

Minutes of the Executive Committee January 26, 2009

Present: Von Till, Lee (12:30 p.m.), Lessow-Hurley, Meldal, Kaufman, Sigler (12:30 p.m.), Phillips (12:30 p.m.), McClory, Maldonado-Colon, Backer, Sivertsen, Van Selst, Najjar (12:30 p.m.) Cavu-Litman (12:30 p.m.)

Absent: Whitmore

1. The faculty members of the Executive Committee discussed and selected faculty nominees to recommend to the President for the Enrollment Management Group. The nominees are: Annette Nellen, Dennis Jaehne, the Student Success Committee Chair (Susan McClory), the Vice Chair of the Senate (Michael Kaufman), Lynda Heiden, and Ping Hsu (vote 9-0-0).
2. The Executive Committee voted and the consent calendar was approved with the addition of Camille Johnson as a one-semester replacement on Professional Standards for Asbjorn Osland from Business (vote 10-1-3).
3. The Executive Committee discussed the replacement of Tim Hill on the CIO Search Committee. Professor Hill is unavailable and Melody Moh has been nominated as his replacement. The Executive Committee voted and approved the search committee with that replacement (vote 13-0-1).
4. The Executive Committee discussed the nominees for the AVP of Undergraduate Studies Search Committee. The Executive Committee voted and the following personnel were submitted as nominees to the Provost: Emily Allen, Cindy Marota, Marian Sofish, Pam Stacks, Louis Gecenok, Deanna Peck, Sami Monsur, Dora Ozawa, Maria Alaniz, Susan McClory, Guna Selvaduray, Maureen Smith, Mark Van Selst, Sheila Bienenfeld, Shirley Reekie, Dayana Salazar, and Randy Virden.
5. Comments from the Chair of the Senate:
 - a. The Executive Committee discussed whether there was a need for a referral to the Organization and Government Committee (O&G) to look at whether and how to handle a faculty member representing one college moving to another college. There is currently nothing in the bylaws regarding this. The committee decided that O&G should look into the matter.
 - b. The Chair acknowledged the extraordinary efforts of Helen Stevens from International Programs and Services in the recent fatal car accident of one of our graduate students. Ms. Stevens went above and beyond to assist in this matter.
6. Status Updates:
 - a. O&G:

Chair Backer said that O&G is working on the University Planning Council (UPC) referral. O&G will be meeting with the UPC in March to discuss their proposal.

O&G will also try to meet with the Council of Deans and the Resource Review Board.

b. C&R:

Chair Von Till announced that there would be two First Year Experience Forums on Tuesday, January 27th and Wednesday, January 28th from 3-4:30 p.m. in MLK 255.

c. Past Chair:

Past Chair Lessow-Hurley commented that couple hires are very common in the sciences and that one of the biggest reasons women don't accept science seats is because there is no position for their spouse. Many universities have a policy for hiring couples on their campus, and SJSU does not. This may become an issue for the Senate to look at in the future.

d. CSU Statewide:

1). The CFA and CSU may be at an impasse on next year's budget in the near future.

2). The Chancellor's Office is encouraging exit interviews. The Executive Committee discussed the fact that only the staff at SJSU are currently interviewed. Past Chair Lessow-Hurley stated that she had tried to get support for this when she was chair, but there was no focused answer. The Executive Committee discussed the possibility of making this a Professional Standards Committee referral.

e. Provost:

1). The Provost announced that all sabbaticals that were applied for will be funded for AY 2009-2010. Letters will be mailed out to the faculty today or tomorrow.

2). The Provost has put out a call for proposals for UPC Student Success Grants. The proposal is at the AS Printshop and should reach campus mailboxes by Wednesday.

3). In late December 2008, SJSU was selected to receive the Carnegie Foundation Advanced Teaching Community Engagement Designation. SJSU was selected based on our community partnerships.

4). SJSU was commended in some areas and received positive feedback in others for our Accessible Technology Initiatives. SJSU's policies on Accessible Technology were noted.

5). The Provost announced that the colleges had been funded to meet enrollment.

6). The Provost stated that she would be having a preliminary discussion with the Deans tomorrow on the possibility and complications associated with a

Special Session that would start sometime between Summer and Fall. The Deans will be discussing what the CSU system policy is and the Provost will report to the Executive Committee when she has more details.

f. AS President:

1). AS just had their Winter retreat. The subject of this year's retreat was the 2012 Strategic Plan.

2). AS 55 Applications are available to anyone that wants to nominate a worthy student.

3). The California State Student Association (CSSA) recently passed two resolutions. The first resolution was against the CSU budget cuts. The second resolution was against the CAL grant cuts.