

**Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting
August 30, 2010**

Present: Kaufman, Heiden, Lee, Najjar, Selter, Ng, Von Till, Kimbarow, McClory, Peter, Kolodziejak, Van Selst, Gleixner, Laker

Absent: Kassing

Guests: Toepfer

1. The Executive Committee voted and approved Gwendolyn Mok as a Senator from the College of Humanities and the Arts for the 2010-2011 Academic year (14-0-1).
2. The Executive Committee recommended that Lucy McProud be appointed to the Campus Fee Advisory Committee, and Bill Campsey be appointed to the Spartan Shops Board.
3. The Executive Committee voted and approved recommending Camille Johnson and Fritz Yambrach be appointed to the Athletics Board (14-0-0).
4. The Executive Committee discussed whether to remove the "Program of Study" option from existing forms, because with the approval of University policy S10-6 in Spring 2010, Associate Deans are no longer granting this option. However, University policy S10-6 does not go into effect until Fall 2011, and several members expressed concern about removing the option before the policy becomes effective. Nevertheless, since Associate Deans have not been approving any new Program of Study Options, Senator Kimbarow made a motion to remove the "Program of Study" option from existing forms. The motion was seconded. The Executive Committee voted and the Kimbarow motion failed (3-10-1).
5. The Executive Committee discussed the reorganization within the College of Humanities and the Arts. Dean Toepfer explained that an "emergency situation" arose over the summer requiring the breakup of Art and Design, with each of its programs going to other departments in the college of Humanities and the Arts. Dean Toepfer consulted with the program coordinators and temporarily assigned the Art History faculty to the Humanities Department, but indicated that he felt they should remain as part of the Humanities Department in order to be more visible and gain more support.

According to Dean Toepfer, with the exception of the faculty in Art History, college faculty have been receptive to the merge as being in the college's best interests. However, the faculty in Art History have objected to being merged with the Humanities Department. The Art History faculty want to remain with the Art Department. Dean Toepfer explained that he feels it is necessary for Art History to be merged with the Humanities Department in order to give them more visibility, and to get them working with other departments more closely. He feels that given enough time, the Art History faculty would begin to see the benefits of this merger.

The Executive Committee discussed the procedures for merging departments as outlined in University policy S06-7. Faculty in the Art History program have expressed

concern that these procedures were not followed. Dean Toepfer expressed his desire to be in compliance with University policy and asked the Executive Committee for recommendations on how to proceed. The Executive Committee urged Dean Toepfer to allow the faculty vote on the merger, and explained that the Art History faculty are under the impression that the current assignment is permanent and not temporary, and that they were not even allowed to vote on it. Dean Toepfer expressed his willingness to go back to the faculty and get their advice on the merger, but felt this had been done already over the summer. Provost Selter announced that he would work with Dean Toepfer to follow University policy as closely as possible, but reminded the Executive Committee that they must do what is in the best interests of the university.

6. The Executive Committee discussed the Senate Retreat. The only Fall dates that a room is available (in the Student Union) are October 8th, 15th, or November 12, 2010. The MLK Library is booked solid with the exception of one Thursday, November 18, 2010. The Executive Committee discussed these dates, but it was determined that none of them would work for a majority of the members. The Executive Committee recommended postponing the retreat until Spring 2011.

(Minutes taken and prepared by the Recorder/Senate Administrator, Eva Joice on August 30, 2010.)