Executive Committee Minutes
January 27, 2014
Noon – 1:30 p.m.

Present: Heiden, Nance, Ng, Peter, Kimbarow, Frazier, Ayala, Kaufman, Feinstein, Gleixner, Qayoumi, Lessow-Hurley, Von Till

Absent: Bibb, Dukes

Guests: Cheal

1. The committee approved the consent calendar. The committee voted and approved Rob Sibley to replace Annette Nellen as a Senator from the College of Business on the Senate for Spring 2014 (13-0-0). Senator Sibley will also serve on the Curriculum and Research Committee in Annette’s place.

2. The committee received an update on Academic Technology from AVP of Academic Technology, Cathy Cheal. Two new “Next Gen” classrooms are planned for Clark and Sweeney Halls.

A member asked if the original 51 classrooms are still scheduled for upgrading. The process has been slowed down due to costs and is now being done in increments depending on faculty needs and pedagogy. AVP Cheal noted that any remodeling and upgrading must be completed during the summer months when less classes are in session.

AVP Cheal developed an operating policy regarding Canvas. She will be sharing this with UCCD, and will also be forwarding it to Chair Heiden.

The Provost’s Newsletter will be out in a few days and includes the “Lunch Byte Series.” This is a series of brown-bag lunch classes. The first class will be on MOOCs and will be the first week of February. The second class will be on March 14 and is about Canvas. Other sessions include classes on Gamification, Criterion, Qualtrics, and WebEx.

3. The committee reviewed and approved the Executive Committee minutes of December 16, 2013 (12-0-1).

4. Hate Crimes Task Force:
President Qayoumi had hoped to finalize the membership of the task force last week. However, he is still waiting to hear from a student and a few external community members about their availability to serve on the task force. The first task force meeting is scheduled for February 6, 2014. The task force will be working off of the fact-finders report that will be available to both the campus and the public on January 31, 2014.
5. Campus Governance Review Committee:
The Chancellor has appointed the members of the Campus Governance Review Committee, and the members include Bernadette Cheyne, former Faculty Trustee to the CSU Board of Trustees, Joe Crowley, former Interim President of San José State University, and Ron Vogel, Associate Vice Chancellor. The chair of the committee will coordinate the schedule and the first meeting is still to be determined.

6. Search Updates:
   a. Dean of International and Extended Studies (IES) –
      The search committee and they met this morning with the search firm. Campus visits by candidates are scheduled to occur between April 29 and May 2, 2014. The committee voted and Victor Hernandez was approved as the student representative on the search committee (13-0-0).
   
   b. Assistant Vice President for Faculty Development:
      The initial screening deadline was January 17, 2014. The search committee will begin reviewing applicants on February 10, 2014. In-person interviews will be held between February and March 2014.
   
   c. Dean of the College of Social Sciences –
      Two chairs have been elected to serve on the search committee. Nominations for the faculty, staff, student, and community members are due in the Dean’s Office by February 7, 2014.
   
   d. Provost Search Committee –
      The committee discussed the meeting dates and times for the Provost Search Committee as specified by the President’s Office. Concern was expressed that these meeting times exclude most faculty from being able to serve, because they cover prime teaching hours Monday through Thursday. The committee respectfully asked that President Qayoumi to reconsider these dates and times. A suggestion was made to schedule meetings on Fridays, or perhaps even Saturdays, and possibly during the 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. time frame Monday through Thursday. Nominations are due in the Senate Office no later than Wednesday, January 29, 2014. [Note: The deadline was extended to February 5, 2014 on January 29, 2014.]

7. Updates:
   a. Vice Chair of the Senate:
      The Senate Retreat is this Friday, January 31, 2014, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in MLK 225/227. President Qayoumi encouraged Senators to follow-up on the action items discussed at the retreat throughout the year.
b. President:
The President will know more about the budget at a later date, but it does not look like there will be any surprises with the budget this year.

The Chancellor’s State of the CSU address is this Wednesday, January 29, 2014. The President will have his staff email information about the time to the campus.

c. Professional Standards Committee (PS):
The PS Committee is working on revising the RTP policy, on an amendment to the Teaching Evaluation policy to exclude very small classes from the SOTES, on amendments to the policy that organizes the processes of the Board of Academic Freedom and Professional Responsibility, and another look at the resolution concerning faculty hiring.

d. Associated Students (AS):
AS recently held a retreat where they discussed restructuring the Board of Directors and establishing a Student Senate.

The CSSA passed a resolution condemning the hate crime at SJSU.

The CSSA is proposing a statewide student fee increase of $2 per semester that would fund CSSA lobbying efforts. AS at SJSU is not in support of this resolution, because they do not feel that proper procedures and Roberts Rules were followed.

Students at CSU campuses that are on the quarter unit schedule that are being converted to the semester unit schedule are not happy. The committee discussed the fact that having both semester and quarter unit campuses is unique to the CSU. Many students prefer the quarter unit schedule, and some even pick the CSU campus they will attend specifically because it is on a quarter unit schedule.

e. Instruction and Student Affairs Committee (I&SA):
I&SA is discussing issues regarding changes to the Student Fairness Committee, religious accommodation, and FERPA rights for students. The SFC will give an update on the status of their case backlog at the February 2014 Senate meeting.

f. Vice President of Student Affairs (VPSA):
The Registrar, Marian Sofish, is our SJSU FERPA official, and Marian can answer any questions you might have regarding FERPA.

There is still no information about when the move into the new Student Union will occur. The best guess is now Spring Break.
g. Curriculum and Research Committee (C&R):
C&R will be discussing the PE requirement, and working on a new curriculum policy.

h. Provost:
Interim Provost Feinstein has attended four welcome receptions, and is happy to talk to any campus group that would like for him to visit. The Interim Provost would also like to visit faculty in their classrooms, and encouraged faculty to invite him.

i. Organization and Government Committee (O&G):
O&G is working with I&SA on revising the membership of the Student Fairness Committee and the Ombudsman will be attending the O&G meeting today to discuss this. O&G is also working on a draft “Naming” policy.

O&G also has referrals regarding adding Deans and a Staff member to the Senate that they have not had a chance to review yet.

j. CSU Statewide Senate:
The CSU Statewide Senate had discussions regarding the Legislative Analyst Office (LAO) report on Early Start.

The Chancellor has put a moratorium on closing ethnic studies departments due to low enrollment.

The CSU Statewide Senate is discussing whether a faculty trustee can be legally held over in the position until a new faculty trustee is appointed.

The CSU Statewide Senate discussed a resolution on the conditions under which the CSU would consider it okay for community colleges to offer the BA.