

Minutes of the Executive Committee February 16, 2009

Present: Meldal, McClory, Von Till, Van Selst, Maldonado-Colon, Lessow-Hurley, Backer, Sivertsen, Kaufman, Cavu-Litman, Sigler (12:10 p.m.), Phillips (12:19 p.m.), Najjar (12:19 p.m.), Whitmore (12:10), Lee (12:15 p.m.)

Absent: None

1. The Executive Committee voted and the consent calendar was approved with the addition of 2 students, Nicholas Aquirre, and Surina Sekhon to the Student Fairness Committee (vote 11-0-0).
2. The Executive Committee discussed whether a referral should be done to reopen the class scheduling policy. There was discussion surrounding colleges and departments that do not schedule in compliance with the existing scheduling policy. Several members suggested this was a college issue and not a policy issue. Provost Sigler will speak with IPAR Scheduling and the Deans. It was further suggested that if the policy was reopened, I&SA should not do a popularity survey, but consider what would work best for the university.
3. Status Updates:
 - a. Committee on Committees (CoC):
Chair McClory said the CoC had been asked to remove Bill Shum as the FDO representative on the Campus Planning Board due to lack of attendance. VP Lee indicated that Bill Shum was the individual that needs to be on this committee and she would speak with him to ensure he attends future meetings.
 - b. Organization and Government Committee (O&G):
Chair Backer said that O&G was working on the Strategic Planning referral and a referral to add a member to the I&SA Committee.
 - c. Instruction and Student Affairs Committee (I&SA):
Chair Sivertsen said that the I&SA Committee was working on two referrals one involving grades and one about sexual assault.
 - d. Professional Standards Committee (PS):
Chair Maldonado-Colon said that the PS Committee was working on the Recordkeeping referral, a referral involving the alignment of evaluation and range elevation, and a referral to disband the Affirmative Action Committee.
 - e. Curriculum and Research Committee (C&R):
Chair Von Till said that the GE Taskforce would be presenting a report at today's (February 16, 2009) Senate meeting. The Student Evaluation Review Board (SERB) is currently working on an online SOTES pilot. The C&R committee also has two pending referrals on the 1st year experience, and the curriculum of professional development classes.

- f. Past Chair:
Past Chair Lessow-Hurley announced the Open Access forums and said a flyer would be available with the dates and times at the Senate meeting today. In addition, there is another forum on Intellectual Property at 10 a.m. on Friday, in Engr. 25.
- g. VP Student Affairs:
VP Phillips announced that 16 bathrooms on campus had been designated by the Space Advisory Committee to be redesignated as unisex bathrooms. They will be converted this year. There are a few bathrooms that will need some renovations and these renovations will be done of the next two years.
- h. VP Administration and Finance:
The California legislature did not pass the budget on Saturday or Sunday. They will reconvene today at 11 a.m. VP Lee will let everyone know as soon as she hears anything.
- i. VP University Advancement:
VP Najjar announced that the Beach Blanket Babylon production would be coming up March 9, 2009, 7:30 p.m., at the California Theatre. Flyers were passed out. SJSU faculty and staff can purchase discounted tickets. In addition, Angela Hewitt, the pianist, will be in concert at 8:00 p.m., on February 27, 2009, in the Music Building's Concert Hall at San José State University.
- j. CSU Statewide:
Senator Van Selst gave an update on pending issues/resolutions at the CSU Statewide level including the CLA Taskforce, and a resolution in support of overturning Proposition 8. Senator Van Selst also noted that construction had stopped on many campuses due to the lack of funding and a state budget.
- k. AS President:
AS President Cavu-Litman reported that AS 55 applications are due today. AS will be having the banquet in City Hall. AS is currently working on an evaluation process for the Executive Director, and their budget for this upcoming year. In addition, AS will be hosting the California State Student Association (CSSA) this weekend.

AS recently passed a resolution pertaining to sustainability on campus. AS has also discussed purchasing a sign for the AS House. The members of the Executive Committee suggested this should be brought to the Campus Planning Board.

- l. President:
The President announced that he was in Washington, D.C. the week before last, and that the good news was that Pell Grant funding will go up significantly. In addition, there will be more money for work study programs on university campuses. In general, the federal budget should help higher education.

The President also announced that the CIO Search Committee had recently met and they were in the process of selecting a search firm.

m. Other:

Past Chair Lessow-Hurley said she would be making a referral to the Professional Standards Committee to review whether Department Chairs should be tenured faculty members.

Vice Chair Kaufman and Senator Sivertsen are working on a Sense of the Senate Resolution about Impaction.

Provost Sigler indicated that the CSU/UC system were working on a transfer initiative and the possibility of having the same numbering system for classes.

Nominations for the Provost's Search Committee are due this Wednesday, February 18, 2009, noon, in the Academic Senate Office.