

SAN JOSÉ STATE UNIVERSITY
Academic Senate

Tower Hall 110
12:30-3:00 p.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

September 24, 2001

1. The Executive Committee reviewed and unanimously approved the referral of *ULB-F01-1, IRC Videos*, to the University Library Board.
2. The Executive Committee reviewed and unanimously approved *AS 1160, Sense of the Senate Resolution Condemning the September 11 Terrorist Attacks, Expressing Sympathy for the Injured and Killed, and Reaffirming Our Commitment to Tolerance and Diversity*.
3. The Executive Committee unanimously approved the selection of Yoko Baba as the Academic Senator from the College of Social Sciences.
4. The Consent Calendar, as amended, was unanimously approved including the nominees for the Outstanding Professor, Distinguished Service, and President's Scholar Selection Committees. Two nominations were received to fill the faculty-at-large seat on the Professional Standards Committee. Selma Burkom was the nominee selected.
5. AVP Sandy DeWitz accepted an invitation to update the committee on Year Round Operations. She reported that summer 2000 was successful and that summer 2001 will be the last "transitional" summer. Committee members asked questions about and commented upon several aspects of YRO, including budgetary, scheduling, and enrollment issues.
6. AVP Lee Dorosz and Interim Associate Dean Gail Evans accepted an invitation to discuss the status of the GE certification process at SJSU. Committee members engaged in a lengthy dialogue with their guests, discussing how the process has evolved over time. Faculty grievances were aired, and the benefits and demerits of the process were debated. After more than one hour's worth of discussion on this topic, the committee agreed to revisit the issue at their next meeting and decide how to proceed.
7. Chair Brent brought up the need to fill a staff member vacancy on the Peter Lee Review Committee. Brenda Wilhelm from Humanities and the Arts, and Julie Ryan from Business were nominated to fill the vacancy. Chair Brent will contact both Brenda and Julie to see if they are interested.
8. Chair Brent said that SJSU needs to send a team to the CSU Academic Conference. The topic of the conference will be "Diversity." Chair Brent asked for nominations for the team. Gabe Reyes was nominated. Several committee members thought it was important that a student also be on the committee.
9. The Executive Committee discussed whether anyone remembered the procedure for requesting a yearly exemption to the drop policy. There was discussion among the members. It was decided that the Instruction and Student Affairs Committee would create a procedure.