

Minutes of the Executive Committee May 4, 2009

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

Absent: Whitmore

Guest: Baker (AS President-elect for 2009-2010)

1. The Executive Committee reviewed new Senate committee appointments and vacant seats for 2009-2010. AVC McClory will bring a consent calendar for approval to the first meeting of the 2009-2010 Academic Senate on May 11, 2009.

AS President Cavu-Litman is working on a student appointment procedure that would allow him to appoint students to Senate committees without having to have the full approval of the AS Board of Directors.

The Executive Committee discussed the nominees for Senate Officers. Vice Chair Kaufman announced that he had not been successful in recruiting additional nominees, and he requested the committee's assistance in getting nominees for Senate Officer seats, especially for Chair of the Professional Standards Committee, which must be a full tenured professor.

2. The Executive Committee discussed the draft Presidential Directive on Freedom of Speech and Artistic Expression. The following comments were made:

Senator Sivertsen said she had not had the opportunity to discuss this with President Whitmore on behalf of the Campus Climate Committee, but would do so in the near future.

Chair Meldal inquired as to why heckling was explicitly allowed in number 5, the last sentence. Senator Sivertsen commented that heckling was part of free speech.

Senator Kaufman asked how this Presidential Directive would make things different than they are today, and whether the event that raised this issue had been open to the public. Senator Sigler replied that the event in question was not a public event, but by invitation only.

Senator Phillips commented that they had studied how San Francisco State University handles these issues. Student Affairs will be having discussions with any student organizations that are planning to host a controversial event to discuss possible problems and solutions, as well as what conduct is expected.

Senator Cavu-Litman inquired as to whether student organizations had to pay the University Police Department for security. Senator Phillips said that it depended on the event and whether it was held during the day, or in the evening/on the weekend.

Senator Sivertsen commented that she believed that if a student organization was going to have an event with more than “x” number of students, there was a policy or directive that said the University Police Department had to provide security.

Senator McClory inquired what our policy was for unsponsored speakers on campus. Senator Sivertsen replied that they cannot impede anyone’s progress across campus, and if they do so the UPD can intervene.

Senator Phillips commented that the Presidential Directive on Time, Place, and Manner limits where unsponsored speakers can be on campus, and what they can do.

Senator Lee commented that whether or not an organization is charged for security depends on the event. Planning for the event must begin very early and include all necessary personnel. The amount charged for security must also be reasonable. It was also noted that people that rent the Student Union for an event that has nothing to do with the university must pay full price for security.

Senator Cavu-Litman inquired as to whether the charges for AS would be standard for security. Senator Lee commented that we often have to recruit from other organizations for security, i.e. SJPD. If we do, the charges depend on what we are charged. We have very few police officers on campus. Police Officers that are not scheduled to work are usually called in to provide the extra security.

3. The Executive Committee discussed *AS 1409, Sense of the Senate Resolution, Facilitating Wayfinding on Campus (Final Reading)*. This resolution was tabled at the last Senate meeting. The Executive Committee discussed whether this resolution should be brought to the Senate for a final reading on May 11th. It was suggested that the Executive Committee wait until after a new AVP of FDO is put in place this summer, so that he/she could meet with the Campus Planning Board and go over all of the campus priorities. Senator Backer made a motion to table the resolution until the next Executive Committee meeting on May 11, 2009, so that the resolution could be reviewed and the language modified. The motion was seconded. The Executive Committee voted and the motion passed with 1 Nay (13-1-0).
4. The Provost presented Chair Meldal with a plaque thanking him for his service to the Senate during the 2008-2009 Academic Year on behalf of the President. The Executive Committee also thanked Chair Meldal for his service and presented him with a plaque on behalf of the Senate. Chair Meldal thanked everyone for their well wishes, and for a very rewarding year as Chair of the Senate.
5. Status Updates:
 - a. Instruction and Student Affairs Committee (I&SA): Chair Sivertsen announced that I&SA would be bringing, *AS 1414, Policy Recommendation, Grading Symbols, Drop and Withdrawal; Retroactive Drop and Retroactive Withdrawal; Assignment of Grades and Grade Appeals; Change of Grade; and Integrity of the Academic Record (Final Reading)* to the last Senate meeting on May 11, 2009.

A committee member noted that our policy was much stricter on grade changes than the Executive Order required.

The I&SA committee will also be bringing *AS 1417, Policy Recommendation, Priority Registration (Final Reading)* to the May 11, 2009 Senate meeting.

I&SA is currently working on a Sense of the Senate Resolution on Impaction.

- b. Organization and Government Committee (O&G): Chair Backer announced that the O&G Committee would be bringing *AS 1407, Policy Recommendation, Strategic Planning Policy (Final Reading)* to the Senate on May 11, 2009.
- c. Professional Standards Committee (PS): Chair Maldonado-Colon announced that the PS Committee is currently reviewing the department chair and temporary faculty policies.

The PS Committee will be finalizing a resolution on Retention-Tenure-Promotion (RTP) for the Librarians to bring to the May 11, 2009 Senate meeting.

- d. Curriculum and Research Committee (C&R): The C&R Committee will be bringing *AS 1413, Policy Recommendation, First Year Experience (FYE) (Final Reading)* to the May 11, 2009 Senate meeting.

The C&R Committee is also reviewing how far their curricular oversight should extend, and the possibility of a policy on suspension of programs for next year.

- e. Provost: Provost Sigler announced that the finalists for the AVP of Undergraduate Studies position would be on campus tomorrow (May 5, 2009). (There are 2 internal and 1 external candidates.)
- f. VP of Student Affairs: VP Phillips announced that SJSU's proposal for Impaction for 2010 had been sent to the Chancellor's Office. We should hear back from the Chancellor's Office within two weeks. A committee member inquired about how this would affect the graduate program. VP Phillips stated that graduate programs were not part of the formal impaction process.
- g. VP for Finance and Administration: VP Lee announced that the last Resource Review Board (RRB) meeting would be held on May 13, 2009. On May 11, 2009, the President's staff will begin their preliminary budget planning for 2010-2011. VP Lee commented that if the measures on the ballot do not pass the vote on May 19, 2009, there will probably be further decreases in our budget.

VP Lee announced that Becka Paulson was retiring in Fall 2009.

VP Lee commented that she would be attending a teleconference next Monday and would be unable to attend the Senate meeting on May 11, 2009.

VP Lee announced that there had been no known cases of the Swine Flu in Santa Clara County, but that they were continuously monitoring the situation and doing contingency planning.

- h. VP for University Advancement: VP Najjar announced that while 85% of our alumni live in California, and the majority live in the Bay area, we do have alumni in other states. President Whitmore and Provost Sigler will both be doing outreach to our alumni that live in distant areas such as Phoenix and Denver.
- i. Associated Students President (AS): AS President Cavu-Litman announced that AS had been working on transitioning in a new Board of Directors.

AS also recently hosted their AS 55 reception and ceremony, where they inducted Provost Sigler.

AS is in the process of finalizing their budget for next year.

- j. Chair Meldal commented that the CIO Search Committee had selected three finalists for the position of CIO, and that the candidates would be attending forums on campus.

6. The meeting adjourned at 1:38 p.m.