Overall Notes and Observations:

The ASCSU met with the Chancellor and the Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs. We discussed several critical matters.

1. The CSU Graduation Initiative 2025

Multiple issues were raised, particularly in respect to possible benefits and potential unintended consequences for traditionally underrepresented minority (URM) students. A Task Force met and developed new targets (later approved by the Board of Trustees).

   (A) New CSU graduation targets for 2025
   Increase 4-year and 6-year graduation rates
   Increase 2-year and 4-year transfer student grad rate
   Eliminate the Achievement Gap (URM’s)

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   (B) $35 million from State of CA (perhaps)—one time money. Campus teams are planning how their portion will be used (E.G., adding advisors, reducing costs of winter/summer enrollment by offering financial aid to students) while expressing concern about lasting implementation of the intended goals.

2. General Education

There has been a survey by the Chancellor’s Office of how campuses implement GE. Proposals to change GE could be forthcoming. The Governor is apparently
perplexed by campus complexities and some Trustees are already asking about the number of units in GE and the need for upper division GE units. They are also wondering what evidence there is for needing as many units in humanities or social science or natural science as we currently require. For example, why might a humanities student need four classes in Social Science and Natural Science?

The ASCSU is forming its own Task Force to look at data and ponder the wisdom of change. Senator Baaske has asked to serve on this TF.

3. **Intellectual Property (IP)**
Several campuses, including Cal State LA, “recently” passed IP policies. All of these are on hold until the Chancellor’s Office (CO) approves its systemwide policy. No “draft” policy yet developed. Last spring the ASCSU proposed a Task Force, 3 ASCSU Senators, 3 CFA representatives and 3 members of the Chancellor’s Office. The CO would only join such a TF if CFA agreed that the TF would constitute the CSU’s obligation to bargain about IP. CFA refused. All campuses wait for a new CO IP policy.

4. **Academic Freedom (AF)**
Last winter the ASCSU proposed a Task Force, 3 ASCSU Senators, 3 CFA representatives and 3 members of the Chancellor’s Office. The CO would only join such a TF if CFA agreed that the TF would constitute the CSU’s obligation to bargain about AF. CFA refused. The CO shared a “draft” AF policy with ASCSU last winter. ASCSU has not commented on this draft as it was awaiting the formation of a TF. All campuses wait for a new CO AF policy.

5. **Task Force Reports**
The Quantitative Reasoning Task Force Report and the Ethnic Studies Task Force Report were both received by ASCSU. Campus conversations may be forthcoming.
http://www.calstate.edu/acadaff/ethnicstudiesreport.pdf
http://www.calstate.edu/acadsen/records/reports/documents/3264attachment-qrtffinalreport08-01-2016.pdf

6. **2017 Academic Conference**
There will be an Academic Conference on February 9 & 10, 2017 tentatively titled: Student Success and the CSU Graduation Initiative. The conference will be held either at San Jose State or San Diego State. Invitees include:
- CSSA Leadership (president and vice president)
- Campus teams, President, Provost, VP for Student Affairs (or designees), Senate Chair, Statewide Senators, and ASI President & 2nd campus student leader
- Trustees and Chancellor Office’s personnel
- Excellent opportunity to network and influence leaders
**Resolutions Passed**

Those interested in seeing the full text of the resolutions can do so at this site:
http://calstate.edu/AcadSen/Records/Resolutions/

**AS-3264-16/EX** – Receipt of the Quantitative Reasoning Task Force Report
*Approved Unanimously.*
This resolution acknowledges the ASCSU’s formal receipt of the *Quantitative Reasoning Task Force Report* and forwards it to the Chancellor’s Office with the request that discussions on implementation of the report’s recommendations begin. The resolution also thanks the task force members for their work in preparing this data-driven 50-page report.

**AS-3265-16/APEP** – Implementation of Quantitative Reasoning Task Force Items
*Approved.*
This resolution requests that the Chancellor’s Office begin implementation of those Quantitative Reasoning Task Force Report recommendations that had already been endorsed by the ASCSU, prior to the completion of the report.

**AS-3266-16/FA** – Commendation for Lori Lamb, Vice Chancellor, Human Resources
*Approved by Acclamation*
This resolution commends Lori Lamb for her service as CSU Vice Chancellor, Human Resources, a position she held for two years.

**AS 3267-16/FGA** – Support of Proposition 55 on the November 2016 Ballot: Tax Extension to Fund Education and Healthcare
*Approved Unanimously*
This resolution gives ASCSU’s formal endorsement of Proposition 55 on the November 2016 ballot. Proposition 55 would provide a 12-year extension of the Proposition 30 income tax increases for high-income households; however, it would eliminate the regressive sales tax increase. Revenue generated by Proposition 55 would provide added support K-12 education and healthcare. The UC and CSU stand to benefit by improved preparedness of our applicants.

**Addend:** Commendation for CSU San Francisco Senator, Michael Ritter
*Approved by Acclamation*
Acknowledging with appreciation the end of his service on the ASCSU.

**First-Reading Items**
There were four first-reading items introduced by FGA, AA and APEP. These address issues around post-secondary transfers, course grading in the “golden four,” the establishment of an ASCSU Faculty Workgroup to study general education, and the endorsement of any recommendations from the Quantitative Reasoning Taskforce that had not already received formal ASCSU approval.