

Executive Committee Minutes
March 17, 2014
Noon—1:30 p.m.

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

Absent: Bibb

1. The Associate Vice Chair announced that she did not have a hard copy consent calendar as there was only one person to remove from a committee. Akshat Gupta was removed as a Graduate Student from the Graduate Studies and Research Committee. The Committee voted and approved the removal (13-0-0).
2. The Executive Committee Minutes of March 3, 2014 were approved as amended by VP Nance (11-0-2).
3. The Executive Committee discussed the Senate Calendar for 2014-2015. The President has scheduled his welcome back address for August 25, 2014 at noon, and this conflicts with the Executive Committee meeting also scheduled for August 25, 2014. The committee discussed the fact that August 25, 2014 is the first day of classes and this would be a very difficult day for both faculty and staff to be able to attend the welcome back address. The committee considered alternatives and a motion was made to approve the calendar as is with a recommendation to the President to consider moving his welcome back address to another day. The motion was seconded. The committee voted and the motion was approved unanimously (13-0-0).
4. General Updates:
 - a. Campus Climate Task Force:

There is a task force meeting on Thursday and they are asking for suggestions.
 - b. Diversity Commission:

The Diversity Master Plan updates will be discussed at the first meeting of the State Assembly Select Committee on Diversity on March 21st in Morris Daily Auditorium.
 - c. Student Concerns:

The Executive Committee discussed concerns brought to both the AS President and Chair of the Senate that the only voices of radical students are being heard with regard to diversity on campus. These radical students do not represent the views of all African-American and other minority students on campus.

Associated Students is also concerned that the CSU Statewide Task Force and the press are focusing their attention on these radical students that belong to groups that are not even officially recognized student groups on campus.

- d. Announcements:
Book Reading:
There will be a reading of, "The Grapes of Wrath" in the MLK Library in April to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the book.
- e. Impaction Report:
There will be a continuation of impaction metrics. SAT scores have not proven to be a good indicator of future performance, and they may be phased out in favor of GPA only. Not every campus has mandatory SAT scores. Also, non-resident minimum GPA cannot be lower than resident GPA.
- f. Capital Outlay Update:
Until five or six years ago, the CSU had good capital outlay from bonds. However, over the last seven years, there have been no funds due to debt. As our debt is paid off, we could get more funds. The CSU could receive up to \$297 million. Campuses may also be allowed to use part of operating funds for capital outlay. Matching donations may also be possible. The President will know more once the budget is signed.
- g. Search Updates:
Provost Search:
Telephone interviews are scheduled for later this week. The committee discussed the fact that there is no information on the President's website regarding when the candidates are scheduled to be on campus, and where the forums will be held. The Chair noted that she had previously brought this to the attention of the Chief of Staff.

The Senate website contains a list of the members on all the search and review committees, but the Senate Office does not schedule or plan the activities of the search committees.

Other Searches:
Interim Provost Feinstein distributed a handout with search and review committee updates.

The research foundation search will not begin until the Fall 2014 as the Provost's Office is inundated with searches and reviews this semester.
- h. Curriculum and Research Committee (C&R) update:
The C&R Committee is evenly split on the issue of activity units and would like the Senate's input. Chair Gleixner will solicit feedback by email from Senators.
- i. Provost Update:
The Director of Academic Budgets, Natalie Harding, has retired. The Interim Provost would like to replace Natalie's position with a Vice Provost for Academic Budgets and Enrollment position. The committee voted and approved the recommendation (14-0-0).
- j. ULB Update:
Dean Kifer will talk to the Senate at the April 14th Senate meeting about lottery funds and the ULB.

k. VP of Student Affairs Update:

VP Nance received a request from the Senate Office for a report on the number of Exceptional Admissions to the University. This report is required every March in accordance with university policy S87-10. VP Nance suggested delaying the report until next semester, because he did not believe his staff had been asked to provide this information in the past and they would need time to research it. However, the Senate Administrator, Eva Joice, commented that AVP Wiley and Deanna Gonzalez had contacted her and scheduled a presentation to the Senate at 4 p.m. on April 14, 2014.

5. The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

The minutes were taken and transcribed by the Senate Administrator, Eva Joice, on March 20, 2014. The minutes were approved by the Executive Committee on April 21, 2014.