

Minutes of the Executive Committee
October 24, 2011
Noon – 1:30 p.m., ADM 167

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

Absent: Selter, Kolodziejak, Bussani

Guest: Phillips

1. The Executive Committee unanimously approved the amended consent calendar.
2. The Executive Committee approved the Election Calendar for 2012.
3. The Chief of Police, Peter Decena, gave a brief update on recent crime activity on and near campus. Although there have been some recent crimes on campus, SJSU's crime rate has actually dropped 6% this year. In addition, Chief Decena reminded committee members that San José is one of the safest large cities in the country. However, Chief Decena agreed that there is a perception among students that there has been an increase in crime this year. This is largely due to the fact that SJSU Alerts are being sent out more often than they were in the past. Until recently, SJSU Alerts were only sent out when there was an immediate threat to the campus community. SJSU Alerts are now being sent out whenever a crime occurs on campus property. Chief Decena noted that 45% of faculty and staff, and 55% of students have signed up for Alert SJSU.

Chief Decena recently met with AS and was asked to extend escort services from two to six blocks surrounding the campus. Unfortunately, Chief Decena does not have the staff to provide this service. However, Chief Decena is considering the possibility of using parking vans to provide shuttle services for students. Normally, there are only a few calls a night for escort service. However, last Thursday there were 29 requests.

Chief Decena commented that he is concerned that students are continuing to travel to places known for evening gang-related activity, such as the South San Salvador area, despite warnings from UPD to avoid these areas. Chief Decena would like to enlist everyone's support, particularly parental support, in an effort to keep students informed and away from these areas. The Executive Committee offered suggestions for keeping the public informed such as establishing a blog for parents and students that could be managed by Public Affairs, etc. Chief Decena is also considering setting up a Student Advisory Committee.

A member asked if the UPD had any suspects in the Dudley Moorhead Hall arson investigation. Chief Decena commented that the UPD does have some individuals under surveillance.

4. The Executive Committee discussed the Frosh Housing Policy, especially the changes that were made on the floor of the Senate. Several concerns were raised, including the following: 1) The two whereas clauses that were removed are vital for explaining the purpose of the policy, 2) in Section I.B.2, the use of “reasonable commute” instead of “living within 30 miles” is too subjective to administer, 3) in Section I.B.2, the addition of “personal principle” as a petitionable exemption is too subjective to administer, 4) in Section II.G., the addition of international students as a categorical exemption is unnecessary, because any student may petition for an exemption based on other criteria. A less significant concern was raised about another changes in Section I.B.2.—“including but not limited to” instead of “e.g.”

The Executive Committee plans to revisit the policy to review these concerns at the next Executive Committee meeting on November 7, 2011, and will bring their recommendations to the Senate on November 14, 2011.

5. The Executive Committee discussed the budget. It is almost certain that the mid-year trigger will occur and the CSU will be hit with another \$100 million in cuts. However, we will be able to cover our portion of the cuts with one-time money this year. Nevertheless, if the cuts to the CSU budget become permanent, SJSU will be facing a serious budget shortfall in the future.

For the 2012-2013 budget, the Trustees have asked for full funding for a 5% enrollment increase as well as a small salary increase. This year, every campus is at or above their target enrollment by 3-9% with an average of 4% to 5% over target.

6. The Executive Committee discussed the Senate Retreat. The topic this year is “Globalization.” The Senate Retreat will be held on Friday, February 3, 2012. Invitations will be sent out in December 2011.

These minutes were taken and transcribed by Eva Joice, Senate Administrator, on October 24, 2011 (edits were made to item 4 by the Senate Chair and President’s Office). The minutes were approved by the Executive Committee on November 7, 2011.