

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES**  
**September 10, 2007**

Present: Kassing, Kaufman, Lessow-Hurley, McClory, Najjar, Phillips, Sigler, Sivertsen, Van Selst, Von Till, Meldal, Henderson, Backer, Bros

Absent: Lee

1. The consent calendar was approved.
2. The Executive Committee was given updates in the following areas:
  - a. Chair Lessow-Hurley provided an update on committee members for the Distinguished Service, President's Scholar, Outstanding Professor, and Outstanding Lecturer Award search committees. She is waiting for a response from Associated Students on which student will be serving on the Outstanding Professor Award Committee.
  - b. The Chancellor's Office has indicated that a Presidential search will begin in Spring 2008 for the new SJSU President. The Senate selects 2 faculty representatives to serve on the advisory committee to the trustees along with the Chair of the Senate. A memo and nominating petition soliciting faculty nominees will go out to all faculty on campus this week. Each college may nominate one faculty member for consideration by the Senate. Chair Lessow-Hurley will also be convening the Ad Hoc Subcommittee on the Presidential Search to begin organizing activities to prepare the campus for the search.
  - c. The Executive Committee discussed Constitution Day, Monday, September 17, 2007. Volunteers will read the U.S. Constitution outside of MLK Library from noon to 1 p.m. on this date. Vice Chair Meldal asked for volunteers to pick up copies of the constitution from Mike Honda's office. Chair Lessow-Hurley asked President Kassing to consider permanently approving the yearly event, which would make the planning and setup much quicker and less arduous.
  - d. The Executive Committee discussed a draft agenda for the Academic Senate Retreat on October 12, 2007. It was suggested that we invite Elizabeth Cara, president of the SJSU chapter of CFA.
3. The Executive Committee discussed a recommendation to reappoint B. J. Campsey to the Spartan Shops Board of Directors. The Executive Committee voted to support the president's recommendation (14-0-0).
4. The Executive Committee discussed the proposed revision to the Alcohol Use policy and Presidential Directive. The feasibility of a separate policy for

employee and student alcohol use is still being under review. Veril Phillips expects to provide more information in the next 2 to 3 weeks.

5. The Executive Committee discussed proposal for a differential fee for MBA's under consideration at the CSU. The fee is an attempt to address the difficulty in recruiting and retaining faculty in the MBA program. The fee would amount to a \$210/unit per semester increase in fees for MBA students. Twenty-five percent of the revenue would be set aside for financial aid. It was noted that 50% of MBA students at SJSU have their fees paid by their employers. Several concerns were raised including whether we were headed down a slippery slope and whether this put more value on certain faculty members as compared to the faculty in other colleges. It was noted that differential pay for faculty in different disciplines might violate the faculty employment contract.

The ASCSU is requesting feedback from the campuses. The Executive Committee decided to create a subcommittee to consult widely and give advice to the CSU Statewide Senate on whether to pursue this proposal. The subcommittee consists of Senators Sivertsen, Bros, Van Selst, Business Senator(s), a graduate student, and a representative from financial aid. There was some discussion about whether this proposal would be implemented regardless of campus input. This issue will also be put on the policy committees' agendas for additional discussion, with feedback referred to the subcommittee.

6. The Executive Committee approved canceling the Executive Committee Meeting scheduled for October 29, 2007. A briefing for Senate Committee Chairs will be held in its place at the same time and location.
7. Information item: Lydia Ortega has agreed to serve as faculty representative to the University Planning Council (UPC). Emily Allen is being considered as the UCCD representative on the Resource Review Board (RRB) to take Lydia's place.
8. Other Issues:
  - Senator Sivertsen raised the issue of the need for unisex bathrooms on campus to accommodate the transgender community. President Kassing will revisit this issue.
  - Senator Sivertsen asked the ASCSU to make a recommendation to add the choice of Gay, Lesbian, or Bisexual to the CSU admission application. Mark Van Selst will bring the issue to the attention of the ASCSU.
  - The Executive Committee discussed taking a position on the ballot initiative on the Community College funding initiative that will

appear on the February 5, 2008 ballot. Senator Van Selst will draft an SSR to bring to the Senate.

- Senator Van Selst provided an update on stakeholders' meetings that have been held regarding the Access to Excellence, the CSU Strategic Plan.
- The President and VP of Student Affairs are in discussion with a group of local school superintendents about the possibility of hosting a Latino Summit at SJSU that supports a college-going climate for the local K-12 districts.