

Executive Committee Minutes
October 6, 2014
Noon to 2:30 p.m., ADM 167

Present: Feinstein, Frazier, Heiden, Kaufman, Kimbarow, Shifflett, Backer, Peter, Terry, Sabalius, Brada-Williams, Bibb, Qayoumi, Daniels, Dukes

Absent: None

1. The committee approved the consent calendar (15-0-0).
2. The committee approved the minutes of September 22, 2014 as amended by Provost Feinstein (14-0-1).
3. The committee approved the minutes of September 29, 2014 as written (11-0-4).
4. The committee discussed the draft of the Academic Affairs Working Plan. Through working with the AALT, the Provost has initially identified three priorities; 21st Century Teaching and Learning Spaces, educational excellence, and RSCA and Professional Development Support. More information on the draft can be seen on the Provost's web site.

Several members expressed concern that faculty would have to be convinced that there would be resources to back up this plan before they would support it. The Provost will speak with the deans, chairs, faculty, students, and staff to get their feedback.

The next step for the plan is to determine the membership for working groups. The Provost would like the group to be composed of 12 or fewer personnel and will provide input to the Provost.

5. The committee discussed the San José Mercury News article regarding the Cisco pricing agreement. President Qayoumi commented that the article did not take into account the state of campus technology prior to the pricing agreement. For example, the campus had three different telephone systems with some components that could no longer be repaired and housing had no access to WiFi.

The President reported that he spent six months consulting with the Chancellor and Executive Vice Chancellor about the Cisco agreement. Using Cisco as the vendor allowed us to integrate the use of various systems and avoid the pitfalls associated with using a range of vendors. A key concern the potential incompatibility issues down the road. In addition, Cisco offered SJSU a more substantial discount than any other entities were given. The President also pointed out that the new

telephone system will reduce costs to departments, as they no longer pay monthly telephone costs.

The committee discussed the need for more transparency, allowing the campus to gain a better understanding of resources used to fund upgrades, as well as how monies were spent.

The committee also discussed how the timeline for the CSU upgrades corresponded to SJSU's order with Cisco. A member commented on how important it was to provide an accurate timeline.

6. A referral was made to the Curriculum and Research Committee on diversity in the curriculum.
7. The committee discussed who should get a referral on bias, discrimination, hate violence, and bullying. Chair Heiden will research this more thoroughly and bring it back to the committee at the next meeting.
8. The Senate Retreat is scheduled for January 30, 2015. A member suggested it not be called a retreat and instead be referred to as a workshop. No decision was made.
9. The Executive Committee, one dean and two additional faculty members will be convened as the temporary Budget Advisory Committee while the Organization and Government Committee works on a referral to decrease the size of the Strategic Planning Board. Chair Heiden will contact the deans to get their representative, and will also send out a call for faculty nominees.
10. Governance documents have been sent to all participants in the Fall governance retreat, including the Senate Executive Committee, the President's Cabinet, and the Deans with a request to send any feedback to Chair Heiden. The Action Plan will be discussed at the next Executive Committee meeting.
11. The meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

These minutes were taken and transcribed by Eva Joice, Senate Administrator, on October 6, 2014. The minutes were edited by Chair Heiden on October 22, 2014, and approved by the Executive Committee on October 27, 2014.