

Minutes of the Executive Committee March 16, 2009

Present: Meldal, McClory, Von Till, Van Selst, Maldonado-Colon (12:20 p.m.),
Backer, Sivertsen (12:10 p.m.), Kaufman, Sigler, Phillips, Najjar, Whitmore

Absent: Cavu-Litman, Lessow-Hurley, Lee

Guest: Bronstein

1. The Executive Committee approved the consent calendar (10-0-0).
2. The Executive Committee discussed the need for a policy governing free speech and student rights and responsibilities during on-campus events. President Whitmore will prepare a Presidential Directive this Spring that will be effective until such a time as the Senate passes a policy. A referral will be made to the Student Success Committee.
3. Dean Michael Parrish gave a short presentation on the Sustainability Task Force. The taskforce was divided into 5 subgroups. Each subgroup is preparing a report that will be combined in a final report to be presented to the Senate in May. The taskforce has created a website, <http://www.sjsu.edu/sustainability>.
4. Status Updates:
 - a. CSU Statewide Senator: Trustee Jeff Bleich is going to Washington D.C. to be a special legal consultant to the President for 4 months.
 - b. Committee on Committees: There are two contested elections underway for Senate seats in the College of Engineering, and for the CSU Statewide Senator seat. Ballots are due in the Senate Office on April 10, 2009.

There are 3 colleges with empty Senate seats. The College of Humanities and the Arts has 2 empty seats, the College of Applied Sciences and the Arts as well as the College of Business each have 1 empty seat. These seats will now be filled on a first come/first served basis by interested faculty from these colleges.
 - c. Organization and Government Committee: Senator Backer will be presenting AS 1407, Policy Recommendation, Strategic Planning Policy (First Reading) at today's (3/16/09) Senate meeting.
 - d. Curriculum and Research Committee: Senator Von Till will be presenting AS 1408, Sense of the Senate Resolution, In Support of the GE Taskforce Report (Final Reading) at today's Senate meeting. Senator Von Till will also be introducing a policy from the Senate floor, on this subject, for a first reading today.

- e. Professional Standards Committee: Senator Maldonado-Colon will be presenting AS 1404, Policy Recommendation, Department Recordkeeping (Final Reading) at today's Senate meeting. This policy had a first reading at the November 2008 Senate meeting.
 - f. Instruction and Student Affairs Committee: Senator Sivertsen will be presenting AS 1409, Policy Recommendation, Priority Registration (First Reading) at today's Senate meeting.
 - g. Provost: The Provost announced that the CSU and CFA had agreed to proceed with the 2nd round of Post Promotion Increases (PPI) in 2009/2010. There were 144 applications this past year and only 3 appeals. The appeals money from last year will roll forward to this year.
 - h. VP of Student Affairs: VP Phillips announced that the Master Plan had been modified to include the proposed new Student Health Center and scheduled Student Union Improvements.
5. Adjournment: 1:20 p.m.