

Minutes of the Executive Committee November 9, 2009

Present: Von Till, Backer, Roldan, Kaufman, Najjar, Phillips, Heiden, Gleixner, Baker, McClory, Lessow-Hurley, Meldal, Selter

Absent: Whitmore, Lee

1. The Executive Committee discussed and approved the Election Calendar as amended to include Thursday, March 25, 2010, as the deadline for Ballots to be due to Department Offices.
2. Chair Kaufman announced that a Call for Nominations for the Search Committee for a new Vice President of Student Affairs had been sent to the AS Printshop, and that everyone should be looking for the nominating petitions in their departments in the next few days. VP Phillips expects to retire in July 2010.
3. The Executive Committee discussed the faculty nominees for the Strategic Planning Board (SPB). A motion was made and seconded to reopen the call for nominations. The Executive Committee voted and the motion failed. The Executive Committee selected 5 faculty-at-large members to include; Anne Marie Todd--2 year term, Judith Lessow-Hurley--2 year term, Timothy Hendrick--2 year term, John Loomis--1 year term, and Annette Nellen--1 year term.
4. The Provost gave a short budget presentation that he will repeat at the Senate meeting on Monday (11-16-09). Highlights are as follows:
 - Enrollment cannot exceed our target, but we don't want to be below target either. We were over target for non-residents in fall. Our target was 1,239, but we had about 1,560 actual. CASA came in on target, while H&A, Social Science, and Science were over target, and Business and Education were way under target.
 - The way we allocate base funds to the colleges does not provide enough funding for the departments to fully fund their faculty. The Provost is planning to change this, and he will be allocating base funds to the colleges based on what they are actually spending to pay faculty for spring. The Provost was asked if the funding to be provided this spring included the cost of labs, or just salaries. The Provost said it only included salaries.
 - The Provost is not anticipating an increase, or decrease in state funding next year, but he also does not anticipate any savings from furloughs. However, he does anticipate a 10% increase in student fees.
 - The Provost commented on contingency plans for the worst budget case scenario. There are three things we could do. First, not fund things. Second, eliminate programs, and last reduce the workforce. The Provost does not plan on eliminating any programs, and the President has said keeping people working is the priority. Therefore, not funding things such as assigned time, or delaying

things such as sabbaticals, and eliminating vacant positions would be first steps. The Provost commented that we had not gotten to the point of having to plan for a staff force reduction yet. Several members suggested that it would help allay fears and rumors on campus if the Provost provided this information at the Senate meeting on Monday (11-16-09).

- SJSU did receive \$1.525 million in federal stimulus funds, and an additional \$36,600 from a grievance settlement. These funds will be used to hire lecturers, and fund the 289 FTES increase that is anticipated for spring. About \$150,000 will be used to hire additional advisers to assist with graduating “Super Seniors.”
 - The Provost commented that one complication is that we have been given an unfunded mandate to increase 1st year freshman graduation rates by 9% points, while reducing the achievement gap by half by 2015.
 - VP Phillips announced that we may be able to open some enrollment for spring 2011, but probably not to new freshmen.
5. The Executive Committee discussed AS 1424, Sense of the Senate Resolution, Opposition to the Reduction in State Support to the CSU System and a Call for Advocacy (Final Reading). Chair Gleixner will bring the recommended changes back to her committee, and provide updated copies to replace the copy in the Senate packet on Monday, November 16, 2009. Chair Gleixner commented that the resolution should be a final reading. Chair Kaufman responded that he had mistakenly thought Chair Gleixner wanted to bring it back to the Senate for another first reading.
 6. The Executive Committee discussed amending the charge of the Campus Planning Board to include sustainability. Chair Heiden brought a draft proposal from the Organization and Government Committee for the Executive Committee to review. The Executive Committee recommended changes.
 7. Status Updates:
 - a. Organization and Government Committee (O&G):
O&G will be bringing two Senate Management Resolutions, AS 1426 and AS 1427, to the Senate on Monday (11-16-09) with proposed changes to the name and charge of this committee. O&G is also working on a proposed change to the membership of the Athletics Board.
 - b. CSU Statewide Senators:
Senator Lessow-Hurley gave the following update. The CSU Statewide ASenate voted to hold an all system furlough day on March 2, 2010. The CSU Statewide Senate is also considering a Ph.D. in Physical Therapy, and we still do not have a Faculty Trustee.
 - c. Instruction and Student Affairs Committee (I&SA):
The I&SA Committee will be bringing AS 1424, Sense of the Senate Resolution, Opposition to the Reduction in State Support to the CSU System (Final Reading),

AS 1428, Policy Recommendation, Policy on Late and Retroactive Enrollment (First Reading), and AS 1429, Policy Recommendation, Two-Year Suspension of Selected Senate Policies in Response to Budget Crisis, Reduced Enrollment Capacity, and Reduced Course Offerings (First Reading), to the Senate on Monday (11-16-09).

d. Curriculum and Research Committee (C&R):

The C&R Committee is working on OIR, grade requirements for GE classes, and a rewrite of the Program Planning Guidelines.

e. Professional Standards Committee (PS):

The PS Committee will be bringing AS 1425, Policy Recommendation, Appointment and Evaluation Policy for Temporary Faculty (First Reading), to the Senate on Monday (11-16-09). In addition, PS in conjunction with the Senate Chair, provided a memo to President Whitmore suggesting that the sustainability statement be removed from all SJSU employee email.

8. The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.