

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES
January 30, 2006

Present: Parsons, David, Phillips, Thames, Veregge, Lessow-Hurley,
Kassing, Lee, Bros, Van Selst, Sigler, Gutierrez, McClory, Najjar

Absent: Nellen

Guest: Selter

1. The Executive Committee reviewed and approved the consent calendar.
2. The Executive Committee discussed a confidential naming opportunity.
3. The Executive Committee discussed the two Faculty Athletics Representative nominees. The Executive Committee voted to recommend both to the President.
4. The Executive Committee discussed the CSU Statewide Senate General Education (GE) survey. A referral will be made to Curriculum and Research (C&R), and the Board of General Studies (BOGS).
5. The Executive Committee discussed the fact that there were no new nominees for any of the University Planning Council (UPC) Advisory Panels.
6. Report from the Senate Chair:
 - a. The Greater Expectations Institute Conference in Asilomar on January 17-19th, 2006 was a great success. The presentations our people gave were very good, and everyone that went thought it was a very positive experience.
 - b. The Senate Chair, the President, and AVP Cooper attended the American Association of Colleges and Universities (AACU) Conference on January 25-28, 2006, in Washington D.C. Many universities are facing the same challenges we are. One method for reducing workload that was discussed was to go to 4-unit classes instead of 3-unit classes. The extra hour would be used to interact with students, but not for lecture.
7. Report from the Professional Standards (PS) Committee:

Changes to the Retention, Tenure, and Promotion (RTP) policy will be brought before the Senate at the February 27, 2006 meeting for a final reading.

8. Report from the Curriculum and Research (C&R) Committee:

The Institutional Review Board (IRB) Taskforce held its first meeting this past Wednesday. The Chair of Committee on Committees reported that there have been difficulties recruiting people for the taskforce. Only two colleges currently have representatives.

9. Report from the Organization and Government (O&G) Committee:

O&G is working on a policy with changes to the bylaws removing the College of Social Work. O&G is also working on revising the Review of Administrators policy, and on a resolution changing the committees the Vice Chair serves on.

10. Report from the Instruction and Student Affairs (I&SA) Committee:

Meredith Moran has retired and Rich Kelley replaced her on I&SA. I&SA is researching the affordability of textbooks issue.

11. Report from CSU Statewide Senator:

The CSU Statewide Senate is over budget. Some suggestions for dealing with this include reducing the size of the Senate, reducing assigned time, and/or having fewer meetings. The CSU Statewide Senate has also been discussing the accessibility of CSU websites for the disabled.

An issue was brought to the attention of the CSU Statewide Senator regarding the lack of availability of certain textbooks in the Spartan Bookstore. The I&SA Committee was asked to look into this issue.

12. The Senate Chair thanked Eva Joice and James Yokota for all their hard work in getting the Senate's new website up and running.

13. The Senate Chair announced that she would not be running for a second term as Senate Chair.

14. The Associated Students (AS) President invited the Executive Committee members to attend the next board meeting.