

Executive Committee Minutes
March 18, 2013

Present: VonTill, Junn (by phone), Ng, McClory, Du, Dukes, Nance, Peter, Bros-Seemann, Lessow-Hurley, Worsnup, Kimbarow, Qayoumi, Heiden

Absent: Bibb

1. The minutes of March 4, 2013 were amended to change the last line of 9a. to read, "Coordination between O&G and I&SA was discussed." The committee voted and the minutes were approved as amended.
2. The Consent Calendar was approved as amended to add James Gonzales as a student on the Student Fairness Committee.
3. Unfinished Business:
 - a. Auxiliary Merger:

If the auxiliaries are merged, this will remove fiduciary responsibilities from the boards. Fiduciary responsibility will reside with one central board. This will free up the boards for other activities. The committee studying the merger is chaired by Josee Larochelle, and they will make their recommendations to the President by the end of March 2013.
 - b. Senate Retreat:

Vice Chair Heiden was thanked for her hard work on the Senate Retreat, and the Executive Committee was asked to consider what the next steps should be.
4. Senator Nellen hopes to establish a new leadership group in 2013-2014 called, "The Academic Affairs Leadership Discovery Group." Faculty and staff that are interested in professional development could apply for membership, and the group would meet every month. There would be speakers and different activities. The committee discussed the need for more clarification as to who the speakers would be, and what kind of activities would be offered before they could endorse the proposal.
5. The Senate Calendar for 2013-2014 was approved as written.
6. Memorial Service for the late Senator Ted Norton:

The Memorial Service for the late Senator Ted Norton will be held this Wednesday, March 20, 2013, from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the Spartan Chapel. Melissa Johnson from University Advancement has prepared a memory book that Senators may sign. The memory book will be given to Senator Norton's relatives at the end of the memorial service.

7. The Executive Committee discussed the need for a list of all funds that employees and other donors can donate to. A member also suggested linking to the funds that support the Senate from the Senate website.
8. The Spartan Bookstore and Textbook Adoptions:
The bookstore has been working on the website to try and make textbook ordering more flexible. Several members expressed concern that they cannot get their orders in early, because they do not receive their assignments until late. The committee discussed the requirement for 100% compliance in textbook adoptions to continue to get federal funding. This is the first time that this has been required.
9. The committee discussed the recent 50th Anniversary of the CSU Statewide Senate celebration. It was a wonderful event, and the very first chair of the CSU Statewide Senate, Len Mathy, was in attendance.
10. The Undergraduate Studies Committee has submitted a referral to have their charge changed.
11. The Executive Committee was given a brief presentation by the Chair of the Student Fairness Committee, Matthew Masucci, and the Ombudsman, Demerris Brooks. The recent policy that the Senate passed amending the composition of the Student Fairness Committee (SFC) will not be signed by the President.

Chair Masucci and Ms. Brooks made three suggestions:

First, the informal process needs to be reviewed and streamlined. It was suggested that deadlines be incorporated into that process as well. Second, the date for the resolution that the Senate passed should be extended through Fall 2013. Third, the appointment process also needs to be streamlined.

The SFC has been seeing an increase in the number of cases. There are also more cases concerned with specific courses, and specific instructors.

The committee discussed the role of the staff members on the SFC, and some members expressed concern about staff participating in the process. A member asked whether the SFC needed to have staff members at all. Chair Masucci and Ms. Brooks indicated that the staff often had knowledge that was very beneficial to the other members of the SFC. A member suggested that perhaps the policy should be specific in indicating staff participation by staff who have relevant qualifications.

The Executive Committee asked if more members were actually needed at this time, and Chair Masucci and Ms. Brooks responded that the SFC could use 1 additional Faculty-at-Large member, and 3 additional students.

A member suggested that Associated Students (AS) consider paying students to serve on the committee like a part-time job.

Another member suggested that priority registration could help. However, the Student Success Committee is currently reviewing all priority registration groups in an effort to decrease priority registrations.

A member suggested that perhaps a task force could be setup to study the types of complaints and where they are coming from.

The Executive Committee asked the SFC to present an annual report to the Senate.

12. Steinberg Bill:

The Executive Committee discussed the proposal. A member suggested that the Steinberg Bill was proposed to get the discussion started, not as a final resolution. It was suggested that the Senate might consider a Sense of the Senate Resolution. The Executive Committee was informed that the Vice-Chancellor was preparing a response and that it might be good to wait and see if supporting that might be more effective.

These minutes were prepared and submitted by the Senate Administrator, Eva Joice on March 18, 2013. The minutes were approved by the Executive Committee on April 9, 2013.