

Executive Committee Minutes
February 3, 2014
Noon – 1:30 p.m.

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

Absent: None

1. The committee approved the consent calendar (13-0-0). The committee discussed the Student Fairness Committee (SFC) and their backlog of cases. The SFC still has a backlog, but the I&SA Committee will be asking the Senate to approve some changes to the committee that they feel will help with this coming semester such as allowing students to be appointed for two years instead of one year. Students were also given a stipend this semester. However, the SFC feels that giving the students priority registration instead of stipends would allow more students to pick their classes and avoid interfering with the SFC meeting schedule.
2. The committee approved the Executive Committee minutes of 1/13/14 as written, and 1/27/14 as amended.
3. Hate Crimes Task Force:
President Qayoumi had hoped to finalize the membership of the task force last week. However, he is still waiting to hear from a student and a few external community members about their availability to serve. The first task force meeting is scheduled for February 6, 2014. The task force will be working off of the report from the Campus Governance Review Committee that will be available to both the campus and the public on January 31, 2014.
4. Campus Governance Review Committee:
The Chancellor has appointed the members of the Campus Governance Review Committee, and the members include Bernadette Cheyne, former Faculty Trustee to the CSU Board of Trustees, Joe Crowley, former Interim President of San José State University, and Ron Vogel, Associate Vice Chancellor. The chair of the committee will coordinate the schedule and the first meeting is still to be determined.
5. Search Updates:
The deadline for submitting Provost Search Committee nominating petitions has been extended until February 5, 2014. The Executive Committee will meet on February 10, 2014 from noon to 1 p.m. to review the candidates and make recommendations to the President.
6. Professor Bill Campsey is resigning as the COIA representative. The Past Chair will notify the Athletics Board at the next scheduled meeting and the Athletics Board will take the lead in finding a replacement.

7. Updates:

a. From the President:

Letters notifying the recipients of this year's faculty awards (Distinguished Service, Outstanding Lecturer, Outstanding Professor, and President's Scholar) will be sent out this week.

b. From the Provost:

A call for proposals for SSETF funds has been sent out by the Administration and Finance Division.

Dean Bullock's review will be completed in Spring 2014, and Dean Chin's review will be completed by Fall 2014.

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

No report.

d. From the VP of Administration and Finance and Interim Provost:

The call for budget proposals for 2014/2015 has been put out by the Administration and Finance Division.

The Interim Provost is looking at a new budget allocation model based on actual expenditures. A consultant has been hired that worked for CSU East Bay and San Luis Obispo for many years and is now retired to evaluate how two of our colleges spent their funds last year (The College of Humanities and the Arts, and the College of Social Sciences). The bulk of the money allocated to colleges has always been based on previous allocations. The Interim Provost is looking for ways to better manage our resources by looking at actual expenditures. We should have a working budget by the end of April.

Several members expressed concern that in looking at actual expenditures from last year, the Interim Provost will be seeing expenditures at the "bare bones" level, and not what normal expenditures would be if colleges had the funding they actually need to operate efficiently.

e. From the Professional Standards (PS) Committee:

The PS Committee is working on resolutions regarding excluding classes with fewer than five students from SOTES, and hiring additional faculty. In Fall 2013, four net permanent faculty were hired, but our percent of tenure/tenure-track faculty dropped 3 points from the previous year down to 52% (all-faculty.)

f. From the Vice President of University Advancement:

University Advancement is ahead of last year in fundraising. We have received several nice bequests this year. A few staff and VP Dukes worked during the winter break and brought in \$100,000.

- g. From the Associated Students (AS) President:
AS election packets have been distributed.

AS President Ayala met with the city and the logo is moving along the fastest of all the joint initiatives.

AS is looking into the possibility of establishing a Student Senate.

- h. From the Instruction and Student Affairs (I&SA) Committee:
The I&SA Committee is working on amendments to policies regarding religious accommodations, and the Student Fairness Committee and student fairness dispute resolution procedures.

The Registrar, Marian Sofish, looked into whether there are FERPA issues with Turnitin.com. There could be copyright issues with materials such as a masters thesis.

- i. From the VP for Student Affairs:
No report.

- j. From the Chair of the Curriculum and Research (C&R) Committee:
C&R is working on a curriculum policy, and a referral from the Undergraduate Studies Committee on how to determine a concentration.

- k. CSU Statewide Senator:
ASCSU has had a first reading of a resolution in support of Ethnic Studies.

Members were encouraged to go to the calstate.edu website for all the latest information and to read the faculty newsletter.

These minutes were taken and transcribed by the Senate Administrator, Eva Joice, on February 11, 2014. The minutes were approved by the Executive Committee on March 3, 2014.