

Minutes of the Executive Committee
September 10, 2012
Noon – 1:30 p.m., ADM 167

Present: Von Till, Ng, Worsnup, Kimbarow, Du, Nance, Heiden, Bros-Seemann, Peter, Bibb, Junn, Qayoumi, Lessow-Hurley, McClory, Bussani

Absent: None

Guests: Poole, Carr, Van Selst

1. The minutes of August 27, 2012 were approved as amended by Senators Nance and Peter.
2. The consent calendar was approved.
3. The committee discussed and approved AS 1487, Sense of the Senate Resolution, Urging that California Voters Become Well Informed About the Current State of Funding for Public Education in California and the Potential Impacts of Passage or Failure of Proposition 30 (First Reading). Senator Peter will make modifications to the rationale and bring to the first Senate meeting on September 24, 2012.
4. The committee discussed and recommended nominees to the President for the Vice President for University Advancement Search committee.
5. The committee received a presentation from Larry Carr, AVP of Public Affairs, and Calvin Worsnup, Associated Students (AS) President, on the AS Voter Registration Drive. AS has a website setup where students may register to have voting materials sent to them. AVP Carr will send out a public service announcement to the campus with the website information and urging people to vote. In addition, AS has registered approximately 150 students to vote during events such as Movie Night and Spartan Squad.
6. The committee discussed problems associated with the implementation of electronic SOTES. Institutional Planning and Research will need at least one semester to implement the programming changes. If/when passed, the CFA contract will require that universal SOTES be implemented by the President right away unless the President delays it. The Professional Standards Committee will bring a "bridge" policy to the Senate to get us through January 2013. There are six SOTE policies that will need to be consolidated by PS. In addition, the Instruction and Student Affairs Committee (I&SA) will be proofing the new electronic SOTE.

The committee discussed two sets of issues with electronic SOTES. The first issue is how to create the SOTE, and the second issue is how to get the response rate we want. San Diego State got an 80% success rate by not allowing students early

access to grades unless they had completed the SOTES. Some faculty members feel this is coercive and disagree with using this method. However, it could take years to get an 80% response rate without a similar method.

A suggestion was made to do SOTES using smart phones. However, concern was raised that all students would have to have access to a smart phone. Another concern was that the qualitative SOTES would suffer if completed by smart phone.

The Professional Standards Committee will be bringing a freeze policy recommendation to the September 24, 2012 Senate meeting.

7. Updates:

a. Provost:

The Provost would like to give more recognition to the faculty and staff and will be hosting several events in the near future as follows:

1. 21st Century Teaching and Learning Initiative for faculty will include an IPAD Raffle and all faculty selected to participate in the online learning initiative will receive a free IPAD.
2. A Celebration of SJSU Sponsored Research event will be held on October 18, 2012, from 4 – 7 p.m.
3. A Staff Recognition Breakfast will be held on November 2, 2012, from 7:30 a.m. to noon .
4. There will be an Annual Book Award Recognition event to honor those faculty that have written books on November 5, 2012, from 3 – 5 p.m. in MLK 225/229.
5. There will be a Lecturer Appreciation Event held on November 6, 2012, from 4 – 6 p.m. in the Student Union Ballroom.

A campus-wide email will be sent about each of these events as it draws nearer to the date.

b. AS President:

Associated Students held their General Assembly on September 12, 2012 from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. outside the Alumni House

c. Associate Vice Chair (AVC):

The AVC gave a mini training session to the Associate Deans on nominating people and getting their statements into the Senate Office on time.

d. CSU Statewide Senators:

The Board of Trustees (BOT) next agenda contains an item eliminating all upper division general education units. This is very disturbing, because no consultation was done with the faculty, and/or the CSU Statewide Senate. Concern was expressed that it is a violation of state law for curricular changes without consultation with faculty.

The Curriculum and Research Committee will prepare a Sense of the Senate Resolution strongly opposing the process and the philosophy behind the decision. [Note: This item was removed from the BOT agenda after this agenda as a result of feedback from all the campuses.]

The minutes were taken and prepared by the Senate Administrator, Eva Joice, on September 10, 2012. The minutes were approved by the Executive Committee on September 19, 2012.