

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES**  
**April 9, 2007**

Present: McClory, Thames, Hebert, Lessow-Hurley, Meldal, Lee, Najjar,  
Bros, Sigler, Kaufman, Van Selst

Absent: Gutierrez, Kassing, Veregge, Phillips

Guests: Nixon

1. The Associate Vice Chair (AVC) gave an update on Senator policy committee assignments for 2007/2008. Three Senators did not submit Committee Preference Forms, and there are 6 Senate seats still pending election results.
2. The Vice Chair announced that she had accepted the position of Acting Director of Counseling Services effective August 2007. The Vice Chair will be resigning from the Senate as of the end of Spring 2007.
3. The Executive Committee discussed a Sense of the Senate Resolution, Endorsing Principles of Sustainability at San Jose State University, presented by Assistant Professor Hilary Nixon of the Urban and Regional Planning Department. Assistant Professor Nixon is SJSU's representative to the CSU level Sustainability Advisory Committee, and a member of the Education and Research subcommittee. The Executive Committee discussed the need for more information on exactly what would be involved in the implementation, and on what the projected costs would be.
4. The Executive Committee discussed the strategic planning process. Several suggestions were made for evaluating the strategic planning process including examining; how well faculty were involved in the process, whether the process was streamlined and focused funding where it needed to go, whether it has been beneficial, considering why organizations engage in strategic planning in the first place, looking at how the process could be changed in the future, and remembering that evaluating the success of committees is not the same as assessing the success of its projects. A subcommittee including Chair Lessow-Hurley, Senators Bros and Meldal, will draft an evaluation process for the Executive Committee to consider.
5. The Executive Committee discussed the Faculty-at-Large nominees to the University Planning Council (UPC). Provost Sigler will put out a last call for nominees.
6. The Executive Committee discussed a date for the Senate Retreat. It was decided that the retreat would be held on October 12, 2007.

7. The Executive Committee discussed an invitation to Trustee Jeff Bleisch. It was agreed to invite Trustee Bleisch for a visit in Fall 2007. Provost Sigler will ask the President's office to follow through.
8. Policy Committee Reports:
  - a. Professional Standards Committee (PS): The PS Committee is making good progress on the Peer Review policy.
  - b. Curriculum and Research Committee (C&R): The IRB Taskforce reports back to C&R next month, and C&R will be bringing a policy to the Senate in the Fall 2007. The C&R Committee has been discussing accessibility in curriculum with AVP of Technology, Mary Jo Gorney-Moreno.
  - c. Instruction and Student Affairs Committee (I&SA): The I&SA Committee will be bringing resolutions on Academic Integrity, next year's theme, and the Student Fairness Committee to the next Senate meeting. I&SA is also working on the advising policy for Fall 2007.
  - d. Organization and Government Committee (O&G): The O&G Committee will be bringing resolutions on the RPB, and an amendment to By-Law 1.6 to the next Senate meeting. O&G is also working on a policy on the Assessment Committee and the Athletics Board.