

AGENDA

Academic Senate – Executive Committee

April 29, 2019, noon-1:30, ADM 167

1. Approval of meeting minutes of April 15
 2. Consent calendar
 3. President's update
 4. President's University Governance Award nominations
 5. Committee appointments
 6. Firearms policy rescission proposal
 7. University updates
 - a. VP Student Affairs
 - b. Associated Students
 - c. Statewide Senate
 - d. Chief Diversity Officer
 - e. Provost
 - f. VP Administration and Finance
 8. Policy committee updates
 - a. Organization & Government
 - b. Instruction & Student Affairs
 - c. Professional Standards
 - d. Curriculum & Research
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Executive Committee Minutes
April 29, 2019
ADM 167, 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

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

Absent: Lee, Papazian

1. The Executive Committee approved the minutes of April 15, 2019.
2. The Executive Committee approved the appointment of Cisar, Raman, and Jensen to the Institutional Review Board (IRB).
3. Firearms/Weapons Policy:
The Executive Committee discussed a proposal to rescind the Firearms/Weapons policy (old policy from Spring of 1969 (S69-18)) once a Presidential Directive is issued to replace it. This discussion is pending further consultation with the President's office.
4. Updates from the Administration:
 - a. From the Vice President for Student Affairs (VPSA):
We are in the "Intent to Enroll" stage. Our international student enrollment is down.

We have received the final reports on the evaluations we had done on advising and student wellness area. In general, there are some very dedicated staff on the campus. Faculty are satisfied with the student success centers. However, students are not happy with the advising they receive. There is a disconnect between AARS and college advising. The technology is also inconsistent. VP Day will be working on this.

Questions and Comments:

C: The recent Student Success Symposium was very well received.

Q: Where exactly are the challenges in advising coming from?

A: There is different information being given by AARS and the student success centers. In addition, there are customer service concerns with AARS and a need for training.

C: The lines are not always clear in advising.

C: The "Ask Me" tables during finals are well received.

Q: Are students taught the difference between AARS advising and faculty advising?

A: Sometimes the information being given out is not correct. We have to get this corrected.

Q: Do you see changes to Retention and Transition Services?

A: Absolutely. We need to determine everyone's role and how to work together.

b. From the AS President:

AS had "Pizza with the President" last week and got very good feedback.

On May 1, 2019, from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. AS hosted an ice cream meet-and-greet for students with San Jose City councilmembers. There were four councilmembers in attendance.

AS approved \$20,000 for Undergraduate and Graduate Professional Development and Travel Funds. This will be a pilot program for three years and will then be reviewed.

AS is researching the historical background related to SSETF activity.

Questions:

Q: What is the status of hiring a new Executive Director?

A: We are in background check right now and will announce soon.

Q: Can students apply for funds for Professional Development for Fall 2019?

A: Yes.

c. From the CSU Statewide Senate: Not present – no report.

d. From the Chief Diversity Officer (CDO):

Sue Rankin will design the campus climate survey for Fall. Rankin & Associates have a good understanding of the work. On one issue: Students tend to lump everything under harassment, whereas employees lump it under bullying.

One focus group has been reserved for lecturers

Craig Alimo is organizing a retreat and a full day of diversity training with Social Work. Craig is also organizing other retreats.

The Title IX hearing process is going well. The CDO commended all who attended the hearings and stayed all day to ensure everything went well. We are the second campus to hold hearings in the new manner.

- e. From the Provost:
The Honors Convocation is this Friday and there will be almost 600 students. The Provost encouraged faculty to attend. Your students want to see you.

Questions:

Q: Where are we with the COACHE survey?

A: The responses are a little uneven across the colleges, but the report is being work on. The Provost will send something out hopefully over the summer.

- f. From the Vice President of Administration and Finance (VPAF):
There are three “revenue opportunity” efforts for this week.

Questions:

Q: The legislative analyst said the CSU is directly responsible for certain costs, so if we are redirecting money from our pensions, how will this work? Are efforts being made to address this?

A: We’ve offered out pension plans we can’t afford. Our bargaining unit contracts are for three years and our budget isn’t. The contract should be contingent on funding from the governor.

5. University Governance Award (UGA):

Nominees for the University Governance Award are supposed to be submitted to the Student Honors Committee, which no longer exists. Therefore, the Executive Committee needs to step in. Several students were nominated, and the Senate Chair will inform the President.

6. From the policy committees:

a. Organization and Government (O&G):

The Executive Committee discussed the membership of the Sustainability Board particularly with regard to VPs or their designees. The committee discussed adding “or designee.” O&G’s proposal would remove VPs/designees. O&G is also concerned about the size of the Sustainability Board. O&G sought clarification if the VPs need to be on the board. Also, a member expressed concern there is only one student on the committee and suggested dropping some faculty representation.

Questions:

Q: Would O&G consider pulling off administrators?

A: Yes.

b. Instruction and Student Affairs (ISA):

ISA will be bringing to the Senate on May 13: policies on intersession and summer session, TOEFL, Student Governance Award, and if time, the Absence Policy.

- c. Professional Standards (PS):
PS is working on resolutions on the guidelines for late adds, BAFPR, and range elevation.
 - d. Curriculum and Research (C&R):
C&R will be bringing to the Senate resolutions on the 4+1 blended BA and Master's degree. The committee is also working on a curriculum policy, ORUs, and minors.
 - e. Committee on Committees (CoC):
The Executive Committee discussed nominees for the Faculty Diversity Committee, and vacancies on the Budget Advisory and Writing Requirements Committees.
 - f. From the Vice Chair:
The Special Committee set up to respond to the GE Task Force Report has created a survey and faculty are encouraged to respond. Focus groups are also being help next week.
7. The meeting adjourned at 1:29 p.m.

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