

Minutes of the Executive Committee April 6, 2009

Present: Meldal, McClory, Van Selst, Maldonado-Colon, Backer, Sivertsen, Kaufman, Sigler, Najjar, Whitmore, Cavu-Litman, Lessow-Hurley, Lee

Absent: Phillips, Von Till

1. Status Updates:

- a. Organization and Government Committee: No report.
- b. Committee on Committees (CoC): The Committee on Committees will be meeting as the Election Committee to count ballots for the two contested seats on the Senate (CSU Statewide Senator and College of Engineering Representative) on Wednesday, April 15, 2009. Ballots are due this Friday, April 10, 2009.
- c. Associated Students (AS): AS has been working on restructuring their representation on committees across campus. AS has also been finalizing their budget, and will be conducting elections April 14th through April 16th, 2009.

AS has not decided whether they will contribute next year to funding the wireless initiative on campus. The Executive Committee discussed the original agreement between AS and the University to fund the wireless initiative wherein AS provided \$250,000 a year, and the University funded \$100,000. AS had the higher portion because they collect the instructional technology (IT) fee from students. If AS decided not to fund the wireless effort next year, there was discussion about moving the collection of this fee to the University. AS President Cavu-Litman stated that he thought the fee was specifically designated for the computer lab on campus and not the wireless initiative. He will look into this further.

- d. Instruction and Student Affairs Committee (I&SA): The I&SA Committee is working on Academic Renewal, and Priority Registration policies. They will also begin discussions on Sexual Assault today.
- e. Professional Standards Committee (PS): The PS Committee is working on the Department Chair Selection policy, and RTP guidelines for Counselors and the Librarians.
- f. CSU Statewide Senator: The Chancellor has put on hold a request for an Academic Excellence fee increase for Cal Poly (SLO), but has approved an increase in the health fee. The Chancellor doesn't want each university to implement small fee increases to cover budget decreases.

There was discussion about the California state budget and the possibility of a meltdown this summer. The legislative analyst has indicated that the state

budget shortfall may be as much as \$8 billion higher than the anticipated \$52 billion.

There was further discussion about possible legislation mandating that teachers be evaluated prior to being awarded their credential. However, the CSU has said there will be no new fees to cover the evaluations, and the testing is time-consuming.

The Executive Committee discussed the suspension of programs and whether we have a policy regarding this on campus. The Provost indicated that only one college had requested a suspension on the admission of graduate students for one year due to a lack of resources. The Enrollment Management Committee is reviewing the request. However, we do not have a policy on this issue.

The CSU Academic Senate recently passed a resolution against Proposition 8.

- g. University Advancement: University Advancement is currently in the process of printing brochures that are specific to each college about what their fundraising priorities are.

SJSU will be hosting a meeting for all CSU Vice Presidents next Tuesday and Wednesday, April 14th and April 15th.

In addition, the Alumni Association will be hosting its annual fair for graduating seniors on Tuesday, April 21, 2009.

- h. Provost: Finalists for the position of Dean of the College of Education will be on campus this week, and interviews for the VP of Undergraduate Studies will be conducted the week of April 28th.

The Faculty Service Recognition Luncheon will be held on April 14, 2009 during which Past Chair Lessow-Hurley will be presented with the Distinguished Service Award.

The Honors Convocation is April 24, 2009, and the Provost asked everyone to attend.

The Provost announced that the 2nd cycle of the Post Promotion Increases for July 1, 2009, had been started.

- i. VP for Administration and Finance:

Interviews for the AVP of Facilities, Development, and Operations (FD&O) will be held on campus this Wednesday and Thursday, April 9th and April 10th.

- j. President:

The President announced that the open house held on campus over the weekend went very well. Thousands of potential students and their parents were

on campus. The President was also able to attend the International House Pancake Breakfast and it was fantastic.

The President hopes to have finalists for the CIO position by mid May.

The Provost's search committee is in the final stages of being setup. However, interviews will have to wait until Fall.

The Executive Committee discussed the timeline for installing the unisex bathrooms on campus. The President indicated that the bathrooms would be designated as soon as the materials, e.g. signs and locks, were received.

2. The Executive Committee discussed AS 1409, Sense of the Senate Resolution, Facilitating Wayfinding on Campus (First Reading). A motion was made to table this issue until May in order to give the VP of Administration and Finance a chance to look into it. The motion was seconded. The Executive Committee voted and the motion passed (6-5-2).
3. The Executive Committee discussed the current procedure when a college fails to fill their vacant seats during a Senate election. The current procedure is that the seats are then filled on a first-come, first-served basis. The Executive Committee discussed alternatives to this procedure which is not currently specified in the Senate bylaws. The Executive Committee suggested that the Election Committee (Committee on Committees) solicit nominees from the colleges that have unfilled seats after the general election has ended. The nominees will then be presented to the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee will then select from among the submitted nominees. Those selected will serve the first year of a 3-year term, at the end of which the seat will go vacant and a replacement will be sought during the next regular general election. The matter was referred to the Committee on Committees to write a resolution detailing this procedure and bring it to the Senate.
4. The President announced that he was currently working on the Presidential Directive about Freedom of Speech that was discussed at the last Senate meeting.
5. The meeting adjourned at 1:14 p.m.