

Legislative and Advocacy Committee

March 10, 2021

12:00 pm-12:50 pm

MINUTES

Members Present: Ginni May (chair), Adrienne Brown, Geoffrey Dyer, Christopher Howerton, Alexis Litzky, Eric Wada, Stephanie Curry

Guests: Andrew Nickens, SSSCC Liaison

1. Minutes taken by Stephanie Curry
2. Approval of Agenda
The committee approved the agenda by consensus
3. Approval of Minutes
The committee approved the minutes by consensus. Ginni will send them to ASCCC for inclusion in the April Executive Committee Packet. The Committee agreed to review today's minutes by email. The committee agreed to send any corrections by Friday.
4. Announcements
No announcements
5. California Legislation and Budget Update
Committee reviewed the latest Legislative Report to the ASCCC Executive Committee. The latest report was presented at the March Exec Meeting
The committee discussed AB 928 (Berman) – Student Transfer Reform Act of 2021.
 - Includes creation of an Intersegmental Committee (already have an oversight group for about 8 years).
 - Consolidate CSU and UC GE pathways into a single pathway.
 - Automate the placement of all community college students onto an ADT pathway intended for their major.
 - Bill language has not come out yet.
 - SSSCC has been asked to co-sponsor the bill and discussions are taking place.
6. Resolutions:
 - For Area Meetings
Packet for Area Meetings are now available for review.
 - Discuss/consider any new resolutions to submit at an Area Meeting
The committee discussed if there were any potential resolutions. Adrienne suggested a resolution on developing a chart or templates for how to use AP in statewide ADT degrees. Ginni said there are some guidelines on general education but local decisions take paramount for major units. Ginni will bring it up with C-ID and ICW. Eric said he

could bring it up with C-ID groups. Concern over CSU uneven acceptance of AP credit and ADTs.

Resolutions are due on April 9th.

7. ACTION: Review and Update Legislative and Advocacy Committee Charge: DEI and GP

The Legislative and Advocacy Committee (LAC) is responsible for providing the ASCCC President with background information on all legislation related to academic and professional matters. Using equity minded, inclusive research and analysis through a student-centered lens, and representation on appropriate advocacy groups, the LAC Committee will provide the ASCCC President and the Executive Committee with recommendations on such legislation. The LAC identifies existing ASCCC positions and relates them to proposed legislation. The LAC Committee is also responsible for providing legislative alerts to the local academic senates, identifying liaison persons to contact legislators, and providing support to local academic senates regarding California's legislative process as it has bearing on academic and professional matters. It is the goal of the LAC Committee to provide the ASCCC President and the Executive Committee with the resources to ensure that the ASCCC Senate is recognized as the voice of authority with the California Legislature, Legislative Analyst's Office, Department of Finance, and Governor's Office in the areas of academic and professional matters.

The LAC in consultation with the ASCCC President plans and participates in advocacy training and in the annual Legislative and Advocacy Day.

The committee reviewed the proposed change to the LAC charge. The role of the committee in the ASCCC Legislative and Advocacy day was added to the charge. Added California to Legislature et al to provide clarification. Added focus on student centered lens for analysis.

The committee reached consensus to move this to the Executive Committee for consideration of approval. If approved it would go into effect in June 2021.

8. Plenary Session Breakout

Attending Plenary, Adrienne (maybe), Alexis, Geoffrey, Christopher, and Eric
Stephanie has a conflicting presentation.

- Thursday, April 15, 2:30-3:45
- Title, Description, Presenters

Draft:

Assembly Bills, Senate Bills, and Trailer Bill Language: Navigating the Legislative Proposals

The 2021-2022 legislative cycle has started out strong after an unprecedented ending of the 2019-20 two-year legislative cycle. Keeping pace with prior years 2,379 proposed bills have been submitted for 2021 with many focusing on meeting student basic needs, financial aid reform, streamlining transfer processes, and improving educational programs to advance equity, diversity, and inclusion. Join this session to learn about some of the proposed legislation and budget trailer bill language, followed by a robust discussion on how local academic senate leaders can leverage their roles to influence and impact statewide legislation through advocacy on academic and professional matters.

The committee approved the draft breakout description by consensus. Ginni will make small change on second sentence so it does not start with a number.

9. Rostrum Articles:

Two articles were submitted for the Rostrum.

- *Legislation for 2021: Full Steam Ahead*; Brown, May, Wada and

- *Cal Grant Modernization and the True Cost of College*; Curry, Dyer, May

The February Rostrum included the committee article on the 50% law.

10. **Events** and Important Dates (*Events in spring 2021 are virtual*)

Committee was informed about upcoming events

- Area Meetings: March 26 (A and B)/March 27 (C and D)
- Executive Committee Meeting, April 14
- 2021 Spring Plenary Session, April 15-17

11. LAC meetings:

Committee members were reminded of upcoming LAC meetings

- April 7, 12:00-1:00
- May 12, 12:00-1:00

12. Legislative and Advocacy Day debrief

The committee discussed the Legislative and Advocacy Day. Many committee members shared that they enjoyed the experience and increased their skills in advocacy.

13. Adjourn 12:50 pm

Status of Previous Action Items

A. In Progress (include details about pending items such as resolutions, papers, *Rostrums*, etc.)

- *Legislation for 2021: Full Steam Ahead*; Brown, May, Wada and
- *Cal Grant Modernization and the True Cost of College*; Curry, Dyer, May

B. Completed (include a list of those items that have been completed as a way to build the end of year report).

- *Legislation and Curriculum: Maintaining the Faculty Voice*; November 2020 Rostrum; Legislative Advocacy Committee
- *Revisiting the 50% Law: Its Intent and Its Future*; February 2021 Rostrum; Curry, Howerton, Litzky
- Legislative and Advocacy Day 2021

- F17 7.06 [Access to Noncredit Courses for Undocumented Students](#)

The committee reviewed the title 5 section 58003.3 and its 2018 amendment which has addressed the concern in the resolution.

- S18 5.01 [Funding for Apprenticeship Courses](#)

Committee reviewed resolution and 1st resolve on Montoya Funds (recommendation to augment) and 2nd resolve have been completed

- S19 7.05 [Explore Allowing Refunds Beyond Regulatory Deadline](#)

Committee determined that the resolution has been addressed through Spring 2020 Professional Development Webinars with impact of COVID-19 and Executive Orders which included discussion of student fees.

- F17 7.02 [Identify and Remove Barriers to Offering Noncredit Distance Education Courses](#)

Geoffrey Dyer reviewed this and it is consistent with 58003.1 and 58009(c). There is a group working on the attendance accounting manual. Committee may look at how the COVID-19 pandemic changes may impact this resolution in the future.

Committee Priorities – Tracking Resolutions and other Assignments

Legislative Information

Links:

- California Legislative Information Home page: <https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov>
- ASCCC Legislative and Advocacy Committee page: <https://asccc.org/directory/legislative-and-advocacy-committee>

The 2021-22 (two-year) Regular Session convened for Organizational Session at 12 noon on December 7, 2020.

Useful Websites:

CA Assembly members: <https://www.assembly.ca.gov/assemblymembers>

CA Senators: <https://www.senate.ca.gov/senators>

California Legislative Information: <https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/home.xhtml>

Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO): <https://lao.ca.gov>

California Department of Finance: <http://www.dof.ca.gov>

Glossary of Terms: <https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/glossaryTemplate.xhtml>

New Laws Report: <https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/newLawTemplate.xhtml>