

## **Minutes of the Executive Committee**

### **April 14, 2008**

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

Absent: Kassing, Henderson, Phillips

1. The Consent Calendar was approved.

2. Updates:

a. Transcript Notation:

This issue was continued to the next meeting. The Executive Committee discussed the need for the policy S73-28, to be changed to broaden the option of grade changes beyond clerical errors.

b. Campus Planning Board:

Senator Backer, Chair of the Organization and Government Committee, will be bringing a policy resolution on the Campus Planning Board to the Senate for a first reading today.

3. Information Items:

a. Referral to Organization and Government (O&G) to eliminate the Affirmative Action Committee:

Senator Backer said O&G discussed this referral and decided it should be handled by the Professional Standards (PS) Committee, since it isn't as simple as dissolving the Affirmative Action Committee. Senator Bros suggested that PS work with O&G on revising the policy and dissolving the Affirmative Action committee.

b. Policy Format:

The Senate Administrator, Eva Joice, will be adopting a simpler format for our policies that is more easily converted to an accessible format for persons with disabilities.

4. Senate Calendar for 2008-2009:

The Executive Committee reviewed and approved the Senate Calendar for 2008-2009.

5. Summer Executive Committee Meetings:

Vice Chair Meldal asked if July 7<sup>th</sup> and August 11<sup>th</sup> were good dates for summer Executive Committee Meetings. The committee agreed that August 11<sup>th</sup> was doable, but July 7<sup>th</sup> was not a good date. Vice Chair Meldal will revisit the July 7<sup>th</sup> date.

6. Sustainability Task Force:

The Executive Committee reviewed and selected nominees for the Sustainability Task Force. The list of nominees will be brought to the Senate for approval today (April 14, 2008). The committee then discussed the procedure for appointing personnel to unfilled seats. It was decided that following Senate approval of the slate, unfilled seats would be considered at-large. The committee voted by secret ballot for two nominees to fill the at-large seats.

7. Nominating Committee Report:

The Senate Officer Nominating Committee (Meldal, Lessow-Hurley, Van Selst) needs to hear from people holding Senate Officer seats about which of their committee members would make good policy committee chairs. The Nominating Committee is in the process of recruiting new Senate officers.

8. Policy Committee Updates:

a. Professional Standards Committee (PS):

The PS Committee will be bringing an amendment to AS 1375, the Online SOTE resolution, to today's Senate meeting (AS 1387). The amendment is the result of discussions between the CFA and the CSU, and strikes section 5.7.

b. Instruction and Student Affairs (I&SA):

AS 1381, Policy Recommendation, Academic Standards: Probation Disqualification, will not be coming back to the Senate for a final reading today. The I&SA Committee feels the policy is unambiguous as it is currently written. Senator Sivertsen will explain I&SA's reasoning to the Senate at today's meeting.

Senator Sivertsen will be presenting AS 1386, Sense of the Senate Resolution, In Opposition to the Budget Cuts to Higher Education Proposed in the State of California Governor's January 2008-2009 Budget (Final Reading), to the Senate today on behalf of Associated Students.

c. Organization and Government Committee (O&G):

The O&G Committee is currently working on a revision to by-law 13.

d. Curriculum and Research Committee (C&R):

Senator Kaufman will be presenting AS 1384, Senate Management Resolution, Establishing a Task Force to Assess the Effectiveness of the SJSU GE Program (Final Reading), to the Senate today.

Senator Kaufman will also be presenting AS 1385, Policy Recommendation, Incorporating Accessibility into the Curriculum Review Process (First Reading), to the Senate today.

Senator Kaufman announced that Dr. Antonio Lazcano, Professor of Evolutionary Biology at the National Autonomous University of Mexico will give a talk in Spanish about the Origin of Life on Earth on Thursday, April 17 at 7:00

p.m. He will give the same talk in English on Friday, April 18th at 1:30 p.m. Both talks will take place in Science 142.

e. CSU Statewide Senator:

Senator Van Selst announced that campus representatives including ASCSU Senators would be visiting legislators during the next month and suggested that Senate Exec faculty might want to participate. Chair Lessow-Hurley asked Senator Van Selst to send out the information on the visits to the Executive Committee when he had more definite dates.

9. Sense of the Senate Resolution Honoring Senator Kassing:

Chair Lessow-Hurley presented a Sense of the Senate Resolution, Expressing our Appreciation of Don W. Kassing (Final Reading), to the Executive Committee for approval. The Executive Committee voted and the resolution passed (12-0-0). The resolution will be coming to the Senate for a final reading on May 5, 2008.