

**Minutes of the Executive Committee
September 26, 2011**

Present: Von Till, Qayoumi, Heiden, Gleixner, Bussani, Ng, Sabalius, Kaufman, Bibb, Bros-Seemann, McClory, Kimbarow, Selter, Kolodziejak

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1. The Executive Committee voted and approved the consent calendar as written. AVC McClory announced that faculty seats on Senate committees go at-large on Wednesday, September 28, 2011, and can then be filled by a faculty member from any college for the rest of the year. AVC McClory asked AS President Kolodziejak for an update on the status of the student seats on Senate committees. President Kolodziejak will be forwarding additional student names very soon.
2. Update on the Provost Search:

President Qayoumi announced that the first meeting of the Provost Search Committee will be held tomorrow, Tuesday, September 27, 2011, at 8 a.m. The committee hopes to have selected semi-finalists by October 28, 2011, and to have the finalists on campus November 14, 17, 18, and 21.
3. The Executive Committee reviewed nominations and statements and selected seven faculty members to recommend to the President for the Strategic Planning Board (SPB).
4. The Executive Committee reviewed and selected three faculty members, 1 administrator, and 1 staff member to recommend to the Provost for the Review Committee for AVP Sujitparapitaya.
5. Senator Ng asked the Executive Committee to consider funding an Academic Freedom Forum. [Senator Ng is the Chair of the Board of Academic Freedom and Professional Responsibility as well as Chair of the Professional Standards Committee.] The Executive Committee discussed the possibility of having Academic Freedom as the topic for the Senate Retreat in February 2012. President Qayoumi reminded the Vice Chair that he had submitted his recommendation that "Globalization" be the Retreat topic.
6. A member expressed concern that the last day to drop deadline only allows students to attend one class before they make a decision to drop a course, and this is not enough time to really see what the class is about. Another member responded that registration was the time for picking classes, not the first week of classes. President Qayoumi commented that the practice of registering for multiple classes, and then dropping those that involve too much work, has been a problem that he would like to see changed. A member also suggested that the intent of the previous policy changes be considered before attempting to modify the drop deadline.

7. Status Updates:

a. From the President:

President Qayoumi announced that there was only one Town Hall meeting left on the schedule, and he encouraged those that had not attended a Town Hall meeting to attend. President Qayoumi also said that he was very “heartened” by the comments he had received during the meetings.

b. CSU Statewide Senators:

The Board of Trustees has voted and approved the amendment to the Presidential Search policy that makes campus visits by presidential candidates optional. There are at least 4 presidential searches currently underway in the CSU.

The budget trigger looks imminent, but there will be no additional increases in student fees, etc. Senator Bibb noted that the one-time money was held in reserve to meet the possibility of this mid-year cut. There is some good news regarding the 2012-2013 budget. The 2012-2013 budget request included a 3% salary increase for faculty and staff, and 5% growth in enrollment.

The CSU will be focusing on external communication with the legislative base that will point out that the disparity between the budget for the Department of Corrections, and the CSU budget. The CSU system took a \$100 million cut this year, but the Department of Corrections was only cut \$20 million. In addition, \$400 million was approved in overtime for corrections officers.

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

The C&R Committee is working on the SB 1440 transfer model, a joint doctorate in Nursing venture with Fresno, determining ways to account for credit hours, and defining and coming up with guidelines for certificate programs.

d. Professional Standards Committee (PS):

The PS Committee is working on some small revisions to S98-8, a referral on assessment, and discussing the possibility of a policy on RSCA.

e. Instruction and Student Affairs Committee (I&SA):

The I&SA Committee will be bringing final readings of the housing and RP policies to the next Senate meeting. I&SA is also working on changes to the policies for scheduling; time, place, and manner, and priority registration.

f. Organization and Government Committee (O&G):

The O&G Committee sent a memo to all the faculty in the College of Humanities and the Arts about the hearings. The hearings will proceed in late October 2011. Chair Kimbarow commented that he was very disturbed that he has received multiple requests to keep the submissions confidential, because the faculty involved fear reprisal.

AVP Merdinger has been invited to speak the O&G Committee today to explain her reasons for wanting to be added to the Senate as one of the administrators, and also to be added back on the Executive Committee.

O&G will be meeting every Monday through the end of October 2012.

g. Provost:

The Provost announced that the Faculty Development Grant information will go out on Friday to the faculty, but it will only be sent electronically.

h. Vice President for University Advancement:

University Advancement raised \$57 million, and will begin focusing on corporate outreach next.

VP Bussani is soliciting feedback from the campus on the Washington Square Publication redesign.

i. From the Senate Chair:

Chair Von Till announced that the Senate is celebrating its 60th Anniversary this year, and asked for ways that the Senate can publicize this event. Chair Von Till suggested that information about it be incorporated into the Senate Retreat.

j. From the Vice Chair:

Vice Chair Heiden reminded the Executive Committee that the C&R Committee is responsible for the Academic Master Plan.

A member asked about the Smoking Policy. Vice Chair Heiden said they will have a meeting on Thursday, and that a campus survey was the next step.

k. From the AS President:

AS President Kolodziejak announced that there were over 100 students in attendance at the student Town Hall meeting with the President.

8. The meeting adjourned at 1:25 p.m.