March 23, 2011

Executive Committee Meeting
Minutes

WH A420 2:30 to 5:00 p.m.

Present: Vasquez, Brooks, White, Norman, Gasco, Kalayjian, Fawver
Time Certain: 3:30 p.m. David Bradfield
4:00 p.m. Ron Vogel

Kalayjian gave a report on the statewide senate: Notes on March ASCSU meetings:

GEAC: The Chancellor’s General Education Advisory Committee met on March 15. Among the items of business were

- A recommendation to eliminate all courses under two units from the list of courses transferable for GE credit under Area C1 Arts; CCs will be urged to reapply if one or two units courses can be packaged to fulfill the condition that C1 courses do more than develop skills
- A proposal to create a list of pass-along courses acceptable for Area A3; this was deemed too problematic to keep up to date, etc. Campuses will be encouraged to conditionally accept rather than deny admission to students who are attempting to fulfill A3 with a course from a private school, other university system, etc.
- A question of some concern relative to SB1440: transfer students are required to have a minimum grade of C in the Golden Four while some native students are not. With the urging of GEAC and the efforts of the Academic Affairs committee, the ASCSU had a first reading item urging campuses to consider if they want to be consistent in this across campuses. The concern is that this might appear to legislators as an attempt to subvert SB1440. DH has such a minimum C requirement for Area A in its catalog, but I couldn’t find a policy to that effect. We should see if such a policy exists and, if not, if the senate wants to endorse the minimum C grade and also pass a resolution to make that into policy. (Title V only seems to require a 2.0 average

Academic Affairs:
Among the items of business were

- I asked about any policy regarding repeat and cancellation of grades of F earned by academic dishonesty; some campuses have policies that explicitly prohibit the cancellation of such grades; when I looked into our policies, I found that we, too, have such a policy. We need to develop a procedure by which faculty can identify who received such grades for use by the registrar.
- There is an interest in opening up a method for people who want to return for a second baccalaureate degree. The CO is considering an amendment to Title V that would allow students to take more than the 24 units currently allowed through open enrollment as
credit toward a degree when seeking a second BA. Advisement Centers would be encouraged to be generous in interpreting such students’ fulfillment of GE

Plenary:
Among the resolutions considered were

- A couple that specifically called for continued collaboration between the CCs and the CSUs as unintended curricular implications of SB 1440 become apparent and to further the process of creating TMCs—Transfer Model Curricula
- Kate presented an AA resolution in support of adequate resources for CSU libraries, and I presented one advocating for a pilot program that offers a two-semester/three quarter alternative for establishing proficiency in quantitative reasoning (GE Area B4)
- A resolution recognizing the findings of a report on PTEs and recommending that PTEs be only a part of any measurement of teaching effectiveness
- We voted unanimously to amend the ASCSU constitution to add a clause outlining the senate’s responsibility to “uphold and preserve” academic freedom
- We also passed a resolution supporting a consistent methodology across the 23 campuses for measuring such things as Student Faculty Ratio, as these data are used to allocate resources
- And another that calls for a strategic plan to reduce “CSU remediation needs to negligible levels”
- And finally, we passed a resolution condemning the suspension of the Faculty Senate at Idaho State and another offering support for the right of public employees—especially faculty—to bargain collectively

Fawver gave a report on the statewide senate: Fawver reported that the chancellor no longer is using formula funding and will start with a $20 million base. The amount of money the campus receives will depend on the needs of the campus. The chancellor’s office does not know how to strategize for a 1 billion cut. The cuts will be proportionate to the size of the campus. The average campus is $12 million and the smaller campus is $5 to 7 million. The mid-size campus is $10 to 12 million and the larger campus is $12 to 14 million. The system had to return the $75 million for not making target. Dominguez Hills made target but won’t get their bonus. Fawver asked when the UPC will be up and running? Fawver said that the consultant RKN will be coming to campus and they are meeting with Exec tomorrow at 11:30. The consultant is going to meet with every dean.

Time Certain: 3:30 p.m. David Bradfield-Bradfield passed out a document that Miller put together on classes where caps were moved after the curriculum process. This occurrence was from spring of 2006 through fall 2009. There was a resolution passed by the senate in 2005/06 on class size and it was made into policy. There had been a workload grievance and enrollment caps changed without consultation—a violation of past practice. There is a problem with applying category C-1 which is a large lecture and this has been applied over and over. There are faculty teaching these classes and they don’t know the policy. There was a discussion about class size and consultation. We need a policy that works. The workload issue is a difficult to get at. Maybe the exec could send a letter to the president and the deans. A resolution or a sense of the senate could be taken perhaps. This is grounds for a statutory
grievance. The dean should work with making changes. The exec could send a letter asking the deans to follow campus policy.

Time Certain: 4:00 p.m. Provost Vogel-We discussed Exec 01-05 and Vogel said that it would have to be re-written in some places because there are committees that no longer exist. It is not just discontinuance it re-structuring as well. Gasco said that we could maybe just pull out the discontinuance part to make into a policy. Vogel said that it would have to be updated. Vasquez said that she would bring it up to the senate and make into a first reading item.

We discussed the budget and of the $500 million cut ours will be $10 million. We receive $11,000 per FTES and if you go over it costs a lot.

Vogel said that if the tax extensions don’t get placed on the ballot then the governor could raise taxes.

Vogel said that the sabbatical letters are going out in the next day or two contingents on the state budget.

Thomas Norman gave Ron Vogel the draft of FPC 11-03 on minimum standards for his review.