

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES
December 9, 2002

1. President Caret introduced CSU Student Trustee, Erene Thomas. Everyone introduced himself or herself to Trustee Thomas and then the Executive Committee had a general discussion.
2. President Caret thanked the Executive Committee for their support, and announced that he had removed his name from consideration for the President's position at Towson University.
3. Beth Pugliese and Fred Najjar gave a presentation on the proposed new Alumni House. Najjar stated that he had working on what the new Alumni House will look like for the past two years. Najjar said that they had been considering many different possible partnerships over the course of the last couple of years. Several focus groups have been held to determine what the new Alumni Center should have in it, and over 6,000 surveys have been sent out to Alumni. Over 80% of Alumni that responded felt that the Alumni Center was critical for the university for professional development purposes, and to give Alumni a place for events such as weddings, receptions, etc. Najjar said that the proposed building will be 3 stories high, and it will have a state-of-the-art boardroom, a high tech business center, conference areas, and banquet rooms as well as the Alumni Association offices. The proposed cost for the building is \$20 million to be funded entirely from private donations. Construction of the project will not begin until the funds have been raised. Fred Najjar said that they would like to have an academic component to the building. The Alumni Association is proposing that the Academic Senate could use some of the space for meetings. Members of the Executive Committee asked questions.
4. The Executive Committee discussed AS 1197, Senate Management Resolution--*Creating a Task Force on an Academic Excellence Fee*. Chair Brent said if the Executive Committee approved the proposal, it would be introduced at the Senate meeting today as a New Business item. Several amendments were proposed. The Executive Committee voted and approved bringing the amended version of AS 1197 before the Academic Senate later today.
5. The Executive Committee discussed whether to recommend including the faculty that were nominated for the three major faculty awards last year, in with this year's pool of nominees. It appears that this year's pool of nominees is so small, that the pool does not even meet the minimum number to be recommended for consideration to the President. It was decided this was an acceptable idea.