Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

April 18, 2012

Present: Hill, Kalayjian, Miller, Norman, Brooks, Verba

Jim Hill submitted his report in writing because he was at an appointment and came to the meeting later.

We discussed the pending resolutions. There was a lot of time spent on writing and revising the resolutions. Brooks will print out APS044.001 to have for review at the senate meeting. It was decided that since it is 24 pages long we would only print one copy. We decided to color code the materials. The agenda and minutes will be buff. The first reading items will be white. The second reading items will be buff. Any extra items such as PM’s and AM’s will be in green.

Miller and Norman will send Brooks the finalized resolutions for printing.

Hill submitted the following written report to Exec:

- ASCSU report from Jim Postma:
  - SB1440/TMC work is "chugging along" The two newest TMCs are Early Childhood Education and Music. These have 85% approval on the first pass.
  - No applications for waivers of the AI requirement have yet been submitted to the CO. On further investigation, some campuses "think they have." There is some discussion about whether this is a problem. [I think it is.]
  - Cal State Online continues to develop. [more below from Jodie Ullman] JP analysis:
    - everything so far "seems to follow contract"
    - overall model seems to follow from local colleges of extended education
  - Legislative season...
    - There are "some weird bills" around. Some that are intended for the UC also apply to CSU, One bill on Open Source texts seems to mimic a K-12 rule, but would result in an unfunded mandate costing ~25MS.
  - Question/comment from East Bay: Their bookstore is run by Follett (as is ours). They were offered a "special deal" that would have a single set fee per student per semester that would provide whatever books each student needs, but as e-books (or when not available, as rentals) Have others heard of this?
    - Yesterday (2012-04-17) I happened to have a chance to ask a Follett employee about this. He said that this program is being "piloted" in only a few places. The company is exploring alternate options for delivery.

- Cal State Online update from Jodie Ullman (San Bernardino):
  - "Next Wednesday" (2012-04-18; today when this report is presented) the board meets.
    - A major agenda item is to clarify "What is the Cal State Online Board?" Its creation was as a governing board; the current web page refers to it as an advisory board.
    - Does the board report to the Technology Steering Committee?
- The new order should specify to whom the director reports, specifically to the chair of the board rather than "the board."
- Ephraim Smith from the CO is coordinating campus single contact points for the director to reduce some confusion.
- JU notes that Chapman University apparently has no shared governance at all and this means the director is still learning about how to work within this kind of structure.
  - There was lots of discussion about budgets and getting information to the director and the board.
  - The current funding model could not work with state supported programs.
  - JU & JP debate the merits of "stop it now" campus resolutions regarding online.
  - JU is no longer on the communications subcommittee of the board.

A few reflections on the CSUN symposium on "Funding and the Future of the CSU" were given. The main points were that while the principles of the Master Plan are sound, the world has changed so details within it need to.
State University Grants & graduate programs: Does anyone have data or analyses about real effects on graduate students or graduate programs due to the suspension of SUG for graduate students? No one does.
Eric Forbes (CO) joins by phone.

- (picking up on the conversation in progress) He notes that while there are proposals and analysis is in progress, the long-term policy is not set and the presidents should be considering it at their next meeting.
  - Late update (2012-04-18 from JP): The presidents have evidently decided to continue SUG under current policy for graduate students, but the situation will be the topic of further study. *(This is unofficial at this point.)*

- Re: enrollment management
  - "We are responding to" $750M of previous cuts in addition to the current situation, a probable $200M cut and some "hidden cuts" (like the PERS debt service)
  - there is a new "planning ceiling"
  - Those campuses exceeding the ceiling are closed for enrollment for SP13.
  - Those that have not (8 in total) are open for that term.
  - IF the governor's tax initiative passes, then the closed campuses can re-open.
  - The possibility of getting an application fee waiver for graduate student applications is removed.

- Re: SB1440/TMC
  - There is a long list of questions from the legislative analysts' office for which his office is trying to construct answers. Some are very detailed and not easily answered, for example, "What are the 'terms and conditions' under which a degree will be 'guaranteed'?"
  - 2 new TMCs (as in JP report above)
  - Next two will be Journalism and Geography.

- Comment from Sac State: In their most recent admissions, almost 200 students "claimed SB1440 status," but on detailed checking only three (!) had fulfilled the requirements of an approved TMC.

- There was recent press about a survey question on CSUMentor asking about LGBT status. A law "encourages" this by asking the system for data. On the other hand, the system does not want it in the application process to remove any possibility of (real or perceived) bias in admission decisions. It will probably be moved to a part of the process after the "intent to register" to avoid this problem.

- Re: Early Start: "Next Tuesday" (2012-04-17; yesterday at this report) EF, JP, and others will visit Sacramento to testify to a legislative committee to suggest it be funded. EF argues for less legislative "micro-management."

President Garcia, Interim President Hagen and Provost Torrecilha visited. Garcia reported that Congresswoman Laura Richardson announced today that California State University, Dominguez Hills (CSUDH) has been selected to receive funding in the amount of a $700,000 grant under the Developing Hispanic-Serving Institutions Program for FY2012. The five year grant will create the CSUDH Transfer Academy in partnership with West Los Angeles College for students majoring in Business Administration, Criminal Justice and Digital Media Arts.
In support of the Minority Biomedical Research Support Research Initiative for Scientific Enhancement (MRBS RISE) program, Congresswoman Laura Richardson also announced that the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has awarded CSU Dominguez Hills a grant in the amount of $385,400.00 for four years totaling approximately $1,427,000.

Hagen spoke and said that he has a doctorate in Psychology from the University of Connecticut. He said that he was the VP of Administration and Finance at CSU Fullerton. He supports shared governance and is a strong supporter of transparency. He said that investing in faculty is a top priority. He wants to develop ways to work together and figure what the best ways would be. He said that at Fullerton they had retreats each semester. He wants to find ways to ensure shared governance. Hagen said that we need more faculty. He will be working hard to get funding to ensure that.

Hill told Hagen that his senate chair at Fullerton loves him. Hill said that he thought it was a good idea for Hagen to visit the senate meeting. Hagen said that another 8 or 9 faculty are to be hired. Hagen said that he will fill a faculty position when it becomes vacant unless there is a larger cut than what we know about. Hagen would generally prefer to fill a position in the department where the vacancy occurred.

Hagen said that the chancellor’s office is looking at ways to consolidate. An example would be for two campuses to share a police department or for 3 campuses to share an accounting department. That kind of thing. The chancellor’s office is just looking at this. It’s an idea.

Miller said that in her college there has been such a lack of stability at so many levels. Not having control over the finances makes it hard to plan.

Hagen said that information sharing is high on his list and departments will know what their budgets are. Hagen said that his goal would be to have that online.

Hagen asked what we would want from him.

Norman said building trust and getting a provost that stays. Hill said that averaged over the last ten years or so the provost has effectively been an annual position. Norman said that the chancellor said Hagen might be permanent. Hagen said that the chancellor told Norman more than he knew.