Executive Committee Minutes
January 26, 2015
Noon to 1:30 p.m., ADM 167

Present: Brada-Williams, Feinstein, Frazier, Heiden, Kimbarow, Miller, Peter, Qayoumi, Sabalius, Shifflett, Terry.
Absent: Backer, Bibb

1. The consent calendar was tabled to the next meeting to allow time for clarifications.

2. The new AS President for the Spring semester, Aaron Miller, was introduced.

3. 2015-2016 Senate Calendar: Next year’s Senate calendar was discussed. Concerns were raised about meeting during religious holidays celebrated by SJSU faculty and students that are not also State or National holidays. It was determined that only holidays listed on the University calendar can be considered in planning Senate meetings; however, members are invited to send an alternate when there are conflicts.

4. Review of the Community College 4-year degree proposals. Thirty-four community college proposals were sent to the CSU Chancellor for review regarding duplication of programs or curriculum. The list was reduced to 15 and only 2-3 line descriptions of each program were provided, along with a 24-hour response deadline. Additional program information was requested and provided the following day; however, with no change in the response deadline. It should be noted that the CC Chancellor publicly announced the programs before receiving CSU feedback.

After considerable pushback, modifications were made in the CSU review process. All campuses will review all 15 proposals, regardless of community college district, and identify all programmatic or curricular duplications. Our review is confined in that we have not been asked to provide any comments regarding the quality of the programs. Each CSU campus will submit two reports (although they can be identical): One will be submitted to the Chancellor’s office by the administration, the second will be submitted by the Senate to the Statewide Senate. Responses are due February 9th.

It will be incumbent on us to define the boundaries around this project. We have advisory but not veto rights. The Chancellor of the Community Colleges will make the final decision. Several questions and concerns were raised by the members, including the impact the CC programs could have on CSU programs already in the pipeline but not yet active. It will be reexamined in five years but the CCC will be in charge of that.

5. The Executive Committee reviewed nominees to the Search committee for the Vice President for University Advancement. Recommendations were forwarded to the President’s office.
6. Michael Kaufman (chair of O&G) is on sabbatical this semester. Lynda Heiden will serve as interim for one meeting to facilitate an interim appointment and nominations for the permanent position.

7. The meeting was adjourned just after 1:30 p.m.

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