Minutes of the Executive Committee
July 23, 2009


Absent: Baker

Guests: Crnogorcevic (AS Vice President representing AS President Megan Baker), Kato, Branz, Jaehne

1. Consent Calendar –

   a. The Executive Committee voted and the consent calendar was approved.

   b. AVC McClory announced that Senator Maldonado-Colon has resigned from the Senate due to a class scheduling conflict. The Senate Office will conduct a special election for a replacement from the College of Education at the beginning of the Fall semester.

   c. The Executive Committee discussed what to do about the Admissions and Standards Committee which has not met in the last 3 years. A referral will be made to the Organization and Government Committee to look into combining the committee’s functions with the Enrollment Management Task Force and updating its charge.

   d. The Executive Committee discussed what to do about committees that generally meet on Fridays, if Fridays become regularly scheduled furlough days. It was decided that most committees (excluding the policy committees) schedule their own meeting dates and times, and they could work out alternative meeting days on their own.

   e. The International Programs and Students Committee has requested a change in membership. They feel they have too many ex officio, and not enough faculty seats. A referral will be made to the Organization and Government Committee to review the membership.

   f. The Executive Committee discussed and approved putting the Program Planning Committee Chair in one of the committee faculty-at-large seats when the seats go at-large in the Fall. The committee chair did not realize her term was expiring, and that she needed to submit a new committee preference form. Consequently, there are no vacant seats on the committee for the chair from her college, and she will need to be placed in an at-large seat for the year.

2. The Executive Committee discussed and approved sending a letter to the Board of Trustees in support of a confidential program naming opportunity. It is hoped that the matter can be presented to the Board of Trustees at the September meeting.
3. The Executive Committee discussed the budget. Some of the highlights of this discussion are presented below:

a. The CSU is anticipating a net reduction of $583 million for the 2009-2010 fiscal year. SJSU’s share of the reduction is $41.5 million.

b. Fee increases are anticipated to cover approximately $17 million of SJSU’s cut. This leaves approximately $24.5 million that must be cut from our budget.

c. If all unions approved 22 furlough days this year, that would cover an additional $18.3 million of the budget cuts. This leaves approximately $6-$7 million in budget cuts that SJSU must make. The Executive Committee discussed when the furlough days would occur. Furlough days for staff will be at the President’s discretion.

d. The Executive Committee discussed where the $6-$7 million in additional cuts would come from. The cuts will be prorated out to all the divisions. The Executive Committee discussed why the cuts had to be made to all the divisions across the board, and whether more of the cut could be absorbed by divisions other than Academic Affairs. The Executive Committee further discussed the Chancellor’s decision that the impact of the cuts be visible in all the services the CSU provides.

4. The Executive Committee received a presentation on “Super Seniors” by Dennis Jaehne, Cindy Kato, and Stephen Branz.

a. Super Seniors are defined as those students that have reached the number of units needed to graduate, but have not yet applied for graduation.

b. All Super Seniors will be contacted. The first group will be those that have applied for graduation, but did not graduate. The second group will be those with 165+ units. The third group includes those students with 120 to 164 units. There are approximately 600 students in all three groups.

c. Super Seniors will have restrictive holds placed on their registration and will be required to have mandatory advising. Super Seniors will not be able to enroll in classes for themselves, but will have to have their advisor do it for them.

d. The Board of Trustees recently passed a policy that allows the CSU to involuntarily graduate students that have 120+ units and have met all the qualifications, but have not yet applied for graduation.

e. It is anticipated that it will be Spring 2010 before we see the impact of these changes.