic preparation. Started with quote from Conference, in not placing blame on students but institutions. Jeff Gould gave follow-up PowerPoint on the Grad Initiative 2025 update. Focus is on equity, access and achievement, with emphasis on five areas: Academic preparation. Quantitative Reasoning Task Force was the motivation. Recommendations include: 1) promote four years of high school math; 2) improve placement and assessment; 3) strengthen Early Start Program; 4) restructure developmental Education. Enrollment Management: 1) incentivize and support funding course schedules with students as the priority; 2) Leverage Summer school and intersession; 3) improve course-taking efficiency; 4) recast course redesign; 5) Course Match to improve on the 300 students now constituting demand. Financial Aid: 1) a progress bonus incentivize completion; 2) reconsider "drop for non-payment" policies; 3) micro grant program for students who would otherwise have to drop courses; 4) affordable course materials; 5) financial literacy. Data Capacity: 1) Launch student success analytics certificate; 2) develop a CSU student success research agenda; 3) improve data tools and dashboard usage; 4) improve campus/system data. Administrative Barriers: e.g. graduation fee. Questions included issues of class size, gender gap, lack of support for funding, imposter syndrome, augmentation funding.

Chancellor's Office - CIO: CIO Patrick Perry presented his report on Information Technology key priorities. They are: 1) shared services and economies of scale, including a data repository, a common identity, a system wide platform, and shared security services; 2) transformation and innovation, including a CSU anywhere student experience, an enterprise resource planning roadmap and a cloud strategy; and 3) organizational communication and effectiveness, including, enhancing communications and service Delivery Management, and improving technology procurement. Questions concerned the lack of reference to faculty, security, opinion input, data, beta testing, shared functions with academic competing.

California Faculty Association: CFA President Jan Eagan reported that last week they held the assembly and elections and passed three resolutions, including free higher education for California and resolution opposing AFL-CIO suspending funding for their support groups. In addition, they issued the Equity Interrupted paper; sponsored several bills and support ACR 21, AB 393, AB 1464 and AB 1038. In addition, they are attending the

Ethnic Studies conference in Sacramento and bargaining meetings that begin next week. She also reported dues for CFA are being increased. She also informed the plenary that if the right to work legislation happens, CFA budget would drop 30%. Questions included CFA's position on ASCSU's response to the intellectual property, dues increase, ACR 21 on free speech and why so much student vs. faculty representation.

Emeritus and Retired Faculty Association: EEFA President Blischke reported their next meeting is April 15th at Dominguez Hills. He reminded the plenary that *The Reporter* is their online newspaper, that they want to strengthen the lobbying efforts of ERFA, encourage their members to volunteer for 123 (in foreign countries), and increase their status on the Board of Trustees. As well, he recommended the book, *Paying the Price* (review on ERFA site). He also reminded the plenary that ERFA has Grants for retired faculty research.

California Statewide Student Association: CSSA staff member Brandon Savaki on Student Advisement: spoke of support for state AB 17 and AB 216, watch for AB 393, support AB 214, AB 1622 AB 320 and AB420. He also just came out of CHES meeting (Committee on Higher Education Students), that gave an award for Shirley Weber. Their June meeting is in Monterey Bay. Student membership, as well as state wide position applications are up on the website.

American Association of University Professors: AAUP Chair, Committee A on Academic Freedom, Hank Reichman spoke on Academic Freedom. AAUP gave four pledges after the Nov 8th election: 1) oppose privatization of public education; 2) oppose discrimination; 3) oppose assaults on unions; and 4) oppose attacks on freedom of speech. One such way to oppose these is the fight the assault on tenure track appointment (3/4 of CSU classes are taught by contingent faculty). Also, we should oppose the Professor watch lists, as harassment. Another effort should be to oppose the Trump travel ban, especially limiting travel of international scholars (international student applications are way down). As well, highlight the attack on science (e.g. climate change). He offered one specific free speech case: Nathan Bork, adjunct prof in philosophy in Colorado questioned dumbing down curriculum and was fired. He suggested we see the book by Nash (Free Speech), concerning the use of these incidents in the press. It results in legislation such as ACR 21 in CA. As to CSU policy on academic freedom, which uses '71 AAUP statement against academic freedom (i.e. refers to a 1940 redraft), he spoke of various "whereas" clauses that cause problems. Suggested we go to the AAUP site to review; see *Stanford v. Roche*. That said for Intellectual Property, the conclusion is that Professors do not need to assign patents or copyrights with rights to decide if and who publishes. The next AAUP meeting will be at the Maritime Academy. Questions followed about bargaining IP and Academic Freedom.

II. FACULTY TRUSTEE NOMINATIONS AND VOTE

Presentations - Faculty Trustee Nominating committee chair Soni outlined the procedure for reviewing nominees for Faculty Trustee, starting with a two-minute presentation by each candidate and continuing with a standardized set of questions. Senator Sabalius, presented his background as an immigrant, giving him unique understanding of CSU students. Senator Hall outlined her broad-based experience in all levels of faculty governance, while Senator Filing outlined his background in accounting and advocacy, in CFA as well as immediate past chair of the ASCSU.

