

Minutes of the Executive Committee February 22, 2010

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

Absent: McClory, Meldal

1. The Executive Committee discussed the consent calendar. It was determined that Noni Reis could not be appointed to the Board of Academic Freedom and Professional Responsibility, because she is not currently a full-tenured Professor as required for membership on the committee.
2. The Executive Committee discussed the Vice President for Student Affairs Search Committee membership. President Whitmore has received complaints that the committee is less than completely diverse. The President and the Senate Chair will review the original list of nominees and appoint additional members.
3. The Executive Committee discussed referrals to the Crisis Assessment and Intervention Team (CAIT) after hours. A member commented that there are a considerable number of faculty and students on the campus in the evenings, and that the university is not a 9 to 5 operation. Therefore, the language referring to "after hours" should not be used. The Executive Committee discussed how to reach CAIT in the evening. CAIT can be reached by calling the University Police Department (UPD) dispatch. The Executive Committee suggested that CAIT do a presentation during new faculty orientations.
4. CIO Bill Maguire gave a brief presentation. The CIO is working on transitioning the university over to Google applications and gmail. There are currently 23 email systems on campus. The CIO's objective is to get us to 1 email system. This will not only save money, but free up time for the people that currently support the various email systems. The campus Information Technicians (IT Techs) have had a town hall meeting where they discussed the framework for the implementation. The CIO needs to write some additional programs this week, and then the campus will move into a test mode. There will be 60 to 80 people involved in the pilot. The CIO will send out a draft of the implementation schedule this week. The system will be rolled out a department at a time through June 2010. The CIO will accommodate those individuals that want to convert early. Everyone's email will be migrated over to Google gmail. Google gmail has more storage, another level of security, and meets accessibility requirements. Several members expressed concern that the faculty and students are not aware of this transition, and about protecting student's privacy. The CIO commented that they are focusing on faculty and staff right now.
5. Status Updates:
 - a. Instruction and Student Affairs Committee (I&SA):

The I&SA committee is working on policies regarding removal of LLD 98/99 as a prerequisite for the WST, removal of the 100W as a prerequisite for R, S, and V classes, removal of Engl 1B as a prerequisite to taking the WST, GPA requirements for probation and disqualification, and the Sexual Assault Policy.

- b. Professional Standards Committee (PS):
President Whitmore is coming to the PS meeting to discuss the memo they sent to him about inserting the sustainability message into emails. The PS Committee is working on policies regarding the merger of the Affirmative Action and Faculty Diversity Committees, Department Chairs, Faculty Office Hours, and a referral on SOTES from Associated Students.

 - c. Chair of the Senate:
Chair Kaufman reported on issues being discussed at the Chancellor's Office. The Chancellor is looking to revise the GE rules for the entire CSU system. Any GE course would be fully transferrable between CSU campuses. A mandate is also being considered that would declare that students with Associate Degrees have met all the GE requirements at the CSU level. Other issues being discussed include; the possibility of lowering the minimum lower division GE to 30 units; removing the American Institutions requirement from GE; eliminating all upper division GE; and adding additional fees for over 120 units.
6. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

(Minutes taken and prepared by Eva Joice, Senate Administrator, on March 3, 2010.)