General Board Meeting
September 4, 2012
12:00-1:00 pm
Sacramento Hall 275

Meeting Notes

Attendees: Shannon Ainger, Michelle Bianco, JoAnn Campbell, Cathy Davis, Aaron Eichenberger, Carolann Forseth, Rachel Frame, Michael Handren, Michael Lopez-Garcia, Nadia Mayard, Mari Owen, Carol Rumley, LindaKay Soriano, Michelle Williams, Veronica Hodge, Angel Thayer, Ashley Ciraulo-Stuart, Darlene Monroe, Carlyn Ster

Guests: President Alexander Gonzalez & Brian Oppy, ACE Fellow

1. Approval of August Minutes – Ashley Ciraulo-Stuart
   a. Tabled to allow more time for discussion with President Gonzalez

2. Budget Update – Angel Thayer
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3. Meeting with President Gonzales – Carlyn Ster
   a. President introduced the ACE Fellow from CSU Chico that will be shadowing the President during the fall semester
   b. The semester is off to a good start, there have not been too many issues about students not getting classes
   c. Enrollment is a little higher than was expected in trying to balance the fall and spring semesters
   d. Still working hard on the graduation initiative, and trying to lower the amount of time needed to get the bachelor’s degree; want to get as many students thru as quickly as we can
   e. Since we are not admitting a lot of students for the spring, we are trying to identify classes that are creating barriers to students that are needed in order to move forward, looking at how students receive enrollment priority; looking at how impaction has effected graduation
   f. The CSU faculty have ratified the contract, therefore there will not be a strike in the fall
   g. Proposition 30 and 32 campaigning has been heating up, the CSU board of trustees has endorsed prop 30; other committees representing higher education are trying to raise funds to assist with the passage of the proposition
      i. If 30 passes, we may not get any more resources, but it does mean that we will not be cut any more
      ii. Prop 32 would prohibit the donations by unions into political committees
   h. Chancellor’s position: will begin the hiring process sometime in September; new chancellor should be named in October
   i. We are going to go thru the process of developing a new master plan for the campus, including input from facilities; including how to use the CYA property, opening another entrance to campus off of Folsom Blvd by State University Drive; how can we make it more appealing for campus members to use public transportation
i. What can we build at the southern end of the campus, updating the stadium, building an arena that can serve as a community event center (8,000-10,000 seats)

ii. Could the new arena house commencement? Possibly, but guests may need to be limited to a certain number of tickets; we would like to move it back to campus; we are one of the few campuses that holds commencement twice a year

iii. How would the arena be funded? Can it be funded and organized like the WELL; also solicit donations and matching funds

iv. Example – the WELL is owned and operated by students, so is the Union

j. There will be a search in the spring for a new provost for the campus

k. Updating the buildings within the center of campus as part of the Master Plan, some of the buildings are 60 years old; original plan was to tear down the buildings but now we are doing deferred maintenance until we can re-build the buildings within the center; the Science Building is the next building on the list to be build, then renovations will begin on Sequoia Hall

   i. Generally building construction comes from state general funding; other buildings such as the WELL and an arena can come from other generated funds, donations, etc.

l. Question – why is the no bike and skateboard policy not enforced on campus? This would improve pedestrian safety:
   
   i. It is prohibited, but how do you really enforce it?
   
   ii. We try, we will be increasing signage; we need to be very clear in the messaging on the campus bike policy

m. Question – enforcing no smoking on campus:
   
   i. the students are trying to enforce a smoke free campus; there may be two designated areas on campus for smoking

n. Question – is there any consideration on getting electrical charging stations for electric cars?
   
   i. We are working with SMUD to get the charging stations; we have just installed one;
   
   ii. Can we charge a subsequent fee to off-set the cost of using the charging stations?
   
   iii. How do we subsidize the cost of the electricity

o. We are looking at adding solar panels to some of the buildings; the panels are already being placed on the library; hopefully the solar panels will generate a significant amount of additional power for the campus

p. Question – how are we competing with other online universities?
   
   i. We are going to try to use technology where we can from here and beyond as long as it benefits the students;
   
   ii. there will be a lot more hybrid approaches to classes; this will also free up more classrooms for courses that you don’t want to be online;
   
   iii. we could bring in more students to the campus who don’t come online;
   
   iv. we can work in combination with other campuses to offer programs

q. Question – regarding facilities in the library, very difficult to get into the restrooms, can we look at how we can make them more accessible

r. Question – what do you see is the biggest issue facing the Staff at Sac State:
   
   i. morale, understanding the situation, how can we communicate as much as possible and keep staff as positive as we can;
   
   ii. how can we address the issues: being aware; we are planning the town hall meetings for staff
s. Question – if staff wanted to meet with you or get time on your calendar to discuss ideas, could they, availability permitting?
   i. Yes. As long as I have the time, I am willing to meet with people. Folks should get in contact with President’s office if they want to meet.