Executive Committee Meeting
February 22, 2012
Minutes

Present: Hill, Brooks, Miller, Gasco, Verba, and Norman

Council of Senate Chairs

Chancellor Reed spoke to the group for about an hour. Most of his presentation was a look at the realities of the state budget and his analysis of the relevant tax initiatives. The bottom line is that we should expect the 200M$ "trigger cut" (which will be a baseline cut) this December. He noted (as have many others) that historically the more tax initiatives that are on a ballot, the less chance that any of them will pass; in this case there are three essentially competing proposed measures. [I have more info on these in my notes if people want it.]

"Any solution [to this situation] will have to include enrollment reductions and layoffs."
Fall targets are level. Campus leeway is +2-1%

Q: Currently 1/3 of tuition goes "back in" for scholarships. "Is this sacred?"
A: There "might be better options." For example: "Nobody else" uses basic financial aid grants for graduate students.

He commits to a statement that he "will never close a campus." ...but "Do we really need 22 nursing programs [...] 22 Philosophy departments?"
The system is "pushing as hard as it can on productivity. Cites examples of consolidation of services: three northern campuses share a server farm for IT; two share a single CIO; two others share a police dispatch service.

Eric Forbes spoke.
He tried to explain why it is not a good idea to attempt changes with the fall admissions cycle. There will be no admits for Fall 2013 until Dec 1 (after the election). Most campuses are closed to admits for Spring 2013 anyway.
He notes that there are no targets in the governor's proposed budget even though the LAO calls for them.
Probably impacted campuses will have to raise admission criteria. He notes that there is a specific procedure for "declaring impaction."

CSULA is currently drafting a resolution on "priorities"; Fresno similarly.
[I ask] Who currently has policies on program elimination? --any have one you think is a particularly nice example?
A: Most do. CSUN "sort of" [& above noted in progress]; Sac State's is brand new and actually ranks. [This link has been e-mailed.]
Forbes says: "The relationship between self support & state support has to be examined." For example: What if all grad programs moved to self-support.
[Note after meeting: there may be signs that the CO is reluctant to move programs to self-support.]
Advice from Humboldt: #'s like counts of majors or graduates tend to cut 'cheaper' programs → to get a fixed savings, it would be necessary to cut many programs → any quantitative formula must consider cost strongly. Jim Postma (ASCSU Chair) spoke on the ASCSU budget. Most of this we have heard. His bottom line was that "the new ASCSU budget for the future looks OK." He noted that while this problem was being resolved the chancellor actually apologized to the senate, which he views as promising for working together in the future. The BoT has a task force formed to address issues like this. This may "seem to be the potential start of a new way of doing business," but there is still the possibility of some resolution on shared governance coming forward.

Jodie Ullman (San Bernie; faculty rep on CalStateOnline board) reported on CalState Online.

- She has been elected secretary for that board.
- She thinks "The board is good & it is certainly listening to the faculty on it."
- Their next meeting has an agenda item to discuss budget transparency.
- The director expects realistically to roll out "a couple programs" in the fall; more in spring.
- There is no more mention of it as "a 24th campus."
- The commercial partner will provide "a suite of services" --- which is currently not well defined, but a large list of desires is being generated.
- Next week (now this week) an rfp will go out for service providers. This will be accompanied by a letter to campus Presidents, provosts, and senate chairs. The proposals submitted will allow clarification on what the services can realistically expect to be.
- There will be 'matching funds' available to campuses for "innovative projects."

Postma addresses SB1440 & TMCs

- Eleven new ones are "on the way"
- Eleven more are also in progress

[In response to a comment of mine] The phrase "adequately prepared" in the original question to departments was meant to be a clarification/elaboration on the unit count question, nto a separate question.

To his knowledge, no AI waivers have been submitted to the CO yet. CSUCI knows there are some cases on their campus where it si necessary; it is unclear of this is a timing issue or if the procedures need to be clarified.

Presidential searches & early start were briefly discussed.
In response to a comment on articulation, it was basically said that articulation of the one unit "experience" is done by fiat. Larger packages may have issues.

New Business

**Exec 12-02-Resolution on Following Established Processes for the Evaluation of Faculty for Retention, Tenure and Promotion**-Diane Miller-Miller went over the resolution and we made
some revisions. Miller will update and share the draft and this will be presented at the next senate meeting as a first reading item.

Verba said that the faculty handbook gives faculty course release time to make revisions to it. We decided to ask the senate what we should do about the faculty handbook. Blackaller said that we should have a committee to do the revision.

Verba reported that all outstanding resolutions have been signed and nothing is pending. We were given 3 policies and asked if they could be reviewed by the relevant committees and then passed back if changes were needed. If no changes then we would forward them to the Senate.

**Provost’s report-Ramon Torrecilha**-Torrecilha reported that we have a priority to fulfill obligations with WASC. The report is due next Wednesday. Torrecilha is a member of the WASC Commission. There are some areas we need to do better. WASC is under a lot of pressure and there is an issue of accountable with the public. He is beginning to meet with all the deans and have academic council meetings. He said that the searches are high on his list. Offers were made and 3 out of 4 turned them down. Nursing has a competitive nature and in the WEST the salary deferential is large. The ads for the searches are out and we hope to complete the searches by the end of this academic year. Flexibility is very important.

**Enrollment**-The California FTE is the same 9424 and can go up by 5%.

**Budget**-The November election has 57 initiatives. We have been fortunate with one time money. Our base budget has decreased 37 million. We have to find $5.1 million and Academic Affair’s share will be $3 million.

Torrecilha spoke with Hill about how other campuses are handling this and possibly there is a ranking system. The academic senate and deans are to intersect and come up with suggestions. Torrecilha is concerned with rankings. We need to like at what it takes us to have a university and what is our mission. Torrecilha said that he will not support a discussion that does not support Liberal Arts. We need to come up with a process that will respond to those principals. Gasco said that she would give Torrecilha the documents once we have them organized.

Torrecilha said that he hopes we can propose a process that will work. Norman said that the buck has to stop with Torrecilha and the president. It is hard to tell faculty to throw colleagues under the bus.

Torrecilha said that the University Budget Committee will be meeting tomorrow. We are being asked to think about cuts without knowing until November. We need to figure out how to use funds from extended education

Norman asked Torrecilha if he could explore being more transparent with budget between you and Mary Ann Rodriguez.
Torrecilha said that he is not ready to abandon scholarship of learning or teaching development of faculty as scholars.

**Discussion:**
There was discussion about whether Exec should meet on 2/29/12. Should we invite Ruth Black to a senate meeting? No decision was made. Hill wants to set up EPC/FPC/EXEC on blackboard. Mary will make one copy of the handbook.