Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting
October 25, 2010

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

Absent: Laker, Heiden

Guests: Nance

1. The Executive Committee voted and approved the consent calendar with the addition of Maria De Guevara to replace Art Dunklin on the Faculty Diversity Committee, and Larry Carr to replace Robb Drury on the Traffic, Transit, and Parking Committee (13-0-0).

2. The Executive Committee discussed and approved members for the Sustainability Board. The initial membership will include Eugene Cordero, Arvinder Loomba, Grinell Smith, Beverly Grindstaff, and Sofia Moede (13-0-0).

3. Chair Kaufman gave an update from the Senate Chairs’ meeting. Issues being discussed at the CSU Statewide Senate include the Graduation Initiative, the Budget, Early Start, and SB 1440.

   a. The CSU system was allocated $360 million in the budget. There was $106 million in one-time funding (the CSU will ask that this be restored to the base next year), $199 million in permanent funding, and $60.6 million for growth. However, a stipulation in the budget allows the legislature to take back the growth funding if the CSU does not meet the enrollment target of 325,000 FTES. For SJSU that amounts to 21,165 annual FTES. To meet this target, we would need an additional 1098 FTES this spring. The Chancellor has said he will not penalize us for not meeting this target, but he is going to withhold $100 million in the event that there is a mid-year adjustment.

   b. Provost Selter believes we will probably have a state-supported summer session this year.

   c. The Provost will be putting out a call to the colleges for up to 12 new searches for Tenure-Track faculty. Selections will be made based on learning assessment, need, scholarship, and diversity.

   d. The Provost plans to do a large faculty recruitment in May for next fall. There will be a new feature requiring the colleges to articulate how they will help develop inter-disciplinary programs, e.g. by merging departments.

   e. Chair Kaufman noted that the advocacy website that the campuses used to contact legislators was very effective, and the CSU wants to keep this advocacy going and to involve students and parents as well.
f. The CSU Statewide Academic Senate recently passed two resolutions regarding “Early Start.” The first resolution states that it is a burden on students to have to take remedial classes the summer before starting CSU classes, and states that the requirement may violate the education code. The second resolution encourages faculty in developmental studies to be proactive in engaging in discussions on Early Start. Chair Kaufman will be sending referrals to the Curriculum and Research, and Instruction and Student Affairs Committees.

4. Housing Committee/policy:
   a. The Executive Committee discussed the issue of whether or not to create a policy, or presidential directive that gives legitimacy to the Administrative Rule requiring freshmen that live beyond a 30 mile radius of the campus, to live in on-campus housing. President Kassing explained that he felt it would be useful to discuss how we got to this point as a result of impaction. Campus Housing was built on enrollment. When the university decided to build new student housing, we were at a maximum capacity of 103%. Campus housing is currently 84% full, and needs to be more than 90% full to meet the debt obligation. The Chancellor’s Office has said they will not assist us with this matter, and we must find a way to meet our obligation. President Kassing would like to come up with a strategy to reach out of state, or international students.

   b. VP Lee commented that the original intent was to capture students that needed housing, and that there was never an intent not to do a Presidential Directive. It was just incomplete. We need about 350 more students to make it work. Housing has about 3,300 total beds. Housing Services is experiencing difficulty maintaining the units as there is no reserve left for maintenance. In addition, our non-resident FTES has decreased from 1800 to 1400.

   c. A member suggested that there was no reason the current situation could not be put into a policy, and that he/she might even support a 10 mile radius if the exceptions/exemptions were established so that they did not set a barrier to students being able to attend SJSU.

   d. Another member suggested that university might consider allowing student groups to rent wings, or floors as a possibility. Another member pointed out that we have an obligation to provide a protective environment for students, and living in student housing does that.

   e. Provost Selter suggested that it would be helpful if the Senate put together a committee to work out what the exceptions/exemptions should be. Chair Kaufman will do a referral to the Instruction and Student Affairs Committee.

5. Annual Campaign Update:

   VP Najjar gave an update on the Annual Campaign. About 160 banners will be put up across campus. A campus celebration to kickoff the public phase of the event will be held on campus tomorrow, October 26, 2010, at 3:30 p.m. by
Duncan Hall. The Senate Office will send a reminder email to the faculty listserv this afternoon.

The campus goal is to raise $200 million. Only two other CSU campuses have ever had an annual campaign, and they are Fresno and Cal Poly SLO.

6. The meeting adjourned at 1:33 p.m.