

Minutes of the Executive Committee September 28, 2009

Present: Von Till, Backer, Roldan, Kaufman, Selter, Najjar, Phillips, Whitmore, Lee, Heiden, Gleixner, Baker

Absent: McClory, Lessow-Hurley, Meldal

Guests: Jaehne

1. AVP Dennis Jaehne gave a presentation and the Executive Committee discussed policies that are proposed for suspension due to impaction. Changes in Title V allow the president to make changes. Chair Kaufman will work with Senator Gleixner to prepare a Sense of the Senate Resolution supporting these changes to bring to the October Senate meeting.
2. Consent Calendar – The Executive Committee voted and approved the appointment of Andrew Fleck, Noelle Brada-Williams, and Michael Kimbarow as new Senators for one year term in accordance with bylaw 1.6.2.c (12-0-0). The Executive Committee then voted and approved the consent calendar (12-0-0).
3. The Executive Committee discussed the possibility of a textbook rental program. The CSU is moving towards guaranteed buy back, and rental of text books. About ½ of the CSU campuses are looking into it right now. The bookstore is interested in bringing both to SJSU, and has agreed to be competitive and offer price matching. However, the bookstore needs a commitment by faculty to use the textbook for at least 4 semesters. Several members expressed concern that faculty do not know their teaching schedule for 4 semesters in advance, and that if departments make this kind of commitment for the faculty, it could result in academic freedom issues.
4. The Executive Committee discussed the admissions/impaction for 2010. Several new majors have been added to the impaction plan including pre-nursing, liberal studies, economics, psychology, and communication studies. Under the campus-wide impaction plan, students would be offered an opportunity to improve their placement on the priority list by early commitment to SJSU and to living in campus housing.

The census date was September 21, 2009, and our enrollment is right on target. Our head count was 31,301 students, which is 4 ½% below fall 2008. We were down 1,589 new students for fall 2009, but had 523 continuing students, for a net reduction of 1,466. The average unit load is down 5% as classes become harder to get. Spring 2010 should be easier, because we will have no new admissions. We have 2,027 international students, which is a decrease of only 1.3% from last fall. However, this amounted to an 8% decrease in FTES for international students.

5. The Executive Committee discussed the decrease in students living in housing on campus. One entire red brick building has been shut down (200+ beds), and none of the buildings are entirely filled. VP Lee commented that we have to pay the bonds on the 3,000 new beds in campus village that we added regardless of our

enrollment. That money must come from somewhere on campus. The president's staff has been discussing the possibility of mandatory on-campus housing for non-local students. Senator Gleixner expressed the concerns of the I&SA Committee that faculty and students had not been included in this discussion. President Whitmore this was not intentional, but an oversight in their rush to do too many things too quickly. I&SA will move quickly to work with the president on this issue. Several suggestions were made for ways to use the housing including opening it up during the summer as temporary housing, allowing companies in the area to use them for conferences, and finding a donor to name the housing village.

6. Status Updates:

a. Professional Standards Committee (PS) –

The PS Committee is working on a policy change that would change the yearly evaluation of part-time faculty to once every 3 years. The PS Committee is also working on a revision to department chair election policy.

b. Curriculum and Research Committee (C&R) –

The C&R Committee has established a subcommittee to look into opportunities for faculty research funding. The C&R Committee is also looking into certificate programs, and writing requirements at the undergraduate and graduate levels.

c. Instruction and Student Affairs Committee (I&SA) –

The I&SA Committee is working on priority registration, change of major, and late add policies. The I&SA Committee is also looking into S97-11, and when disqualification is noted permanently versus non-permanently on the transcript. In addition, the I&SA Committee is working on two Sense of the Senate Resolutions regarding mandatory housing and the budget.

d. Organization and Government Committee (O&G) –

The O&G Committee is working on changing the bylaws to allow the new CIO to sit on the Senate and Executive Committee.

e. VP for University Advancement:

The Board of Trustees approved the Jay Pinson Stem Program naming opportunity. University Advancement will put out a press release in October 2009. University Advancement is also promoting the "Classes without Quizzes" program. There will be 40 sessions on Saturday, October 3, 2009, where faculty will host free presentations on a variety of topics. Last, VP Najjar announced that this is the last year of a private fundraising campaign.

f. President Whitmore:

President Whitmore thanked everyone for supporting the Town Hall meetings. More answers to questions will be posted on his website today or tomorrow. President Whitmore will host a separate Town Hall meeting for students, and, if possible, another regular Town Hall meeting sometime in November before Thanksgiving.

The Board of Trustees is asking for \$840 million from the state for next year. No one believes this will fly, but this is a political document. The CSU must state how far behind we are. President Whitmore reminded everyone that the CSU only got cut \$540 million this year, because we received federal stimulus money. The stimulus money must be replaced by the state this year. President Whitmore has met with Congressman Mike Honda, and they are working on strategies to increase research funding with federal money. This is why sustainability is an important issue this year.