

**Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting
April 25, 2011**

Present: Kaufman, Heiden, McClory, Peter, Lee, Bussani, Kassing, Selter, Ng, Von Till, Van Selst, Gleixner, Kimbarow, Laker, Kolodziejek

Absent: None

Guests: Nance

1. The Executive Committee received an update on Senate committee vacancies. The Senate Office still needs one nominee to run for Chair of the Curriculum and Research Committee, in the event that Senator Heiden is elected Vice Chair at the May 9, 2011 Senate meeting. The Executive Committee discussed the need to nominate someone from the floor, if no one comes forward before then.
2. The Executive Committee received updates from the policy committee chairs:
 - a. **Organization and Government Committee (O&G):**

O&G will be bringing a resolution modifying the membership of the Student Success Committee. O&G is considering changing the terms of Senators on the policy committees to allow for more stability.
 - b. **Instruction and Student Affairs Committee (I&SA):**

I&SA will be bringing a housing policy proposal to the next Senate meeting, and is working on a continuous enrollment report-in-progress unit.
 - c. **Professional Standards Committee (PS):**

PS is working on a revision of the Faculty Office Hours policy, an online SOTES referral, and the possibility of a resolution in support of the 2008 guidelines for interpreting SOTES.
 - d. **Curriculum and Research Committee (C&R):**

C&R is working on a resolution to standardize the preparation of certificates, reviewing the BFA (which has no courses in common with other BFA programs), and the possibility of posting committee minutes to the web.
3. The Executive Committee discussed whether the SJSU Senate could vote on behalf of the faculty in a CSU Statewide Referendum. The CSU Statewide Academic Senate is considering a change to their Constitution to include a statement regarding Academic Freedom. The Executive Committee determined that all faculty on campus would have to vote in this election.
4. The Executive Committee discussed self-reporting of a student's GPA when requesting admission to impacted programs. There appears to be no mechanism to remove a student that self-reports a higher GPA than they actually have in order to get into an impacted major. A member reported that in some instances, it can take

up to a year before the department finds out. The Executive Committee determined that a student intentionally falsifying their GPA was a case of Academic Dishonesty, and should be reported to the Office of Student Conduct and Ethical Development. A member commented that the CSU Mentor website is entirely self-reporting. The Executive Committee discussed whether a student could be disqualified from the major by the department if it is determined that the student intentionally falsified information. Another member commented that there was no recourse for individuals that were bumped that would have otherwise gotten into the impacted major.

5. The President is considering the possibility of an increase in the Athletics fee. Athletics costs go up with fee increases. The campus also has a gender-equity issue and must add another women's team. The university cannot decrease the number of men's teams and remain in the conference. Next year the campus will add a women's Lacrosse team. Another team brings increased costs for a number of things. In addition, SJSU currently has the lowest institutional support for athletics in the WAC. The Executive Committee discussed the possibility of renting out our athletics facilities. However, the last time this happened some of our teams were bumped out of their own playing fields. A member commented that the student election process for fees has not been used since the Board of Trustees authorized alternative consultation.
6. The Executive Committee was updated on the presidential transition. President-elect Mohammad Qayoumi has been to SJSU several times, and will be meeting this week with city officials and the Tower Board.
7. The meeting adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

(Minutes taken and prepared by Eva Joice, Senate Administrator, on April 25, 2011)