

Executive Committee Minutes
July 10, 2013
1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Present: Heiden, Junn, Ng, Kaufman, Dukes, Nance, Peter, Von Till

Absent: Qayoumi, McClory, Bibb, Ayala, Kimbarow, Gleixner, Frazier

1. Consent Calendar: There was no Consent Calendar.

2. Announcements:

- Policy and Operating Committee Reports: There are still some end-of-year reports due from Policy Committees. The Chair requested that these be submitted ASAP. It was also requested that Policy Committee chairs contact their operating committee chairs to send their year-end reports in as well.
- Fundraising Workshop: Advancement is conducting a fundraising workshop on July 18, 2013. This will be for staff, development officers, and faculty interested in fundraising. Information needs to be sent out to the full time faculty list.
- Dropbox: There will be information set up for the Senate Exec in the Dropbox.

3. MOOCs Update

The Provost discussed plans regarding the Udacity pilot courses. SJSU is seeking funding from CSU Chancellor's Office (CO) to support alternative course proposals using the Udacity model. Funds will help build infrastructure support for faculty teaching Computer Science, Psychology, and Statistics.

Some financial support from the CO as part of the \$10M Tech Innovation funds has been approved for the edX course. SJSU and the CO are sponsoring an institute for other CSU campuses that have a course similar to the edX engineering course at SJSU. There are research manuscripts currently in preparation documenting the results of the edX pilot course.

Internal discussions regarding the costs of creating SJSU Plus courses continues. For example, some adjustments may be necessary in the future, as one of the more expensive costs for these online courses has been online proctoring.

The Provost has a debriefing meeting with faculty teaching Udacity courses: Faculty still want to teach the courses. The greatest obstacle in the efficiency of the class has been not having a gradebook within the Udacity, as it has not yet

been developed. During Fall 2013, SJSU and Udacity have jointly decided to spend more time reviewing and analyzing the data from both Spring and Summer 2013, making adjustments and improvements, and spending more time on campus to communicate and ensure alignment with campus policies. It is expected that the SJSU Plus courses will resume in Spring 2014. The edX engineering course will still run as planned.

The Provost and President met with the Philosophy department regarding using edX courses in Philosophy Department courses. There will also be a follow-up meeting with the department.

The President wants to set up 10 meetings (smaller groups of about 20 people) to discuss and dialogue about the edX and Udacity courses. There is also the possibility of having a Senate discussion about online learning—MOOCs and Udacity.

Faculty on Exec will develop an informational sheet regarding terminology, what type of technology is being used, and what SJSU is doing in this area. This will be reviewed by the Executive Committee and Academic Technology to ensure accuracy, with plans to use as handout material.

4. Certificate Policy: There was some confusion about the Certificate Policy because of revisions made after approval. Greater clarity and expanded guidelines regarding changes in grammar and punctuation may need to be considered.
5. Sustainability Board request: The Executive Committee needs to consider whether we should refer the chairs' request to committee, respond directly, or not respond to the request. This will be discussed at our August meeting.
6. Future Discussion: President Qayoumi has requested time for discussion of his most recent white paper during the next Senate Exec meeting.
7. Updates: Athletics Board Nominees. Review the nominations and decide via email, or discuss at the next Exec meeting.
8. Minutes of June 19, 2013 approved: 6-0-2
9. The meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

These minutes were taken and prepared by AVC Wendy Ng on July 10, 2013. The minutes were approved by the Executive Committee on August 26, 2013.