Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting  
February 7, 2011

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

Absent: None

Guests: Nance

1. The Executive Committee reviewed and approved the consent calendar.

2. The call for nominations for the Vice Provost/CIO position using the google document is going well. Chair Kaufman has received quite a few nominations.

3. The Senate Retreat will focus on the symbiotic relationship between faculty research and student success. Vice Chair Von Till is in the process of preparing the agenda. The Senate Office has received a total of 46 RSVPs, out of which 42 Senators/guests plan on attending.

4. The Student Affairs Division needs a representative from the Executive Committee to serve on the University Housing Appeals Panel. Senator Lynda Heiden was nominated. The Executive Committee voted and Senator Heiden was approved (15-0-0).

5. President Kassing and VP Lee gave an update on the University Budget for 2011-2012. Few aspects of the budget are certain at the moment, except that there will be a $500 million cut to the CSU budget, and the CSU can have either a state-supported or self-supported summer session. However, the $500 million cut may be backfilled to some extent by the tuition increases.

Governor Brown is trying to get a referendum on the June ballot. Early polling is encouraging if the Governor succeeds in getting it on the ballot.

What the university does not have is a target FTE. It also appears the Governor will be looking for a negotiated FTE.

A member asked if furloughs were on the table again. President Kassing responded that there had been no talks with the unions at this time, and furloughs would require union approval.

The Chancellor has given the President the go ahead to increase the number of non-residents. SJSU has dropped from a high of 1800-1900 non-resident students in 2007/2008 to 1250 non-resident students in 2009-2010. This amounts to a loss of about $6 million in base revenue. President Kassing would like to see an increase to approximately 1450 non-resident FTE. President Kassing will be putting a team together to discuss how to get us there.

A member commented that graduate enrollment targets are not strategically planned. Admission caps cutoff some smaller programs to graduate students.
A member commented that it might be a bad political move to target increases in non-resident students while decreasing resident students. A member responded that a well-balanced education for local students should include meeting international students, and that we are not doing our local students a service by discouraging international students.

The Executive Committee discussed areas that could be promoted at SJSU including a suggestion to put the weather on the SJSU website, emphasizing the social life in the area, and pointing out what a bargain SJSU is.

The Executive Committee agreed there was a need to define what the goals were and to work collectively. It was also suggested that SJSU develop a better working relationship with the community colleges. De Anza Community College in particular graduates a high number of non-resident international students.

A member commented that if we are going to increase the number of graduate students, and most of our non-resident students are graduate international students, then we need to increase support for the graduate programs.

The Executive Committee discussed how when funding gets tight the emphasis shifts to core activities such as teaching, and research is forgotten. A comment was recently made by the Legislative Analyst's Office that the CSU has no teaching mission. A member commented that in some disciplines, if the undergraduate student does not have any research background they cannot get into certain graduate programs.

6. The Executive Committee discussed concerns from the ULB that when the CSU considers implementing doctoral programs, they do not allocate resources for library journals and other materials. The ULB will be bringing a proposal to the Senate. The Executive Committee was informed that doctoral granting universities pay more across the board for all journals, and that our costs will increase when the Education and Nursing doctoral programs are established. President Kassing noted that the Ed.D Program had been put on hold.

7. The Instruction and Student Affairs Committee (I&SA) will be bringing a resolution to the Senate that addresses changes to the scheduling policy as discussed in the last Executive Committee meeting. A member pointed out some typographical errors, i.e. 1600 should be 1500. Chair Kaufman will be bringing this before the UCCD this afternoon (February 7, 2011).

8. The Executive Committee discussed D2L. The Curriculum and Research Committee (C&R) is concerned that there is no support for this program. C&R is suggesting that when the Center for Faculty Development is restructured support for D2L be moved there.

The C&R Committee feels that the Senate could be key in getting people onboard with assessment. AVP Jaehne, Undergraduate Studies, will be bringing a proposal to the Executive Committee and Senate that demonstrates that assessment is a functioning and productive program. A member asked if there was any chance that the methodology used in the data collection would be changed, because some of the data
is unreliable. Another member commented that it is hard to support program planning when resources are not reallocated to support program planning suggestions.

A member asked who was responsible for the collecting and reporting of the CLA data on campus. A member responded that it was AVP Sutee Sujitparapitaya.

9. The Executive Committee discussed a referral to O&G to come up with guidelines for department mergers.

10. Updates:

   a. At the CSU Statewide Senate, they are discussing Early Start. There is much more comfort overall with what it will end up looking like.

   b. The I&SA Committee is working on a possible revision to the Time, Place, and Manner presidential directive. Senator Gleixner will meet with Chief of Staff/CIO Bill Nance to discuss.

   c. CIO Nance noted that his office is leaning towards changing the auto-forwarding policy however, there is still a lot of technical work to do first.

11. Chair Kaufman reminded the policy committee chairs that there is a Senate meeting next Monday and they needed to get materials for it to the Senate Office by tomorrow morning (Tuesday, February 8, 2011).

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