

Minutes of the Executive Committee August 24, 2009

Present: McClory, Von Till, Backer, Roldan, Kaufman, Selter, Najjar, Lessow-Hurley, Phillips, Whitmore, Lee, Meldal, Heiden, Gleixner, Baker

Absent: None

Guests: Kashiri

1. Consent Calendar – The Executive Committee voted and the consent calendar was approved.
2. The Executive Committee discussed the appointment of Joe Giglierano and Elizabeth Grace to the Spartan Shops Board of Directors. Several members asked why the Executive Committee was involved in these appointments. The AVC will speak with Mireya Salinas in the President's Office about it. The Executive Committee voted and approved the appointments.
3. The Executive Committee discussed the need to move 2 of the Senate meetings due to the furlough calendar. Several Senators had expressed their desire to cancel these meetings as opposed to moving them to alternate dates. The Executive Committee decided that given the current state of the university, it was in the Senate's best interests to meet each month. Therefore, the Senate meeting scheduled for October 19, 2009, has been moved to October 12, 2009, and the Senate meeting scheduled for February 15, 2010 has been moved to February 8, 2010. The schedule revision will be taken up at the September 21, 2009, Senate meeting.
4. The Executive Committee discussed the Senate Retreat. The Vice Chair announced that the retreat will be held on Friday, October 23, 2009 in the University Room. This year's topic will be Sustainability. Katherine Cushing will be a guest speaker on the subject. The Vice Chair asked for and received the names of additional potential guest speakers. The Vice Chair asked and the President agreed to speak at the Retreat. The Executive Committee also discussed which guests should be invited to attend.
5. The Executive Committee discussed what should be done with the Admissions and Standards Committee which has not met in several years. A motion was made to refer the matter to the Organization and Government Committee (O&G). The motion was seconded. The Executive Committee voted and the motion was approved.
6. The Executive Committee discussed the newly established Strategic Planning Assessment Agency (SPAA), and the Strategic Planning Board (SPB). The AVC/Chair of the Committee on Committees is working on staffing these two new committees.
7. The Executive Committee reviewed a draft Presidential Directive on Graduation. The CSU has revised Title V to allow the University to graduate students that have

completed all the requirements for graduation, but have not filed for graduation. Other changes include a requirement that students declare a major by 60 units, and that they not be allowed to change their major after 90 units without special permission.

8. The Executive Committee discussed the state of the university budget. SJSU had a \$42 million reduction in budget this year. Approximately, \$18 million of this loss was absorbed by increased student fees. Approximately, \$19 million of this loss was covered by faculty and staff furloughs. The remaining \$6 million is being covered through cost saving measures such as not filling vacant positions, putting restrictions on travel, etc. However, this is a permanent reduction. The budget for 2010/2011 will have a cut in state appropriation of \$18 to \$19 million with the potential of an additional \$8 million cut in base due to the loss of student fees. If there is an additional increase in student fees, some of this cut could be offset. However, this might mean that more part time faculty will not be retained, and departments may have to be restructured.
9. Enrollment report for Fall 2009:
The Executive Committee discussed Fall 2009 enrollment. It looks like we should come in fairly close to target. We have shrunk about 10% to 11% in one year. We expect our budgeted enrollment to shrink another 10.8% next year to about 20,027 FTES for California residents. This means that unless we get "Super Seniors" out, we will have a really small admissions, which might have to be limited to local students only. Super Seniors are defined as having more than the 120 units necessary to graduate, but they have not filed for graduation.
10. The Executive Committee discussed the new GE policy. The new policy requires that every department have a GE Assessment Plan by September 1, 2009. Undergraduate Studies has asked that we change that deadline to October 31, 2009. They would also like to put a 1-year moratorium on the Program Planning Schedule with a few exceptions.
11. The President and the Athletics Director have agreed that the Athletics Director should be reviewed using the procedures in University Policy S06-3. The Executive Committee discussed the need to modify that policy, before the Athletics Director can be reviewed under S06-3. Current policy requires that the Athletics Director be reviewed by the Athletics Board. The Chair of the Senate and the Chief of Staff will discuss this issue further.