

AGENDA

Academic Senate – Executive Committee

October 29, 2018, noon-1:30, ADM 167

1. Approval of meeting minutes of October 22
2. Consent calendar
3. President's update
4. Policy discussion: University grading system
5. University updates
 - a. Statewide Senate
 - b. Provost
 - c. Chief Diversity Officer
 - d. VP Administration and Finance
 - e. VP Student Affairs
 - f. AS
6. Policy committee updates
 - a. O&G
 - b. C&R
 - c. ISA
 - d. PS

Executive Committee Minutes
October 29, 2018
ADM 167, 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Present: Frazier, Manzo, Peter, Ficke, Wong(Lau), Shifflett, Sullivan-Green, Mathur, White, Marachi, Riley (today's substitute scribe), Day, Lee

Absent: Papazian, Faas

The minutes of October 22 were approved as revised.

1. Discussion of grading policies from the Curriculum & Research committee

- a. The C&R chair presented on the 6 relevant policies and there are two issues:
 - i. Credit/No Credit section -- should it be split in two? The first being classes that are only C/NC and the second being optionally C/NC at the department level. The committee is split and wanted Exec feedback.
 - ii. Substantial discussion about C/NC, regarding having criteria for C/NC while maintaining flexibility at the department level.

2. University updates

- a. **Statewide senate**
 - i. Shared governance: how do you know when it's not working in the CSU? There will be discussion about what a senate can do to advocate for its position. The Chancellor's Office has spoken about why its office has authority to create Executive Orders on curricular matters
 - ii. In regards to shared governance: other schools don't allow student senators vote on their senates. Do statewide conversations discuss student voting on academic senates?
- b. **Provost**
 - i. The Provost's office is developing guidelines for department chairs for application for RSCA reassigned time. March 28 may be the application date.
 - ii. Will there be a feedback process? Yes, the Provost will send a letter in this round, though in future, perhaps not.

c. Chief Diversity Officer

- i. There will be a vigil tonight in front of Chávez arch for Jewish students and community, after the events in Pennsylvania.
- ii. If you hear anti-Semitic, racist, or other such comments, contact UPD and CDO.
- iii. Halloween: we hope there won't be costume cultural appropriation issues or increased sexual assault from parties.
- iv. On Thursday and Friday of last week, there were possible troll calls coming in regarding student conduct codes about blackface etc. We do not have a policy that limits students from wearing offensive costumes, but we are involved in educational outreach.
- v. Multiple reports that there is a campaign by pro-life groups that uses a cultural appropriation of a Swahili word trying to suggest that Planned Parenthood is engaged in African-American genocide.
- vi. Great retreat this weekend by Chicax/Latinx Student Success Center.

d. VP Student Affairs

- i. South Campus walk last week, led by VPAF Faas, was very useful. There is still lots to be done to make that part of campus safe; many students use that part of campus after dark.
- ii. Behavioral health on campus is an issue and especially in our current climate.
- iii. A member asked, what is the average wait time for a student to be able to see a counselor? VPSA would like to create a metric that indicates length of time, and is reviewing the complexity of the issue
- iv. A member asked, why has no email gone out to students letting them know about support resources after the recent upsetting events in Pennsylvania and elsewhere?

e. Associated Students President

- i. SJSU took 5th place of all California higher education institutions -- 4th place among the CSUs -- in registering students to vote.

3. Committee updates

- a. **Organization & Government:** Might have a first reading of the charge and membership of committees policy ready for Monday, but today the

committee will finalize details of the policy. If not for this coming Monday, then definitely for the following Senate meeting.

- b. **Instruction & Student Affairs:** Two policies (maximum units for summer/intercession, and use/abuse of drugs/alcohol) are coming to the full committee from subcommittees. Probably won't go to full Senate next week but perhaps. Currently working on five policies in total.
 - c. **Professional Standards:**
 - i. Working on a civility and bullying policy which calls for a task force to spend the next year looking at the issue at SJSU. The committee conferred with people at SFSU about their work on this issue. The biggest question will be what kind of task force and who will be on it. It can be created by Senate, but partly why SFSU is doing so well is that their President called for the task force. The SFSU task force has 3 faculty, 2 students, 3 staff members, and several administrators -- each person has expertise on the issue and was not selected only as a representative of their group. A member suggested that the task force have a strong research base, and solicitation of members should include an application that would explain nominees' qualifications.
 - ii. The committee is also working on a policy regarding "direct instructional obligations" and aims to introduce that at the next Senate as well.
4. The meeting adjourned at 1:30 pm.

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