

Report from the Academic Senator of the ASCSU [ex-officio to COLD]

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ASCSU, November 5-6, 2020, Emergency Meeting November 13, 2020 and Special Meeting December 4, 2020

Abridge listing of items happening within the CSU system:

- Information Technology Advisory Committee – Senator Rodan reported that the six class action lawsuits originally brought about in Spring 2020, have been extended to cover Fall 2020 and beyond. A legal hold has been placed on Zoom recordings and LMS material. Faculty have been instructed not to delete all course content and faculty IP rights have been asserted. The “delete” capability will be turned off for all Zoom recordings. Whether recordings are made in the cloud or locally is a faculty/campus decision. Subpoenas for material override FERPA.
- Timothy P. White – CSU Chancellor. ASCSU asked Chancellor White for Vision for the future of CSU as he departs. White believes we are at an inflection point. Post-covid, perhaps 50% online which will help expansion without high capital costs. Saving can be applied to additional resources for faculty. Will reduce commuting time, carbon foot-print, and help housing price issues in high cost of living areas. Adjuncts could more easily teach at geographically dispersed campuses. Office hours are more flexible which benefits students. Equity is about degree completion not just access (entry). And education is not just about enriching the soul but getting a well-paid job. More badges and certificates will respond to students’ needs and generate revenue for the CSU.
- Loren Blanchard, Executive Vice Chancellor of Academic and Student Affairs
Average unit load for freshmen is 14.65 units and 17k faculty systemwide enrolled in on-line training over the summer.

Resolutions addressed:

- AS-3440-20/FA (Rev) Mental Health and Well-Being are Critical to CSU Success
- AS-3445-20/FA (Rev) Addition of Dedicated Seats for Contingent Faculty Senate Members
- AS-3446-20/APEP (Rev) Accommodating Changes to General Education (GE) in Transfer Model Curricula (TMC)
- AS-3447-20/FGA (Rev) Call for Consultation on Academic Implications of Systemwide Fiscal Decisions
- AS-3451-20/EX On the Occasion of the Retirement of Chancellor Timothy P. White
- AS-3453-20/EX Drawing Attention to the Dr. Joan S. Bissel Memorial Scholarship (Sacramento State)

- AS-3462-20/FA Academic Senate of the California State University [ASCSU] Opposition and Amendments to Title 5 Ethnic Studies Policy

Future Resolutions

- AS-3456-20/FA Faculty Emeritus Status, Revocation and Appeal
- AS-3457-20/APEP Endorsement and Adoption of General Education B4 Mathematics/Quantitative Reasoning Course Guidelines and Principles
- AS-3458-20/FA Disparate Impact of Technology on Underserved Students
- AS-3461-20/AA Ethnic Studies & Core Competencies and Student Learning Outcomes
- AS-3463-20/FGA Call for Internet Bandwidth Expanded for all CSU Students, Faculty, Staff and Management

Much of the work is on the general education Ethnic studies addition and concern of each campuses needs.