ICAS MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, October 12, 2022
Folsom Lake College

ROLL CALL

(ASCCC) Virginia May, President; Cheryl Aschenbach, Vice President; Michelle Bean, Treasurer; LaTonya Parker, Secretary, Robert Stewart, South Representative; Krystinne Mica, Executive Director
(ASCSU) Beth Steffel, Chair; Thomas Norman, Vice Chair; Mark Van Selst, Secretary; Adam Swenson, Member-at-Large; Elizabeth Boyd, Member-at-Large; Tracy Butler, Executive Director
(UCAS) Susan Cochran, Chair; James Steintrager, Vice Chair; Barbara Knowlton, BOARS Chair; Eileen Camfield, UCOPE Chair; Melanie Cocco, UCEP Chair; Monica Lin, Executive Director

I. Introductions

Chair May welcomed everyone to the meeting, and representatives of each segment introduced themselves.

II. Consent Calendar

• Approval of August 29, 2022 Meeting Minutes
• Approval of the October 12, 2022 Agenda

Action: The committee added Establishing IGETC Standards Subcommittee as an agenda item. The revised agenda and consent calendar were approved by consensus.

III. Announcements

Virginia May, ICAS Chair, and President Academic Senate for California Community Colleges (ASCCC)
• October 17-21 is undocumented student action week for the CCC system. The ASCCC is collaborating with several system partners and holding several webinars designed to address challenges that undocumented students face.
• The ASCCC 2022 Fall Plenary Session is scheduled as a hybrid event in November. This year’s theme is “Centering Authentic Voices and Lived Experiences in 10+1”. The ASCCC is looking at cost effective ways of holding events, while still providing access for faculty.

• California Community College Chancellor, Eloy Oakley’s tenure as Chancellor ended on July 31, 2022, and he will begin work with the College Futures Foundation. Daisy Gonzalez is acting as interim Chancellor while the CCCCO search committee seeks a replacement with hopes of interviews beginning January 2023.

• The Campaign for College opportunity is developing a report on the diversity of several groups within California higher education, and a report regarding diversity within academic senates is expected soon. The ASCCC is currently preparing a report which will elaborate on diversity efforts within the CCC segment and ASCCC over the past 5 years.

• The ASCCC is finalizing a FAQ for AB 928 and it will be available to the field very soon. There were over 2100 responses to the CalGETC survey and the ASCCC plans to have recommendations at the 2022 Fall Plenary Session in November.

• AB 1705 (Irwin, 2022) was signed by the Governor. The bill is intended to strengthen the language of AB 705 (Irwin, 2017) as well as require the development of an electronic dashboard containing data on student progression and completion of transfer-level English, mathematics, and English as a second language. It will also require CCCs to place and enroll all students, with limited exceptions, into transfer level English and mathematics courses.

• In 2019, the ASCCC began working on the Transfer Alignment Project (TAP) to identify where Transfer Model Curriculum (TMC) can align with UC Transfer Pathways (UCTP) to create a single pathway to both CSU and UC, where feasible. The ASCCC recently requested 2.7 million in funding to work with and convene faculty from all 3 systems going forward. The CCC Board of Governors (BOG) included the request in the 2023-24 system budget request.

• CCC Baccalaureate Degree Program (BDP) submission reviews are underway. There are 10 BDP submissions so far, with 3 receiving approval from the CCCCO.

Beth Steffel, Chair, CSU Academic Senate

• A priority and main focus for the ASCSU is AB 928 and the systemwide review of the proposed CalGETC. The ASCSU intends to have a recommendation for ICAS by the next meeting.

• The CSU is currently undergoing title IX Discrimination, Harassment, and Retaliation, audit at all campuses.

• The ASCSU will be discussing and addressing declining enrollment at the CSU and looking at why some campuses are disproportionately affected.

• The ASCSU plans to continue work towards multicultural democracy and human rights, as well as eliminating administrative barriers.

• The ASCSU’s plenary was held virtually September 8-9.

Susan Cochran, Chair, UC Academic Senate

• UC campuses are now open for the fall term; students are required to have a COVID vaccination before arriving. In addition to adjusting to a different campus environment, the UC is anticipating a rise of
COVID cases over the winter months. The UC Academic Senate will be broadening the discussion surrounding how to come back the pandemic.

- The UC AS is currently conducting several systemwide reviews, including CalGETC which will be completed and ready for the UCAS to review in December.
- Transfer and how transfer is addressed will be a topic of discussion for 2022-23. Currently, the UC admits approximately 1 transfer student for every 2 freshman admissions. In 2021, 72% of CCC transfer student applicants were admitted to one of the UC campuses.

IV. Establishing IGETC Standards Subcommittee

Members discussed IGETC Standards Subcommittee membership for the year and Jinsong Zhang was nominated to serve as Chair for the 2022-23 academic year.

Action: Motion to approve the nomination of Jinsong as Chair of the IGETC Standards Subcommittee. (Cochran, May, MSC)

V. Progress of CalGETC Review

Vetting of the proposed CalGETC pathway is currently underway within each segment. ICAS discussed challenges and concerns raised so far, as well as communication strategies that each segment is implementing to help move the process forward. ICAS will form a workgroup that will be charged with reviewing the feedback to evaluate and address concerns. It was stated that, in order to meet the deadline of the legislation, the group will be able to clean up language and include definitions but major changes to the pathway will not fit within the timeline.

VI. ICAS Bylaws

A workgroup consisting of one ICAS member from each segment recently reviewed the ICAS bylaws and drafted proposed changes. Swenson presented the revised bylaws and ICAS offered several suggestions to improve upon and elaborate on the changes.

VII. Assembly Bill 927 (Berman, 2021)

Steffel discussed AB 927 in relation to duplication of CCC baccalaureate programs. ICAS discussed the need for clear parameters for duplication, as well as issues such as naming conventions for certain degrees. Additionally, there is a need for clarity regarding purview and discrepancy on program duplication, and a mechanism for resolving issues where there may be duplication of programs.
VIII. Assembly Bill 928 (Berman, 2021)

ICAS discussed CalGETC in relation to Associate Degrees for Transfer (ADTs). If CalGETC is approved and implemented, it will require review of Transfer Model Curriculum (TMC) to ensure that ADTs developed based on TMC align with the CalGETC pathway. It was stated that there may be a need at that time to provide advice to Faculty Discipline Review Groups (FDRGs) on how to best implement changes.

IX. Working to define oral communication and critical thinking

ICAS discussed defining oral communication and critical thinking and agreed that a subgroup should be created to meet and draft language that appropriately defines oral communication. A suggestion was made that each segment consider faculty to appoint to the subgroup for ICAS to consider at the November 30 meeting.

X. ADT Intersegmental Implementation Committee

ICAS discussed the ADT Intersegmental Implementation Committee membership and upcoming meetings. The group discussed potential challenges, goals, and strategies, as well as opportunities to work with the committee when possible to ensure that matters related to curriculum remain as faculty purview.

XI. ICAS Website Review

Mica discussed the current ICAS website with the group and noted that with ICAS gaining more recognition both statewide and with legislators, it is important to update the website for ease of public use. ICAS formed a group to review the website and document ideas for improvements.

XII. Future Agenda Items

1. ICAS Leg Day discussion.

Videoconference adjourned at: 3:48 PM
Minutes prepared by: Miguel Rother