Senate Executive Committee Meeting
February 29, 2015
12-2:30 ADM 167

1. Approval of 2/1/16 meeting minutes
2. Consent Calendar
3. Policy Committee Updates
    a. C & R
    b. ISA
    c. O&G
    d. PS
4. Budget Advisory Committee Faculty Nominees
5. Updates
    a. Provost
    b. VP Student Affairs
    c. VP Administration and Finance
    d. VP Advancement
    e. Statewide Senate
    f. Associated Students
    g. Library Board
6. Honors Convocation
7. Campus Climate/NSSE Survey (Time Certain 1:00- Scot Heil/John Briggs)
8. CSU Reports
    a. Faculty Recruitment
    b. Displaced and Food Insecure Students

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
ADM 167, Noon to 2:30 p.m.
February 29, 2016

Present: Kimbarow, Peter, Frazier, Shifflett, Kaufman, Backer, Larochelle, Lee, Mathur, Heiden, Martin, Feinstein, Lanning, Amante, Blaylock

Absent: None

1. The Executive Committee minutes of February 1, 2016 were approved (15-0-0).
2. The Consent Calendar of February 29, 2016 was approved (15-0-0).
3. The committee discussed the Board of Academic Freedom and Professional Responsibility (BAFPR) and the fact that there is a critical need to fill seats for CASA, BUS, H&A, and SCI. Despite repeated requests to the deans to hold elections for these seats, the seats remain vacant for four colleges. A member suggested changing the policy to allow the seats to become faculty-at-large seats as some other committee seats do after the fourth week of instruction. Other members felt strongly that each college should have representation on this committee. Chair Kimbarow will contact the deans again to request their support. [Note: The College of Business is currently conducting an election.]
4. **From the Policy Committee Chairs:**
    a. **Curriculum and Research Committee (C&R):**
    C&R will be bringing two proposals to the next Senate meeting including; AS 1601—Amendment to Physical Education Exemptions, and AS 1597—Minimum Criteria for Undergraduate Minors.

    C&R is making progress on the Internship and Service Learning and Certificate referrals.

    Due to the complexity of the referral, C&R will probably not have time to begin work on S93-14—Curricular Priorities this semester.

    C&R is expecting another referral this week on Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activity (RSCA).

    The Executive Committee provided input on a referral sent by the Program Planning Committee. The committee suggested that C&R continue the work on the program planning policy referral.

b. **Instruction and Student Affairs Committee (I&SA):**
I&SA will be bringing a new Greensheet policy to the Senate next week. I&SA received a referral on Priority Registration for Government-Sponsored Program students. The committee did not feel any action was warranted at this time.

I&SA is working on referrals related to Honors and Student Rights and Responsibilities.

c. **Organization and Government Committee (O&G):**
O&G will be bringing a number of policies back to the Senate next week for final readings including the Strategic Planning Policy, several bylaw amendments, the Accreditation Review Committee, and a Correction to the FAR Policy. In addition, the Electronic Voting Policy will come for a first reading.

d. **Professional Standards Committee (PS):**
PS has been working on a Dossier Prep Guide with Faculty Affairs. Chair Peter will send a draft to the Senate for review.

PS has reviewed 20 sets of department guidelines, summarized their findings, and returned the guidelines with revisions.

PS and Faculty Affairs will host a joint workshop on RTP in April 2016.

The committee congratulated Chair Peter on receiving the Outstanding Professor Award this year.

5. **Campus Climate Survey/NSSE Results:**
Scot Heil, Director, Institutional Effectiveness and Analytics, gave a presentation on the results of the Campus Climate Survey and NSSE Results.

Although the majority of faculty, staff, and students view the campus climate as favorable, there were some areas of concern. These areas include: discrimination, intolerance, and hostility; a lack of open and respectful communication; physical safety concerns; and concern over the style and direction of campus leadership.

NSSE Results show that SJSU students are less satisfied than their peers at other campuses and student interactions with faculty were rated low. In addition, course availability and physical safety were big issues with students.

The committee suggested holding Town Hall meetings and forums where there could be some dialogue beyond presentation of the facts. A member suggested having a “Day of Dialogue” in every classroom on campus. The committee will discuss this further at the next meeting.

6. Chair Kimbarow announced that he had invited the AS Vice President, Josh Romero, to address the Executive Committee at the next meeting on issues of concern that were raised at the Senate Retreat.

7. **Selection of members for the Budget Advisory Committee (BAC):** The committee discussed and selected one department chair, two faculty Senators, and two Faculty-at-Large members to the BAC.

8. **Honors Convocation:** The committee discussed the possibility that the faculty might strike during the proposed date for the Honors Convocation and asked the administration if this date was flexible.

9. The meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

These minutes were taken and transcribed by the Senate Administrator, Eva Joice, on February 29, 2016. The minutes were edited by Chair Kimbarow on March 12, 2016. The minutes were approved by the Executive Committee on March 14, 2016.