

Minutes of the Executive Committee December 15, 2008

Present: Whitmore, Von Till, Lee, Lessow-Hurley, Meldal, Kaufman, Sigler, Phillips, McClory, Maldonado-Colon, Backer, Sivertsen, Van Selst, Najjar

Absent: Cavu-Litman

Guests: Halualani, Hseih

1. The Executive Committee discussed whether the definition of the electorate in the PPI Appeals Committee Senate Management Resolution (SM-F08-5) needed further clarification. Some Executive Committee members felt that there could be some confusion because the electorate in the PPI Appeals Committee is not the same as the term "electorate" in the Senate Constitution. The committee decided that the resolution would need to be revisited at the January 26, 2009, Executive Committee meeting.
2. The Executive Committee voted and the consent calendar was approved unanimously (14-0-0) with the addition of Wendy Ng, as a one-semester replacement on BOGS for the College of Social Sciences.
3. Dr. Rona Halualani gave a brief presentation on Strategic Planning. The draft strategic plan recommends two committees to replace the Resource Review Board (RRB), the Goals Advisory Council (GAC), and the University Planning Council (UPC). The two new committees would be the Strategic Planning Board (SPB), and the Strategic Planning Assessment (SPA) Agency. The Chair of SPB would be the Provost, and the Chair of the SPA would be the Vice Chair of the Senate. SPA would be composed of faculty that are experts in assessment from across the university. Several members expressed concern that the only link to the Senate would be through the Provost and the Vice Chair of the Senate. It was suggested that perhaps some of the faculty and/or Deans on the committee could be sitting members of the Senate. Concern was also expressed about the way the membership is to be selected. It was suggested that department chairs recommend nominees to the President. The President would then select the membership, so as to allow for wide representation from across the campus. Dr. Halualani anticipates bringing a resolution to the Senate in March or April 2009 with a final reading in May.
4. The Curriculum and Research Committee (C&R) has finished working on the Ed.D proposal. It will now be sent to the AVP of Graduate Studies. Several members expressed concern about implementing this program in such tough budget times. Questions were raised such as, whether the joint Ed.D. was able to pay for itself, whether additional resources would be available for the library to support the program, and how we would be able to pay for qualified faculty?
5. VP Najjar gave a brief summary of the Alumni Survey Report. The survey had an 8% return rate, or about 1,000 surveys. Our Alumni indicated they want to see that the equity in their degree is higher today than it was when they graduated. They would also like to hear more about things our students, faculty, and other alums are

doing. Our young alums reported needing more networking. This report will be released in mid-January.

6. VP Najjar reported that endowments are down across the nation. SJSU endowments are down 22% to 24%, or about 10 million.
7. Nominees for the CIO Search Committee will be reviewed at the January 26, 2009, Executive Committee meeting. Human Resources is currently interviewing 3 search firms.
8. AVP Robert Cooper is stepping down as AVP of Undergraduate Studies. A call for nominations for search committee members will go out across campus in the next few days. Nominees for the committee will be brought to the January 26, 2009, Executive Committee meeting for review.
9. Status Updates:
 - a. Provost:

The Provost announced that AVP Cooper will be returning to teaching in the College of Social Sciences. The Provost also announced that interviews for the Dean of the College of Applied Sciences and the Arts have been completed. The Provost is reviewing assessment documents, and anticipates making an offer very soon.
 - b. VP of Finance and Administration:

VP Lee gave an update on Emergency Procedures across campus. Beginning with Duncan Hall, building access will be move from key to card entry. The new entry system will allow the UPD to determine if a door has been left ajar.

VP Lee further announced that Alert SJSU is still less than 50% prescribed. She encouraged everyone to sign up. VP Lee said that she has provided by-name lists of personnel that have not yet signed up to the Deans. Several members stated that they had never seen, or been told about this information in their departments. VP Lee will look into this.

A member expressed concern that some of the blue light phones in the 10th Street garage are not working. VP Lee will also look into this.
 - c. VP of Student Affairs:

VP Phillips announced that the expansion of the Student Union and the Recreation Center were still on track, however, the Health Center proposal has been postponed for 2 to 3 years. This is due to a number of factors including budgetary issues.
 - d. President:

President Whitmore announced that although they are not sure it is going to happen, the CSU is anticipating being cut \$66 million on top of the \$33 million. The legislature must approve the \$66 million cut, and that has not happened yet. Nevertheless, the CSU has set aside the money to be prepared.

The President stated that we will be implementing impaction and enrollment planning.

In Washington, D.C., major higher education groups are trying to get on the President's agenda to discuss infrastructure support.

e. CSU Statewide Senate:

Senator Van Selst announced that the Executive Director of the CSU Statewide Senate, Ann Peacock is retiring.

The CSU Statewide Senate may consider going back to 2 Senators per campus if it becomes necessary to meet budget constraints. However, this has not yet been discussed.