

AGENDA

Academic Senate – Executive Committee

February 17, 2020 12:00- 1:30 pm, ADM 167

1. Approval of meeting minutes of February 3, 2020
2. Consent Calendar
3. President's Update
4. Appointment of a faculty member (General Unit) to the Exceptional Assigned Time Committee, statement of interest
5. Policy committee updates
 - a. Instruction & Student Affairs
 - b. Professional Standards
 - c. Curriculum & Research
 - d. Organization & Government
6. University updates
 - a. Associated Students President
 - b. VP Student Affairs
 - c. Chief Diversity Officer
 - d. Provost and Senior Vice President
 - e. Statewide Senate
 - f. VP Administration and Finance

Executive Committee Minutes
February 17, 2020
ADM 167, 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Present: Mathur, Shifflett, Curry, Parent, Sullivan-Green, McKee, Frazier, Peter, Wong(Lau) (12:51 p.m.), Day, White, Faas, Del Casino, Marachi, Papazian (12:51 p.m.)

Absent: None

1. The Executive Committee minutes of February 3, 2020 were approved as written (13-0-0).
2. Chair Mathur gave a shout out to CDO Kathy Wong(Lau) for her efforts to help a student that was so unhappy he/she was ready to drop out over the weekend.
3. There was no dissent to the Consent Calendar of February 17, 2020 (13-0-0).
4. The Executive Committee discussed and approved the appointment of Silke Higgins as a General Unit representative to the Exceptional Assigned Time Committee (EATC) (13-0-0).
5. Updates from the Policy Committee Chairs:
 - a. Instruction and Student Affairs Committee (I&SA):
I&SA is working on resolutions including an update to the Student Fairness Committee, and rescinding three old registration policies. I&SA will also be looking at the instructor drop and approved absences for students policies.

The Executive Committee discussed issues that I&SA is having with committee member absences. I&SA has over 20 members and it is very difficult to get everyone to attend. I&SA will work with O&G on a possible reduction in the membership. I&SA has six student members compared to one student on each of the other policy committees.

I&SA needs feedback from Student Affairs on policies that have been vetoed by the President, so that they might modify and resubmit these policies. Chair Sullivan-Green will reach out to VP Day.

- b. Professional Standards Committee (PS):
PS is working on RTP for small colleges; improvement of the implementation of RTP policies; possible creation of a template for RTP letters; and establishing a lecturer RTP policy.
 - c. Curriculum and Research Committee (C&R):
C&R has two new minors they are reviewing as well as lots of curriculum. C&R is also reviewing the GE Guidelines and trying to reduce 13 Planned Learning Outcomes (PLOs) to 9 or less by the end of the semester.

- d. Organization and Government Committee (O&G):
O&G will be bringing a final reading of the standing rules to the next Senate meeting. O&G is also reviewing the bylaws. However, they will not come before the Senate until the April meeting.

6. Updates from the President:

The President announced the opening of a Voting Center on campus. The event will be attended by the Secretary of State, Alex Padilla, Congresswomen Zoe Lofgren, and Anna Eshoo this Thursday.

AB 1460 on Ethnic Studies will be up for a vote this coming Thursday.

The Government and Board of Trustees are far apart on the budget. The Governor continues to heavily supply the rainy day fund. We will have to wait and see what the May revise will bring. Students are lobbying for support for student homelessness and changes to financial aid.

Questions:

Q: How quick will AB 1460 be pushed?

A: There is external pressure for people to support AB 1460. The Provost has asked for more faculty support. Faculty need to push back and be passionate about the defense of our right to determine the curriculum where Ethnic Studies is concerned. People feel if you are not for AB 1460 then you are against Ethnic Studies. Some people on campus feel this is our one shot.

C: CFA has been discussing this and many faculty feel CFA shouldn't be discussing curriculum.

Q: The President vetoed the Athletics policy amendment. However, O&G did not make any contextual changes. Could you explain the reason?

A: President Papazian explained she does not look at policies with a Band Aid approach. If a policy is sent to her she is going to review the entire policy and wants everything in that policy fixed. There is an implicit understanding if the President approves an amendment that she agrees with the whole policy. There are parts of the policy that need to be addressed.

7. Updates from the AS President and Administrators:

- a. From the Provost:

The Provost noted that there is a potential for a General Studies degree. The committee discussed issues with partial and complete online degrees.

- b. From the AS President:

AS President Parent attended the California State Student Association (CSSA) Plenary.

AS has had the same discussions as the faculty have had regarding Ethnic Studies and students are split on the issue as well.

AS passed a resolution on investigation practices they don't like. The Executive Committee discussed possible changes to Title IX requiring more support and treatment for respondents.

AS passed a resolution on fixing financial aid that includes expanding access, having a summer Cal Grant, and basing financial aid on the actual total cost of attendance.

c. From the Vice President for Student Affairs (VPSA):

We must keep threats of the coronavirus in perspective. There have been only eight fatal cases of the coronavirus in California, whereas the regular flu has taken the lives of a significantly higher number of people.

Enrollment is up by 650 Undergraduate students. Statewide, Graduate Student enrollment is down by 90 students, and International student enrollment is down by 142.

Student Affairs will host a new student convocation on August 17, 2020.

Questions:

Q: Is anything being done as far as outreach to students regarding financial aid?

A: There is a lot being done behind the scenes. VP Day will be happy to discuss with anyone offline. Over 11,000 students turned down financial aid. This is a national trend. Students don't want to take out loans. Our students incur \$10,000 less debt than the national average for student loans.

C: There will be new training available this year on financial literacy communication.

C: Folks are pushing badges and certificates and not degrees and using cost and time to graduation in their outreach.

C: Don't throw the baby out with the bath water. Some certificate programs in addition to a degree can be a good thing since research now shows that a class is only current for about 5 years. The certificate can make the degree far more marketable.

C: SJSU has disbursement problems getting the funds from financial aid. Some students are turning down scholarships, because if they take it they will lose their Cal Grant eligibility the next year.

- d. From the Chief Diversity Officer (CDO):
The Campus Climate Survey kickoff is February 25, 2020 from noon to 1 p.m.
There will be lots of events and prizes.

CDO Wong(Lau) gave a shout out to Vice Chair McKee who co-chairs the Committee on Professional, Productive, and Ethical Expectations in Work Relations with CDO Wong(Lau) for all her hard work.

8. The meeting adjourned at 1:34 p.m.

These minutes were taken by the Senate Administrator on February 17, 2020. The minutes were transcribed by the Senate Administrator, Eva Joice, on February 19, 2020. The minutes were reviewed by Chair Mathur on February 19, 2020. The minutes were approved by the Executive Committee on February 24, 2020.