General Education
There is a lot of movement on the GE front. Steven Filling (Stanislaus) and Kate Stevenson (Northridge), Co-Chairs of the Quantitative Reasoning (QR) Task Force, and Mark Van Selst (San Jose), Vice Chair of the Chancellor’s General Education Advisory Committee (GEAC), will draft revised language for the CSU GE B4 quantitative reasoning requirement, based upon the recommendations in the Quantitative Reasoning Task Force Report for bachelor’s level proficiency in QR. The draft language will be presented to GEAC in May.

Loren Blanchard, Executive Vice President Academic and Student Affairs (ASA), sent a memo to campus presidents asking for feedback on how to reshape CSU general education policy (Executive Order 1100). The memo was motivated by systemwide CSU discussions about the Quantitative Reasoning Task Force Report and its focus on equitable access and opportunity for all students to achieve academic success. The memo requests advice on the main sections of EO 1100, including the Applicability of the Policy, Pathways to fulfillment of GE requirements, Premises of CSU General Education Breadth requirements, Distribution of General Education Breadth units, Transfer and Articulation and Implementation and Governance. It was sent without prior consultation or notification to the ASCSU or its chair. Needless to say, the memo caused quite a bit of consternation among ASCSU colleagues, primarily because it addresses curricular issues, crosses over into the charge to the ASCSU’s GE Task Force (set to begin its work next week), and appears to minimize the role of the GE Task Force. A substantial amount of time and effort was spent clarifying EVC Blanchard’s intent and reconciling ASCSU expectations for the GE task force with the wording of the memo. EVC Blanchard assured the Executive Committee and the full Senate that the intent of the memo is to focus on implementation issues surround Executive
Order 1100, and that he sees the role of the GE Task Force as addressing the larger curricular issues around the size and scope of GE requirements. EVC Blanchard agreed to a group of faculty working with the administration over the summer to study the survey results and make recommendations informed by them. The faculty know to alert the administration to revisions that need consultation. EO 1100 is available at http://www.calstate.edu/eo/eo-1100.html

Based on an administrative interpretation of Title 5 and EO1100, community colleges can offer online courses to meet the CSU “Golden Four” requirement in oral communication (the other three areas in the Golden Four are written communication, critical thinking and quantitative reasoning). The courses will need to include appropriate attention to the need for multiple speeches, written by the students, presented before a live audience, and consisting of a certain minimum number of people.

**California Faculty Association (CFA)**
CFA statewide President Jennifer Eagan reported on CFA activities. CFA officers elected for a new two-year term include:
President: Jennifer Eagan (East Bay);
Vice President: Charles Toombs (San Diego)
Secretary: Kevin Wehr (Sacramento)
Treasurer: Susan Green (Chico)
For other officers and the full Executive Board, see: http://www.calfac.org/headline/cfa-welcomes-new-leaders-spring-assembly

CFA is also raising dues from 1.05% to 1.35% of monthly salary. The last increase was in 2005.

**Faculty Trustee Nominees**
To fill the position of Faculty Trustee, the ASCSU recommends at least two nominees to the governor, who in turn appoints the faculty trustee to serve a two-year term. Nominees to be
forwarded to the governor for consideration for the upcoming term are Steven Filling (Stanislaus) and Romey Sabaluis (San Jose).

**Tuition Increase**
On Wednesday, March 22 the Board of Trustees approved a tuition increase. The vote was 11 in favor, 8 opposed. Current Faculty Trustee Steven Stepanek voted in favor of the increase.

Intellectual Property and Academic Freedom
The ASCSU met with Hank Reichman, Vice President and Chair, Committee A on Academic Freedom and Tenure, of the American Association of University Professors. Dr. Reichman shared his opinion that the Draft Academic Freedom policy crafted by the Chancellor’s Office does not provide adequate protection for faculty. The California Faculty Association and the CSU will add this policy to their negotiations.

The Chancellor’s Office also drafted an Intellectual Property Policy. This has been shared with the CSU Campus Presidents. It is now being shared with the ASCSU. We have shared it with Campus Senate Chairs and asked for their input. Chair Veena Prahbu has shared it with our Faculty Policy Committee and with all Cal State LA faculty. Please look at it and share your input.