

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES October 22, 2007

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

Absent: Sigler, Phillips, Najjar, Lee, Meldal

1. The consent calendar was approved with two additions.
2. Updates:
 - a. Chair Lessow-Hurley provided an update on the selection of Faculty Representatives to the Presidential Selection Advisory Committee to the Trustees. The two faculty members will be elected by the Senate today. On November 26, 2007, the Ad Hoc Committee will hold a dinner meeting in TH 110. Chair Lessow-Hurley asked AS President Benjamin Henderson if they would be electing the student representative soon. President Henderson said they would select a student at this Wednesday's Board of Directors meeting.
 - b. Chair Lessow-Hurley and Senator Bros said the Senate Retreat was a great success, and time well spent. The Professional Standards Committee was able to come up with four categories to use in preparing a draft peer review policy. The Executive Committee agreed that the forum on the Presidential search was also excellent.
 - c. Chair Lessow-Hurley asked Senator Sivertsen when the Executive Committee could expect to see a draft of the Drops, Withdrawals, Incompletes, and Repeats policy. Senator Sivertsen replied that a draft would probably be ready to circulate next week.
3. The Executive Committee discussed nominees for the faculty representatives on the AVP for Undergraduate Studies Review Committee. Bill Shaw, and Michael Jennings were selected with Harry Meserve and Stacy Gleixner designated as alternates.
4. Chair Lessow-Hurley asked for a volunteer from the Executive Committee to serve on the Wang Award Committee. Senator Pat Backer volunteered.
5. Updates from the President:
 - a. President Kassing said that VP Najjar was out ill, and VPs Lee and Phillips were at a City Hall meeting regarding the new Health Center.
 - b. The American Red Cross has asked to hold a blood donation drive on campus. American Red Cross policies, which discriminate against homosexuals, violate campus non-discrimination policies. President Kassing is committed to our non-discrimination policies, and is consulting with various people to develop a strategy to address the issue in an effective manner and is also going to talk to

local legislators about ways to express our concern to the FDA. The Chancellor's Office has been very supportive.

6. Following up on comments made at the Senate retreat, Chair Lessow-Hurley asked members of the Executive Committee to review the first draft of the Access to Excellence Plan and to consider if and how the Senate would like to respond. A subcommittee of policy chairs and Provost Sigler, and Rona Halualani will review the draft and identify key issues of concern with a view to developing one or more Senate resolutions to address them.

7. Policy Committee Updates:

The Organization and Government Committee (O&G) will be bringing a resolution on the Athletics Board to the Senate for a first reading today. O&G is also working on an amendment to By-Law 1.7.

8. Other Items:

- a. Senator Van Selst asked, as the Chair of the Campus Planning Board, who has responsibility for large, interior public spaces on campus. President Kassing will look into the matter and report back at the next Executive Committee meeting.
- b. Senator Sivertsen asked if any progress had been made on a naming opportunity for Gail Fullerton. Chair Lessow-Hurley asked Senator Sivertsen to provide a justification and suggested venues.
- c. It was noted that there may be concern on the part of CFA regarding local campus sabbatical policy vis-a-vis the new contract.
- d. President Kassing said that he may need to consult with Senator Ken Peter and the University Library Board (ULB) about the San Jose Mercury News article on access to web-based pornography in public libraries.
- e. Senator Van Selst said he is now on the CSU Statewide Teaching Effectiveness Committee and they will be looking at online SOTES.