

## **Minutes of the Executive Committee**

### **May 5, 2008**

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

Absent: Lee, Henderson

#### 1. Updates:

- a. The referral on the Affirmative Action Committee has been transferred to the Professional Standards Committee.
- b. Nominating Committee Report:  
Vice Chair Meldal announced that at least one candidate has been nominated for each of the Senate Officer seats.
- c. Transcript Notation:  
Vice President Phillips provided an update:  
No petition for reinstatement will be required if a student's disqualification/probation would not have occurred provided a change of grade had been posted. A notation will be added to the transcript about the administrative error. Grade change procedures are going to be added to the new faculty orientation by the Faculty Affairs Office. The Executive Committee discussed why the probation/disqualification could not be completely removed from the transcript when an administrative error occurred. Vice President Phillips commented that revising the permanent academic record goes against industry standards/procedures, however, changing the external transcript issued upon graduation to reflect only the final grade was a possible solution.

#### 2. CASA Representative to the Open Access Task Force:

Two representatives from CASA were nominated for the CASA seat on the Open Access Task Force. Neither of the nominees has responded to repeated requests for a candidacy statement by AVC McClory. AVC McClory will make one final attempt to contact the two nominees this week. If a response is not received she will solicit additional nominees from CASA.

#### 3. Faculty-at-Large Representative to the Athletics Board:

The Executive Committee discussed the two nominees for the vacant Faculty-at-Large seat on the Athletics Board. The members of the Executive Committee did not know either candidate and decided to ask Bill Campsey, the Faculty Athletics Representative (FAR) to interview the two candidates if necessary and make a recommendation.

#### 4. Committee Assignments for 2008-2009:

AVC McClory expressed a concern that some senators had not submitted a Committee Preference Form and needed to be placed policy committees. Also the Executive Committee discussed the need for members of the Professional Standards Committee to be familiar with the RTP process. There was general agreement that we recruit members to Professional Standards who have gone through the Retention-Tenure-Promotion (RTP)

process and wherever possible, have served on an RTP committee. We will address this informally this year through the committee assignment process. Going forward, the Organization and Government Committee will review Senate bylaws regarding this issue. Finally, AVC McClory announced that there were two new nominees to the Board of Academic Freedom. This has been an extremely difficult committee to get volunteers for. Chair Lessow-Hurley suggested that Chair Elect Sigurd Meldal work with this group next year to assist them in fulfilling not only the committee's adjudication role, but also the charge to educate the campus on issues related to academic freedom.

5. Other:

President Kassing gave a brief report on the Athletic Department's Academic Progress Report (APR). SJSU be penalized in Fall 2008 because we received 913 points out of the 925 needed. The President pointed out that the Football program had not received much support from the university until 12/2004 when he was named interim president and Athletics Director Bowen was hired, and that the APR is a rolling four-year average. This information is likely to be announced tomorrow.

6. Sense of the Senate Resolution:

Vice Chair Meldal asked Chair Lessow-Hurley to leave the room. The Vice Chair then presented *AS 1394, Sense of the Senate Resolution, Honoring and Thanking Dr. Judith Lessow-Hurley for her Service to the Senate and the University (Final Reading)*. The Executive Committee voted and the resolution passed unanimously (12-0-0).