AGENDA

Academic Senate – Executive Committee

April 15, 2019, noon-1:30, ADM 167

1. Approval of meeting minutes of April 10
2. Consent calendar
3. President's update
4. University updates
    a. Associated Students
    b. Statewide Senate
    c. Chief Diversity Officer
    d. Provost
    e. VP Administration and Finance
    f. VP Student Affairs
5. Policy committee updates
    a. Instruction & Student Affairs
    b. Professional Standards
    c. Curriculum & Research
    d. Organization & Government

Executive Committee Minutes
April 15, 2019
ADM 167, 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Present: Frazier, Peter, Ficke, Shifflett, White, Marachi, Faas, Day, Manzo, Papazian, Riley
Absent: Lee, Mathur, Sullivan-Green, Wong(Lau)

1. The Executive Committee approved the minutes of April 10, 2019.

2. The Chair notified the Executive Committee that he had reformatted AS 1730, Amendment A to University Policy S15-3, Leaves of Absence for Students.

   Updates from the President:
   The 2nd VP of Research and Innovation candidate is on campus.

   The Student Recreation and Aquatics Center opens Tuesday, April 16, 2019.

   April 25, 2019 is the groundbreaking on the new Science Building.

   The new Permanent Food Pantry recently had its ribbon cutting ceremony.

   The university is working on the issue of student homelessness, however, it is a complex issue. The President has four case managers that work with students in crisis to find solutions. The President thanked VP Day and his team for all their hard work.

   One idea the President is not considering is housing students in cars in the parking lots as has been suggested recently. Students need a roof over their heads and the President and VP Day are working to ensure they find housing solutions for our students. However, the President is concerned that students are not taking advantage of student loans out of fear of accumulating debt. Over 10,000 students that were eligible turned down financial aid. Sometimes part of the problem is that students are living in bad home environments and at some point they need to make the difficult decision to move on campus and take out student loans.

   The President thanked the committee members for their hard work.

   Questions
   C: The efforts being made on campus to support students and to address homeless and food insecurity issues are being noticed by potential faculty members that visit the campus and it is having a positive impact.

Q: Do you plan on implementing group Strategic Planning?
A: President Papazian will report back to the committee on this issue.

3. From the AS President:
   The Executive Director search has come to an end. The candidate selected will be announced on April 24, 2019.

   AS elections are underway and debates are happening today on campus. Election results will be announced on Thursday.

   On April 22, 2019 AS will host Pizza with the President for students.

   On May 1, 2019, AS will host the Grand Slam Graduate Student Competition where students will explain their research to someone who has never heard of it. The students that does this the best will win a monetary award.

   The AS Printshop is celebrating its 50th Anniversary this year and will be having special discounts.

   AS has completed their budget process for next year and have added additional textbook vouchers for students.

   The new AS Board takes over on June 1, 2019. They will be undergoing the transition process throughout May.

4. From the Vice President of Administration and Finance (VPAF):
   At 7:30 p.m. today, the VPAF will host a safety walk on campus that begins at 9th Street and E. San Fernando.

   VP Faas advised the Executive Committee that students and employees can opt out of the biometric scanner and use their ID instead at the SRAC.

5. From the Vice President for Student Affairs (VPSA):
   There were 18,400 students and family members here on Saturday. About 4,700 were students and this is a very good sign.

   The permanent food pantry had an opening event this morning. VP Day and his team will be watching to see how the mobile food band is influenced by the Permanent food pantry.

   Questions:
   Q: Why were there so many students at admitted Spartans Day?
   A: It is a good sign. VP Day will keep the Executive Committee informed.

   Q: Is there a deadline to commit?

A: Yes. We are waiting to hear back from the Chancellor's Office on our request to expand the local admitting area. This gives students within commuting distance an extra bump up in their GPA.

Q: Do we track students that transfer out to determine why?
A: Yes, we need to create an environment where aspiring students can thrive. We need to determine if they came with the intent to leave or whether we are not offering them something they need. A member commented that when he started at SJSU the classes were much smaller. Another member noted that we need to figure out a better way to talk about what we do well. If we are losing our best students, then we need to be concerned. We also need to research what type of programs will engage students their first year to make that a meaningful experience.

A member noted that the National Association of College Academic Advisers (NACAA) came out and reported that we need to improve our advising and we need more connection between students and faculty in their second year.

6. From the Provost:
   The Provost will be meeting with the Deans tomorrow to discuss how to request lines for next year based on curriculum needs and not a replacement line for a faculty member.

   Questions:
   Q: Can we plan on hiring based on RSCA?
   A: Yes, RSCA activity must be involved. We will look at the balanced need of the department. Tenure density should be near 50%. It is a big balancing act.

   Q: How does this model take into account the department instead of majors?
   A: In the constellation of responsibilities the department has a commitment to hire as many tenure/tenure-track faculty as we can.

   Q: What is the timeline for potential hires for RSCA and assigned time?
   A: We need RSCA results by May 2019. There are two RSCA pieces. The Provost wants to see how successful deans are in hiring before they release information for the next cycle. Tomorrow she will ask the deans to publish RSCA timelines.

7. From the Policy Committees:
   a. From the Professional Standards Committee (PS):
      The PS Committee will have a first reading of the Board of Academic Freedom and Professional Responsibility (BAFPR) for the Senate.

   b. From the Curriculum and Research Committee (C&R):
      C&R will have a final reading of the Concentrations Policy as well as a first reading of the 4+1 Blended Bachelor's and Master's degree policy.

c. From the Organization and Government Committee (O&G):
O&G will be bringing a final reading of a Senate Management Resolution amending Bylaw 5 as well as an update to the membership of the Student Success Committee and a revision to the Board of General Studies (BOGS) policy. The committee discussed whether the BOGS policy should come back to the Senate as another first reading or a final reading.

8. The meeting adjourned at 1:31 p.m.

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