

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES
December 8, 2003

Present: Nellen, Pour, Brent, Lessow-Hurley, Donoho, Thames, McNeil, Veregge,
Katz, Rascoe, Kassing, Crowley

Absent: Shokouh, Goodman

Guests: Nance

1. The Executive Committee reviewed and approved the Consent Calendar.

2. Updates from Policy Committee Chairs:

a. Organization and Government Committee—Chair Veregge said the committee is working on the referral regarding Senate and Committee membership/structure. Chair Nellen will send a memo to the AVPs in Academic Affairs asking them to look at the committees and see if there are any representatives that should be on a committee that aren't.

b. Professional Standards Committee—Chair Katz said that Vice Provost Bill Nance held an RTP Forum. One of the areas that was discussed, was allowing the Dean's more time to work on letters.

c. Instruction and Student Affairs Committee—Chair Pour said that the committee is still working on the Office Hours referral.

d. Curriculum and Research Committee—Chair Lessow-Hurley said that the committee recently approved a BS in Software Engineering. The committee is also working on a MUSE policy that they hope to bring to the Senate in February, and the committee is working with BOGS on the GE Guidelines. In addition, Chair Lessow-Hurley will be meeting with Bob Gliner about Interdisciplinary Programs.

3. Addendum to Senate Membership Referral, O&G-F03-3:

Chair Nellen said that Eva Joice, the Administrative Analyst in the Senate Office, is currently not a member of the Academic Senate. Eva acts as the Senate Secretary by taking the minutes of the Executive Committee, Budget Advisory Committee, and the Academic Senate as well as assisting with maintaining/tracking committee membership, and handling Senate elections. Chair Nellen asked Chair Veregge to look into establishing a more formal role for Eva on the Senate.

4. The Executive Committee discussed and advised Interim President Joe Crowley on a confidential matter.

5. The Executive Committee discussed whether SJSU should join the Coalition of Intercollegiate Athletics. President Crowley noted it had support of the NCAA. Several members expressed concern at what membership entails. Chair Nellen, Past Chair Brent and

Statewide Senator McNeil will look into this more closely and report back to the Executive Committee.

6. The Executive Committee discussed whether SJSU should endorse Prop 55 as the CSU Statewide Senate and a few other CSU Senates have already done. Prop 55 earmarks money for Capital Construction. It would give \$12 billion in bonds to K-12 and higher education for repairs and upgrades. If approved, money received by SJSU would be used for the Science building. Prop 55 will be on the March ballot. Past Chair Brent will draft a resolution.

7. The Executive Committee discussed NSSE data:

Chair Nellen asked exactly what this data is, and how is it being used. Several members commented that it is the student's opinion of how things are going on campus. Several members commented that AVP Sandy Dewitz is the most informed person regarding NSSE. The Executive Committee discussed the fact that SJSU was rated very poor in comparison to other CSU's by the NSSE data. Chair Nellen will follow-up with the Provost and AVP Dewitz about this information.

8. The Executive Committee discussed Gabe Reyes' request to have a Senate representative on the Campus Climate Committee. Several members of the Executive Committee wanted to know to whom the Campus Climate Committee reported. Chair Nellen commented that it is a Presidential Advisory Committee. A member suggested that any committee that involved issues such as campus climate, should have a member from Human Resources on the committee. Another member commented that the Campus Climate Committee only met once this past Fall. The Executive Committee discussed the lack of communication between similar committees such as the Affirmative Action Committee and the Campus Climate Committee. The Executive Committee discussed the issue of whether or not similar committees are aware that each other exists.

9. Chair Nellen said that at the last meeting of the BAC, several ideas/models of how we could improve efficiency without increasing faculty workload were discussed. She will be meeting with Senator Lessow-Hurley, AVP Cooper and AVP Stacks to draft a document with some of the ideas that Chairs/Deans might be able to use this fall as pilot programs, and to which faculty could add additional ideas.