

AGENDA

Academic Senate – Executive Committee

September 25, 2017, noon-1:30, ADM 167

Lunch provided

1. Approval of meeting minutes of September 11
2. Consent calendar
3. President's update
4. Commencement: university vs. colleges
5. Editorial change to Honors Policy
6. University updates
 - a. Chief Diversity Officer
 - b. VP Student Affairs
 - c. AS
 - d. Statewide Senate
 - e. Provost
 - f. VP Administration and Finance
7. Policy committee updates
 - a. ISA
 - b. O&G
 - c. C&R
 - d. PS

Executive Committee Meeting
September 25, 2017
12-1:30 p.m., ADM 167

Present: Frazier, Feinstein, Riley, Schultz-Krohn, Shifflett, Manzo, Peter, Wong(Lau), Mathur, Van Selst, Willey, Faas, Lee, Sullivan-Green

Absent: Papazian

1. The Executive Committee minutes of September 11, 2017 were approved.
2. Senators Peter and Shifflett presented edits to the legislative history and rationale of AS 1660 approved by the Academic Senate on September 18, 2017 (Honors Policy). A motion was made to adopt the edits. The motion was seconded. The Executive Committee voted and the motion was approved (14-0-0).
3. There was no dissent to the consent calendar of September 25, 2017.
4. Updates:

a. **From the Vice President for Student Affairs (VPSA) –**

Over 200 people attended the Student-Parent Weekend and brunch at Gordon Biersch. In addition, over 200 people attended the tailgate party before the football game and parents and students got to run onto the field before the players.

We are getting ready for Homecoming week. There are a number of events coming up including the Fire in the Fountain.

The average GPA of incoming Frosh is 3.34. The average GPA of transfer students is 3.08.

There were 50 American Indian students last year, and that number has grown to 112 this year due to recruiting efforts.

All frosh required to be in housing were housed by June 1, 2017.

Fall admission opens October 1, 2017.

b. **From the Associated Students President (AS):**

AS has a number of events planned for Homecoming week. There will be a door decorating contest.

AS has donated \$150,000 in the form of scholarships to be given to students that need assistance with the renewal application for Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA).

AS is having difficulty getting enough students to serve on committees. They continue to work on this.

AS is working on getting students to vote in elections.

AS approved their recent audit due to fraud uncovered in connection with a previous employee. There were no significant findings.

The AS President urged Senators to come to see the community garden next week on October 6, from 4 to 6 p.m. across from the Dining Commons.

The Tommy Smith and John Carlos statues are being restored.

There is a full week of activities planned for "Rush" week.

c. From the CSU Statewide Senate:

The Chancellor's Office will be holding a webinar on EO 1100 and EO 1110 this Friday (9/29/17) from 2 to 4 p.m. Some changes include upper division GE that can be completed at any CSU. It is designed to maximize student progress. There was no news on the Faculty Trustee. [Note: Since this meeting, the Governor announced the selection of Senator Sabalius as the Faculty Trustee.]

d. From the Provost:

The Provost spoke about visiting other universities where they have both a faculty and staff Senate. Provost Feinstein would really like to see the SJSU Academic Senate include staff in its membership. The Provost does not see the administrators as staff, and the General Unit is limited to faculty that are not part of a college and staff that are either SSP III's or SSP IV's. There is currently no mechanism in place for staff to give input on resolutions in the Senate. Senator Shiflett stated that she was waiting for a referral on this matter.

Questions:

Q: A member asked why we have moved to requiring two library cards for the MLK Library? It is as if we are no longer a joint city-university library. The committee discussed how beautiful the new atrium looks. Kudos to VPAF Faas.

A: The Provost will look into the library card issue.

Q: Is there any movement towards a 3/3 teaching load?

A: The Provost had Marc d'Alarcao look into what we would have to do to move to a 3/3 teaching load. Incoming faculty are already teaching a reduced load. The Provost has a plan and is committed to the 3/3 load. However, \$4 million is needed in base funding and right now it is a matter of priorities.

Q: What is the status of the VP of Research and Innovation position?

A: The Provost still believes we have a need for this position, but it is currently on hold. The Provost announced that we did just hire an Executive Director for the Research Foundation.

Q: About 2,000 students did not received their books on time this semester. Are there any plans to address this?

A: The Provost commented that there are issues with this on every campus. However, we had over 1,000 unexpected students this year. A member commented that the bookstore does not order the amount you indicate you need to begin with.

e. **From the Chief Diversity Officer (CDO):**

Faculty facilitator training is continuing throughout the semester. The CDO is looking for faculty and staff to attend an on campus intergroup/facilitator training that includes four 8-hour sessions. This is professional training normally offered through the University of Michigan that is being offered on our campus for free as a favor for the CDO.

The CDO will be working closely with Student Affairs to assist DACA students.

f. **From the Vice President of Administration and Finance (VPAF):**

The MLK Library glass is up. The best compliment the VPAF received is that you can't tell the difference, but it is way safer than it was.

We have had ridiculously high temperatures this month with no cool-down at night and high humidity. The VPAF committed last Monday to some short-term fixes including the rental of air conditioning units for each classroom in DMH and a couple in HGH for one month.

The additional volume of students is causing parking problems as well. Even South Campus is getting full very early. Until noon faculty can park in the 4th Street garage. The VPAF is looking for solutions. He may consider converting the first floor of the 10th Street garage to parking and moving those people elsewhere. That would free up 400 spots.

The Cleary Report on crime doesn't show any trends for SJSU. There is no increase in specific crimes in the dorms. If a crime is reported quickly, the cameras may be able to identify the person. There is better reporting of incidents in the dorms with the increased security efforts.

BART has decided to go with the West Station because they wanted to be in the central part of the city and be attached to the subway entrance.

g. **From the Instruction and Student Affairs Committee (I&SA):**

I&SA is working on Priority Registration, Academic Qualifications for Students, and the Academic Integrity policies/resolutions.

h. **From the Organization and Government Committee (O&G):**

O&G is approaching the end of dealing with the policy clean-up.

O&G will be considering the requested bylaw amendment to the description of academic deans. A constitutional amendment may be necessary.

i. **From the Curriculum and Research Committee (C&R):**

C&R will be working on the Internship, Human Subjects, Curriculum, and BOGS policies.

- j. **From the Professional Standards Committee (PS):**
The PS Committee will be working on the Chairs and Directors Policy, and continuing work on previously reported policies.
5. The meeting adjourned at 1:24 p.m.

These minutes were prepared by the Senate Administrator on September 25, 2017. The minutes were edited by Chair Frazier on October 2, 2017. The Executive Committee approved the minutes on October 2, 2017.