

Executive Committee Minutes
March 4, 2013

Present: VonTill, Junn, Ng, McClory, Du, Dukes, Nance, Peter, Bros-Seemann, Lessow-Hurley, Worsnup, Kimbarow

Absent: Qayoumi, Bibb, Heiden

1. The minutes of February 4, 2013 were approved.

2. The Consent Calendar was approved.

3. Update on Senate Elections: The Senate Office is currently conducting an online election for Senate seats in the College of Humanities and the Arts. There are two seats available and four nominees. Faculty in the college have through Friday, March 22, 2013 to vote. The nominees have been asked to provide candidate statements for posting on the Senate website under the forms section.

The Athletics Board will have two vacant faculty seats this spring. The AVC will issue a call for nominations and ask for statements of interest/qualification from the candidates.

4. A memorial for the late Senator Ted Norton will be held on Wednesday, March 20, from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the Spartan Chapel. The memorial is being hosted by the Political Science Department, the Senate, the Provost, and the College of Social Sciences. A memory book is being provided by Melissa Johnson and will be given to the Senator Norton's relatives. Senator Norton's nephew will be attending.

5. Spartans Supporting Spartans Campaign:

The Spartans Supporting Spartans Campaign will be launched this Thursday, March 7, 2013, at 12:30 p.m. in Duncan Hall. Senator Norton donated over \$100,000, and also asked that a scholarship be created in addition to the Senate endowment. Employees can donate to their own department during the campaign.

6. Faculty members were encouraged to run for election as Senate Officers for next year. The election for Senate Officers is held during the first meeting of the Academic Senate of 2013-2014 from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. on May 13, 2013, in Engr. 285/287. The Chair will establish a committee to recruit candidates for the Senate Officer seats next month.

7. Updates from the President:

The president and provost were invited to attend a conference on online instruction in Australia. They attended six different Australian university interviews. The president will return Tuesday night, but must turn around and go to Washington D.C.

SJSU has been notified that our enrollment target will be increased by 1.2%, which means more funding. This is an increase of about 250 FTES. We are expecting to be

open for admissions Spring 2014. The enrollment increase should also mean that we will be able to hire ten additional faculty for the next academic year.

The president has created a new “Diversity Commission.” This is not a Senate committee, but the president has asked that the Senate put out a call for faculty to serve on the commission. It was suggested that the chair of the Senate’s “Faculty Diversity Committee” be a part of this commission. The Provost will bring this back to the President for consideration. A member encouraged the commission to look at the recommendations from the University Planning Council (UPC). The president’s office will collect the statements from the nominees. The commission will also have a diversity web page. This commission will replace the Campus Climate and Unity Council.

8. The Strategic Planning Board (SPB) will be convened to look at SJSU goals. Lynne Trulio has been asked to lead the committee and will report back to the Executive Committee.

9. Other Updates:

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

The I&SA Committee will be asking for an immediate revision to S07-6 to add more members to the Student Fairness Committee (SFC). The SFC has a backload of over 15 cases, and needs more faculty and students to meet this demand. I&SA will ask the Senate to suspend S07-6 and temporarily allow them to recruit additional members right away. Coordination between O&G and I&SA was discussed.

b. AS President:

AS has over 36 candidates for their upcoming elections. However, the candidates still must go through grade checks.

AS is also attempting to start a student initiative for a smoking ban on campus.

AS is also considering referendums on alternative transportation and sustainability, campus community development, and student organization funding.

c. Organization and Government Committee (O&G):

O&G will be asking for the removal of 2 members that have missed 3 or more meetings.

O&G will be bringing a resolution on the Selection and Review of Department Chairs, F10-4.

O&G will also be proposing a bylaw change that would limit certain committee chair positions to full tenured faculty members.

O&G will be setting up a taskforce to study issues surrounding university policies and the Senate archives.

d. Professional Standards Committee (PS):

PS will be bringing an amendment to F12-6, Evaluation in Teaching for All Faculty.

PS will also bring an amendment to the Outstanding Lecturer Award policy procedure.

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

C&R will be bringing a new policy recommendation concerned with temporary mechanisms to meet the 120 unit limit. The president did not sign this policy after the last Senate meeting, because the language could be interpreted as violating Title V.

f. CSU Statewide Senate:

The CSU Statewide Senate passed a resolution on smoking.

The CSU Statewide Senate will be celebrating its 50th Anniversary.

g. University Library Board (ULB):

The ULB sent a letter to the Provost asking for funding to support research materials. The last time the library received any research funds was in 2006. The Provost noted that she has continued to support the library even during very difficult budget times when other universities were cutting funding for their libraries. The number of successful research grants is also down.

h. VP of University Advancement:

University Advancement has reached \$198,900,000 of its campaign goal of \$200,000,000. Also, as of last Thursday, SJSU has reached 20,000 friends on Facebook.

10. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

These minutes were prepared and submitted by the Senate Administrator, Eva Joice on March 8, 2013. The minutes were approved by the Executive Committee on March 18, 2013.