

Minutes of the Executive Committee

March 10, 2008

Present: Phillips, Lessow-Hurley, Meldal, Bros, Kaufman, Backer, Sivertsen, Von Till, Sigler, Henderson, Najjar

Absent: Lee, Kassing, Van Selst, McClory

1. Transcription Notation: VP Phillips indicated that the Student Affairs Division was still working on this issue. It might require a policy change but most likely will not.
2. The Executive Committee discussed the firing of the CSU East Bay instructor for not signing the loyalty oath. The instructor was officially rehired on Thursday. She was not permitted to revise the oath, but a statement was added saying that the signer is not required to bear arms. No further action on this issue is needed at this time.
3. The Executive Committee discussed the upcoming budget forum to be held April 2, 2008 at noon. The forum is a collaborative effort between CFA and the CSU. Chair Lessow-Hurley has been invited to a planning meeting for the forum. The Senate's role is still to be determined, but is likely to involve publicizing the event and encouraging people to attend.
4. Policy Committee Updates:
 - a. Curriculum and Research Committee (C&R) – The C&R Committee will present a resolution re General Education from the Senate floor today. Key components include: A hold on the current recertification process for one year, a general education task force that would be created for that year and then dissolved no later than March 1, 2009. The proposal would allow the Board of General Studies (BOGS) to continue to review new course proposals using the old policy during the one-year hold and to engage in assessing general education from an overall program perspective.
 - b. Professional Standards Committee (PS) – The PS Committee will be bringing a policy on Evaluation of Teaching Effectiveness to the April Senate meeting. PS will be meeting with the Deans to discuss RTP and summative evaluation of teaching. In addition, CFA and Faculty Affairs have been talking about the new contract as it pertains to online SOTES. They will make a presentation at today's Senate meeting.
 - c. Instruction and Student Affairs Committee (I&SA) – The I&SA Committee will bring two resolutions to today's Senate meeting. The first is a Sense of the Senate Resolution on next year's core value (AS 1379). The second resolution is an amendment to the policy on Academic Standards – Probation Disqualification (AS 1381).
 - d. Organization and Government Committee (O&G) – The O&G Committee will bring a Senate Management Resolution on the Creation of a Sustainability Task Force for a final reading at today's Senate meeting (AS 1378). O&G is also working on some additional bylaw clean-up pertaining to CSU Statewide Senators.
 - e. Associated Students (AS) – AS is working on a resolution on student fees that will be brought to the next Senate meeting in April.

5. Other:

- a. VP Najjar asked if the minutes could be changed from the March 3, 2008 meeting to reflect that he had attended, but had arrived late.
- b. Senator Von Till asked if there was a way that announcements about some the wonderful events that are happening on campus could be made during the Senate meeting, including the events to honor Luis Valdez, and the Rep's announcement that it will produce Matt Spangler's play, *The Kite Runner* during next year's season. Provost Sigler suggested that she could bring them up during her state of the University announcements.