

**Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting  
April 12, 2010**

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

Absent: None

Guests: Anne Johnson

1. Comments from the Chair:

The Strategic Planning Board held its first meeting today. It was a very good first discussion.

The Chair was in Long Beach at the Senate Chair's meeting on Thursday, April 8, 2010. Senate Chairs made it clear to members of the GE Task Force that more consultation was needed.

A Faculty Trustee has still not been appointed by the Governor. It is now 10 months past the date the appointment was to have begun.

Committee Preference Forms are due in the Senate Office on Friday, April 16, 2010.

The Chair encouraged the policy committee chairs to submit their Senate Officer Nomination Forms. The forms are due in the Senate Office by Monday, April 26, 2010. Nominees' Statements of Interest will be posted on the Senate website the week before the May 10, 2010 Senate meeting, and nominees will have the opportunity to address the Senate at that meeting.

2. VP Najjar and Anne Johnson gave a brief presentation on the Comprehensive Campaign. The goal of the eight-year campaign is to raise \$200 million. The campaign has been in the silent phase, but is now getting ready to launch into the public phase. The campaign focuses on three key priorities which are; Excellence in teaching, learning, and scholarship (\$75 million), an investment in students (\$67 million), and the Gateway to Silicon Valley and beyond (\$24 million). We have raised \$119 million since 2006, and \$55 million of that has been in cash. Several members suggested that more outreach be done to alert faculty about the campaign.

3. Sustainability Proposal:

The Chair of the Organization and Government Committee (O&G), Lynda Heiden, explained that O&G does not feel it is appropriate to merge sustainability into the Campus Planning Board's (CPB) charge. O&G feels that the issue is large enough that it needs to be a separate committee and is recommending that it be established as a Special Agency of the Senate. Several members commented that the proposal includes language that would give the Sustainability Board policy-making and curriculum change authority, and therefore it could not be a special agency. Other

members expressed concern that this was really a presidential committee that would be run by the Sustainability Director and the President, and therefore should not be a Senate committee. The President and Sustainability Director could establish their own advisory board without establishing another special agency under the Senate. The Executive Committee recommended that if O&G still wanted to bring this resolution to the Senate, that it be modified to remove any evaluative/policy language, and that the chair of the committee be elected by the membership as is the procedure in most other Senate committees.

4. Open Access Sense of the Senate Resolution:

The Executive Committee discussed the Open Access Sense of the Senate Resolution. The Open Access Task Force sent this proposal to the University Library Board (ULB). The ULB wants to present it to the Senate for a final reading at the April 19, 2010 meeting. Chair Kaufman will speak with the ULB and recommend that they incorporate the changes recommended on the Senate floor during the March 15, 2010 meeting, before they bring it to the Senate.

5. Budget:

VP Rose Lee gave a brief presentation on the university budget. The university has a 2-year \$44 million deficit. Some of this deficit was covered by the \$19 million saved from furloughs this year, the 32% student fee increase, and a \$7 million permanent reduction in Operating Expenses. However, we will still have a deficit of about \$20 million for 2010/2011. We will probably have a 10% fee increase, but we will also have a 10.8% enrollment reduction and reduced fees associated with it. Therefore, the divisions were asked to identify reductions of approximately \$12.2 million in Academic Affairs, and \$2.4 million in Finance and Administration in addition to a \$4-5 million reduction in Operating Expenses.

Right now the university is still finalizing the planning. Since we will not know what the budget will be until probably the end of summer, we have to plan for the worst case scenario. VP Lee hopes to have more specific information by the next Senate meeting, or within the next couple of weeks.

6. Status Reports:

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

C&R does not want to make temporary changes to policies regarding change of majors. They would rather wait until next year and come up with a comprehensive policy that includes all changes.

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

I&SA is currently working on Alcohol and Change of Major policies.

c. VP Student Affairs Division:

VP Phillips gave the Executive Committee a handout and a brief update on the Enrollment Management Plan for Fall 2011. There is still a local area guarantee. One major change is that first year students will be required to stay in housing if they live more than 30 miles from the campus. There are at least three other CSU campuses that have a similar requirement. There are exceptions such as for married individuals, certain hardships, etc. The Executive Committee discussed whether the 30 mile radius was “as the crow flies.” VP Phillips confirmed that this was correct.

7. The meeting adjourned at 2:28 p.m.

(Minutes taken and prepared by the Recorder/Senate Administrator, Eva Joice on April 12, 2010.)