

**Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting
April 23, 2012**

Present: Quayoumi, Von Till, Junn, Bros-Seemann, Ng, Kimbarow, Heiden, Sabalius, Nance, Bibb, Kaufman, McClory, Bussani, Gleixner

Absent: Kolodziejak

Guest: Poole, Jaehne, Branz

1. The Executive Committee approved the change in the Senate Calendar to eliminate meetings on 9/17/12 due to the start of Rosh Hashanah.
2. Senator Sabalius thanked the Provost for some new computers for the College of Humanities and the Arts.
3. The Executive Committee discussed the proposed UNVS96G course. The Board of General Studies (BOGS) is reviewing the course proposal. Eventually the proposed course would be online and have approximately 1,000 lower division students. The potential savings could be as high as \$500,000 for 100 sections. This course would be available under sections B2, C2, D1 and E. Several members commented that developmental writing students enrolling in this class might have difficulty due to the level of the reading material. A suggestion was made to exclude LLD 1 students. Faculty that teach UNVS96G would teach two courses as part of their normal teaching load. Some faculty have expressed concern that the cost savings could result in layoffs, and that this type of course could really hurt departments that rely on general education courses. The idea of a pilot of the course for fall was discussed to determine whether it would be successful and to discover unintended consequences.
4. The Provost discussed plans to grow the number of tenure/tenure-track faculty at SJSU.
5. The Executive Committee discussed the three nominees for the Athletics Board, and recommendations will be forwarded to the President for consideration.
6. The Executive Committee was reminded that Senate Officer Nominating Statements are due in the Senate office by April 27, 2012.
7. The Executive Committee discussed the Sense of the Senate Resolution on the Smoking Policy. The resolution will be brought to the Senate for a first reading at the May 7, 2012 meeting.
8. Policy Committee Updates:
 - a. Curriculum and Research Committee (C&R):
The C&R Committee will be bringing a certificate policy to the Senate for a final reading at the May 7, 2012 meeting.
 - b. University Library Board (ULB): No report.

- c. Instruction and Student Affairs Committee (I&SA):
The I&SA Committee will be bringing four policies for a final reading at the May 7, 2012 Senate meeting.
 - d. Organization and Government Committee (O&G):
The O&G Committee is working on a revision to S06-7.
 - e. Professional Standards Committee (PS):
The PS Committee will not have any new business for the Senate at the May 7, 2012 meeting. However, the PS Committee is reviewing S91-9, and considering changes to peer reviews.
 - f. University Advancement:
University Advancement has raised \$170 million out of the \$200 million campaign goal.
 - g. Administration and Finance: No report
 - h. Chief of Staff: The President's Office plans on posting a link to university policies, along with the Presidential Directives, on the President's website.
 - i. VP of Student Affairs: VP Nance will give an Enrollment Report to the Executive Committee at the next meeting.
9. Academic Affairs Budget Plan:
President Qayoumi will be presenting the state of the budget during the Provost's Forum in Morris Daily Auditorium from 2:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 26, 2012. The President and Provost are looking for ways to cut expenses and increase revenue. Some suggestions for increasing revenues and cutting expenses include increasing the number of non-resident students, establishing certificate programs, and combining GE courses.
- The Provost will be working on the core principles for budget planning over the summer, and plans to convene an Academic Affairs Budget Advisory Taskforce of about 12 to 14 members, including some members from the Strategic Planning Board (SPB).
10. The President commented on how thrilled he was to see so many faculty members attend the Inauguration and Honors Convocation, and noted how very important it is for faculty to show support for students at the Honors Convocation.

Minutes prepared by the Senate Administrator, Eva Joice, on April 23, 2012, and approved by the Executive Committee on May 1, 2012.