

Executive Committee Minutes
January 13, 2014
Noon – 1:30 p.m.

Present: Heiden, Nance, Ng, Peter, Kimbarow, Frazier, Ayala, Kaufman, Feinstein, Gleixner, Qayoumi, Lessow-Hurley

Absent: Bibb, Von Till, Dukes

Guests: Poole

1. The committee approved the consent calendar.
2. The committee discussed the upcoming Senate General Elections for 2014. There will be 14 Senate seats up for election, including three 2-year seats. The Associate Vice Chair noted that although this seems excessive, one-third of all Senate seats are filled each year and this is in accordance with Senate bylaws.
3. The committee welcomed Interim Provost Andy Feinstein.
4. The committee discussed the Chancellor's appointment of the Campus Governance Review committee.
5. The committee discussed and made recommendations to the President regarding the Special Taskforce on Racial Discrimination. The fact-finding report should be completed by the end of this month, and will be made public as soon as it is finished.
6. The committee discussed the membership on the President's Diversity Commission.
7. The committee discussed the recent change to the policy on timely feedback for students on class assignments. There has been some confusion as what the definition of "timely feedback" and "reasonable amount of time" actually mean. The committee may consider asking I&SA to add "interpretive notes" if additional complaints are received.
8. The committee discussed pending searches and reviews for administrators including; the review of Dean Chin, and the searches for the Dean of IES, the AVP for the Center for Faculty Development, the Dean of the College of Social Sciences, and the Provost. President Qayoumi requested that the Senate Administrator prepare the Call for Nominations for the Provost Search committee to be sent out the day faculty return from break on Wednesday, January 23, 2014. The President would like to have a new Provost in place by this summer if possible.
9. The Senate Chair has received requests that the university's organization charts be updated to reflect all interim appointments. Chair Heiden and the Chief of Staff will work on this.

10. Senator Peter made a motion to reorder the Senate Agenda for the February 10, 2014 Senate meeting so that the GE policy is first in the rotation. The GE policy has been on the Senate Agenda since the October 2013 meeting. The Executive Committee voted and the motion was approved. The committee also discussed the budget presentation to be given by VP Bibb. Members of the committee requested a question and answer session following a brief powerpoint presentation. Chair Heiden suggested a time certain of 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. The committee discussed and approved the time certain for the budget presentation.

11. Updates:

a. From the President:

President Qayoumi gave a brief update on the budget. The President will know more in a few weeks.

b. From the Vice Chair:

The Vice Chair will have the Senate Retreat program finalized in the next few days. The program will run from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and will include presentations from Associate Dean Stephen Branz, Elba Maldonado-Colon, Camille Johnson, and VP Dukes.

c. From the Chair of the Professional Standards Committee (PS):

The PS Committee is working on revising the RTP policy, on an amendment to the Teaching Evaluation policy to exclude very small classes from the SOTES, on amendments to the policy that organizes the processes of the Board of Academic Freedom and Professional Responsibility, and another look at the resolution concerning faculty hiring.

d. From the President of Associated Students (AS):

AS will be having their Retreat this week.

AS President Ayala asked the policy committee chairs if they were still comfortable having a google spreadsheet sent to them each week to verify the attendance of the AS Board of Directors at the policy committee meetings. The policy committee chairs agreed to this procedure.

e. From the Chair of the Instruction and Student Affairs Committee (I&SA):

The I&SA Committee is reviewing issues regarding accommodation for religious beliefs and students rights to privacy.

f. From the Interim Provost:

Interim Provost Feinstein will get more up-to-date information on where the search and review committees are in their processes.

The Provost is working on a revised Academic Affairs budget model and hopes to have this finished by the end of March.

The Provost is also working with the Deans on the Student Success and Excellence in Technology Fee (SSETF) distribution process.
The Provost is evaluating CERF business allocations.

The Provost is also working on a strategic plan for Academic Affairs.

- g. From the Chair of the Curriculum and Research Committee (C&R):
The C&R Committee is reviewing the Physical Education policy.
- h. From the Chair of the Organization and Government Committee (O&G):
The O&G Committee is working on a revision to the Naming Policies.

O&G is also working on a change to the structure of the Student Fairness Committee (SFC).

O&G is also reviewing the Selection and Review of Administrators Policy and has been working with the Chief of Staff on changes to the policy.

- i. From the CSU Statewide Senate:
The CSU Statewide Senate has been discussing the issue of community colleges offering a Bachelor of Arts degree.

12. The meeting adjourned at 1:33 p.m.

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