Questions: The following standardized questions were asked of each of the candidates: “What qualifications do you bring and what would you need to improve?” Hall stated she has leadership but need to develop in advocacy, Filing stressed advocacy in bringing in micro issues, but needs to develop patience; Sabalius has leadership and respect for individuals, with international experience, but needs to identify the particularly specific earn;

“Which two issues are the most important to the BOT?”: Filing is saying BOT needs an understanding of a public good and campus rights; Sabalius says BOT has micro goals (e.g. grad rates), that often conflicts with quality (i.e. efficient vs. effective); Hall says BOT needs to understand a degree is more than courses;

“How should the BOT balance grad rates with liberal arts education?”. Sabalius says rich families send their students to liberal arts colleges because they know the value of liberal arts. Hall says liberal arts courses need to be more prolific. Filing says it is a short versus long term goal.

“Is the CSU doing enough to foster equity?” Hall says term of faculty career may not match the rapidly changing demographic. Filing says need to expend what we do in the classroom to the institutional level. Sabalius says we need to frame equity through an international lens.

“What of contingent faculty?” Filing says changes are being made. Sabalius says each faculty that enters a classroom has an obligation. Sabalius says he authored a resolution to give job security to lecturers. Hall says she wants to bifurcate definition of tenure track.

“What of the conflict between CSU priorities and Faculty priorities?” Sabalius says it is the faculty, not administration, that students remember. Hall says we can tell our story better. We are all about the students. Filing says the conflict is a temporal one. Everyone is interested in student success, but a faculty trustee needs to be a diplomat.

Closing Statements and Vote: Hall says she is expert in all phases of leadership. Filing says he was a first-generation student and succeeded because of the faculty. Sabalius says he will not be a trustee to listen, but to educate. Senator Filing and Sabalius received a two thirds majority of those voting. Their names will be forwarded to the governor for his selection of the Trustee.

III. RESOLUTIONS (Voted Upon)

AS3283-17/FA - Employment Security for Contingent Faculty, Librarians, Coaches and Counselors. Resolution moves for the establishment of a Task Force to explore options to improve employment status of Lecturers and others who are contingent faculty. Motion to defer action until May to review recommendations of the Tenure Density Task Force Report, was introduced and passed.

AS3284-17/ APEP - Cessation of Implied Equivalency of General Education (GE) Area for Intermediate Algebra. It shall be the resolve of the faculty to recommend the CSU stop using completion of B4 or the AA degree from a community college as a proxy for satisfaction of intermediate algebra. Motion passed_unanimously

AS3285-17/ FA - Saving California’s Master Plan through Tax Reform. Resolution to endorse the recommendations of “The \$48 Fix: Reclaiming California’s Master Plan for Higher Education”, a plan that lays out a strategy for making public higher education free for eligible California residents, through tax reform. Motion, as amended, passed.

AS3286-17/ AA - Support for Graduate Education in the California State University. Resolution further supporting previous resolutions on the importance of graduate education in the CSU, particularly as it relates to the CSU Master's Degree Program Quantitative Characteristics Report. Motion was passed unanimously

AS3287-17 / FA - In Support of Students admitted to the CSU under Differed Childhood Arrivals (DACA) Resolution standing in support of DACA and DACA eligible students, and further recommending that if DACA is rescinded, resources be made available to ensure the rights of such students are preserved. Motion, as amended, passed unanimously

AS3288-17 / FGA - 2017 Legislative Advocacy Positions of the Academic Senate of the California State University. Resolution formally advocating for certain legislative bills under consideration in the California Legislature (see resolution for list of specific bills). Motion passed unanimously.

AS3289-17 / FGA - Support for AB 422 California State University, Doctorate of Nursing Practice. Resolution fully supporting and strongly urging the continuation of the Doctorate of Nursing Practice by the CSU. Motion passed unanimously

3290-17 / FA - Opposition to the Executive Order Restricting Travel from Several Predominantly Muslim Countries. Supports the right to employment for all CSU faculty and staff, regardless of national origin, strongly oppose President Trump's first and revised Executive Order on travel ban, and urges the Chancellor to condemn the Executive Orders. Motion, as amended, passed without dissent.

RESOLUTIONS (First Readings)

AS3291-17 / APEP – Incorporating the Quantitative Reasoning Task Force (RRTF) Recommendations Concerning Quantitative Reasoning in Revising Executive Order (EQ) 1100. Pursuant to various provisions of the Quantitative Task Force Report, this resolution makes recommendations to AVC Blanchard's request to modify EQ 1100.

AS3292-17 / EX – The Academic Senate of the CSU Calendar of 2017-2018 meetings. Confirms meeting dates for next academic year.

AS3293-17 / AA - Support for Active Learning and High Impact Practices in CSU Graduation Initiative 2025. Reaffirms support for faculty based practices which will have significant impact on the outcomes of the graduation initiative, including first year seminars, learning communities, writing intensive courses, etc.

AS3294-17 / EX – Commendation on the CSU Academic Conference 2017. Commendation for Chancellor White in holding the CSU Academic Conference 2017 "Closing the Achievement Gap" and Senators Soni and Eadie for their help in planning the event.

AS3295-17 / FGA/AA – Campus Accommodation of Military Students' Service Obligations. Highlights need for faculty to accommodate students who must take leave from class to meet their service obligations

Respectfully submitted April 3, 2017 by Senators Jerald Schutte, Sandra Chong and Adam Swenson