

Minutes of the Executive Committee January 25, 2010

Present: Von Till, Backer, Roldan, Kaufman, Phillips, Heiden, Gleixner, Baker, McClory, Lessow-Hurley, Meldal, Whitmore, Najjar

Absent: Lee, Selter

1. The Executive Committee discussed and approved the consent calendar. AVC McClory made several announcements as follows: the College of Science will lose a Senate seat, and the College of Social Sciences will gain a seat in this year's elections; the Committee Preference Form has been posted on the Senate's website; and the nomination form for the review committee for AVP Charles Whitcomb has been distributed campus-wide via shotgun mail, and is posted on the Senate website. The Senate Administrator noted that only a few nominations had been received to date, but the deadline for nominations is still 1 ½ weeks away. Several members of the committee commented that they had not seen the nominating memo or form. The Senate Administrator noted that the forms are sent from the AS Printshop to the mailroom for shotgun distribution across campus, and that blank forms had been received through the mail in the Senate Office. However, the Senate Chair and the Senate Administrator will ensure the form is redistributed.
2. The Executive Committee discussed the budget for the upcoming academic year. The California state budget is approximately 30% below normal expectations. If the governor's proposed budget passes in the legislature, SJSU will assume a lesser version of budget cuts. However, if the budget doesn't pass the legislature, it may be much worse. Although there probably will not be any furloughs if the budget passes, some staff layoffs are still probable. A member commented that it is unclear how much federal stimulus money was spent on the CSU, and how much of the governor's proposed budget is contingent on federal funding.
3. The President has constituted the VP for Student Affairs Search Committee from the list of nominees that the Executive Committee provided him. Two students are yet to be appointed, pending interviews by the Chief of Staff and Senate Chair. The President hopes to have a new VP in place by next fall.
4. The Executive Committee discussed the faculty trustee situation. The CSU Statewide Senate sent forward 2 names for review by the governor. The governor's office told the CSU Statewide Senate that they wanted a more diverse pool of nominees. The CSU Statewide Senate reviewed the California Education Code and decided to stand behind their original nominees. The code states that the governor will appoint a faculty trustee from among the nominees submitted by the CSU Statewide Senate. The Executive Committee discussed the fact that the code does not specifically prohibit the governor from requesting additional nominees, or from delaying the appointment of a faculty trustee. Senator Lessow-Hurley will prepare a Sense of the Senate Resolution on this matter to bring to the February 8, 2010 Senate meeting.
5. The Executive Committee discussed the 50th Anniversary of the CSU in 2010-2011. A member suggested that we use this event as a fundraising opportunity for the campus. Senator Najjar commented that in 2010 we will kick off our 1st public fundraising campaign. Senator Najjar will look into what might be done.

6. Status Reports:

a. Professional Standards Committee (PS):

The PS Committee is working on the Department Chair Selection, and Office Hours policies. The Committee will be voting on both at today's meeting (1/25/10).

b. Instruction and Student Affairs Committee (I&SA):

The I&SA Committee is working on Sexual Assault, Change of Major, and F96-11 policies as well as 5 policy referrals from Undergraduate Studies.

c. Associated Students (AS):

AS recently lost 4 of its 13 directors due to their failure to meet grade requirements to hold office. However, AS has filled 2 of those seats and is working on filling the other 2. Those directors that have lost their seats have been advised to let the affected policy committee chairs know the situation.

d. Vice President for Student Affairs:

Student Affairs has sent a draft copy of the Drug and Alcohol Policy to the Senate Chair for referral to I&SA. This policy was proposed over a year ago, but never made it to the Senate. Legal Counsel advised Student Affairs that they could not combine staff/faculty and student alcohol policies.

e. Curriculum and Research Committee (C&R):

The C&R Committee is working on a proposal to raise the GPA required in GE courses, and changes to the program planning guidelines.

7. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 1:40 p.m.