Minutes of the Executive Committee  
July 30, 2012  
10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., ADM 167

Present: Von Till, Bibb, Junn, Qayoumi, Lessow-Hurley, Ng, Worsnup, Kimbarow, Du, Nance, McClory, Bussani

Absent: Heiden, Bros-Seemann, Peter

1. The minutes of June 7, 2012 were approved as written.

2. The Consent Calendar was approved with No Nays or Abstentions.

3. The Executive Committee consulted with the President on appointments to the Spartan Shops Board of Directors.

4. The Executive Committee reviewed and selected nominees to recommend to the President and Provost for the Review Committee for AVP Mark Novak.

5. The Executive Committee discussed and approved a Sense of the Senate Resolution, regarding the selection of the Chancellor.

6. The Executive Committee received an enrollment update. Last year we were 6.1% over target resident enrollment. It is estimated that we will be 6% to 8% over target this year. The Chancellor’s ceiling is 5% over target.

   We have many continuing students. As a result of having several years of larger than normal mandatory local area resident student admissions, we have many continuing students. This is bringing our resident student population over target.

   Our non-resident student population has increased by about 150 students this year, and the additional funds will help offset the loss incurred from being over target in resident students.

   Enrollment will be open this spring to non-resident and credential students only.

7. An email from the CSU Statewide Senate was forwarded to members of the committee with a draft resolution inside it encouraging support for Proposition 30. The Committee discussed possible ways to increase support for Proposition 30 such as crafting a Sense of the Senate Resolution in support of Proposition 30 to forward to faculty, students, and student’s parents, and/or crafting a Sense of the Senate Resolution encouraging faculty to educate their students about Proposition 30. A member suggested bringing speakers to the campus to discuss the issues. Concern was expressed that we not cross a line into what other groups are doing in this area.
8. The VP of Undergraduate Studies suggested that the Senate Retreat be moved from September 28, 2012 to Spring 2013. The retreat is currently scheduled on the same day as the Community Service Day. The committee discussed recent problems that have surfaced regarding Community Service Day, and the committee was informed that it may have to be cancelled this year. VP Nance will look into this further and report back to the committee as soon as possible.

9. Provost Updates:

a. Faculty Interest Groups: The Provost asked if the committee thought faculty would be interested in participating in unpaid faculty interest groups such as how to teach large general education classes using Adobe Designer Suites, and other faculty learning communities. Members suggested sending personal invitations to individual faculty members.

b. Faculty Coffee Klatches: The Provost plans on having meetings with faculty at the end of the day to brainstorm ideas. The Provost also plans to visit every building on campus and spend an hour or two randomly talking with the faculty and staff to see what their concerns and ideas are. A member suggested that a new faculty and staff dining area would be much appreciated. The committee was informed that the new student union will have a small faculty (not staff) dining area.

c. Faculty Recognition: The Provost suggested establishing faculty awards using a $5,000 donation designated specifically to honor teaching. The Provost asked for the committee’s opinion about awards for the top 15% of faculty in a department. Members suggested that this could cause problems within the departments, and that it would increase the workload for chairs and deans. Committee members will discuss this suggestion with their colleagues and report back at the next Executive Committee meeting.

10. Updates from members:

a. Associated Students President: The AS President will be in Long Beach this week, and the AS Governing Board is receiving general training.

b. VP of Administration and Finance: No report.

c. President: The President announced that there would be one more budget forum, and noted that suggestions could be sent directly to him.

The committee discussed a confidential personnel matter involving interim appointment of administrators.

d. Chair of the Organization and Government Committee (O&G): The committee was informed that the individual on the party killed over the weekend was
reported as a new student in SJSU’s Communications Department. The committee expressed their condolences.

11. The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

The minutes were taken and prepared by the Senate Administrator, Eva Joice, on July 30, 2012. The minutes were approved by the Executive Committee on August 13, 2012.