Legislative Committee Report
March 15, 2008
Sacramento, CA

Committee Members Present: Vicky McLeod, Chair, Diana Balli, Frank Borrelli, Natalia Bremer, Andrew Coile, Sherrie Golden, Staff Assigned.

Absent: John Burdett.

Lobby Day 2008
The Legislative Committee put on an outstanding event and worked long hours to host the best Lobby Day.

Lobby Day was held at the Sheraton Grand, Sacramento.

Sunday, 3/2/08 Legislative Committee
Monday, 3/3 Training
Tuesday, 3/4 Evening Social
Legislator Visits

A total of 77 members attended Lobby Day 2009. Our guest speakers provided a wealth of information. The role playing is always a treat and important in order to feel somewhat comfortable to meet with Legislators and/or Staff. The Committee received positive feedback from the evaluation forms received to-date. Completing the evaluation form is necessary in order for the Committee to make changes and improve for next year. Even though appointments were not made, each campus visited and/or walked-in to meet Legislators and attend committee meetings. Due to the fact that Lobby Day was earlier this year, it was difficult to confirm appointments, but we will schedule appointments next year. The Evening Social was a success with ten Legislators attending and Lt. Governor Garamendi. The experience having Lt. Governor interact with our members was amazing and positive. Steve Sloan did an outstanding job taking photos throughout the weekend, which we will use for future publication. Share these photos with your campus.

It is important to stay in contact with the Legislative Committee member assigned to assist each campus.

Lobby Day 2009
The Committee is already planning for Lobby Day 2009 and Vicky will be working with Dayna to begin contemplating which hotel to reserve (Sheraton or Holiday Inn). Discussion is taking place to possibly have Lobby Day attached at the end of BOD meeting to save money on traveling costs. The Committee determined that it is best to have Lobby Day in April or May. Vicky will have a tentative date for 2009 and make an announcement at the June 2008 BOD meeting. The Committee determined that it is necessary to have a sign-in sheet each day. Also, the Evening Social will hopefully take place at the Capitol Rotunda room once again to hopefully encourage Legislators to attend since they will not have to leave the Capitol. The professional invitation will be used for next year and the 2008 photo on the Capitol steps will be used.

REMEMBER: I can’t reiterate enough how crucial it is to make District Visits regularly and especially with the republican Legislators. Remember to stay on task and that CSU is the Solution! I encourage all members of CSUEU to gather with CFA, APC, ASI (Students), etc. and unite as one and meet with Legislators at the District Office. Legislators are at their District Offices this coming week (3/17-3/21) due to the Spring break.

Next Meeting: June 2008 at the next BOD meeting.