

**Executive Committee Minutes**  
**June 23, 2014**  
**10:30 a.m. to Noon, ADM 167**

Present: Bibb, Dukes, Feinstein, Frazier, Gleixner, Heiden, Kaufman, Kimbarow, Shifflett, Backer, Peter, Qayoumi

Absent: Daniels, Sabalius

Guest: Lessow-Hurley

1. The Executive Committee approved the consent calendar (10-0-2).
2. The Executive Committee approved the minutes of May 5, 2014 (10-0-2).
3. Chair Heiden will put out a call for nominations this fall to all faculty to replace Chris Jochim as the Academic Council on International Programs (ACIP) representative, and to solicit a new faculty member for the Athletics Board.
4. A student contacted Chair Heiden to complain that the university gives out A+ grade without any corresponding increase in grade points. This make an A+ equivalent to an A (4.0) when computing a student's GPA. The committee discussed whether there should even be an A+ grade given. It was determined that this issue should be addressed by the Instruction and Student Affairs Committee.
5. The Governance Review Retreat for the Executive Committee, the President's Cabinet, and the Deans will be held on Friday, June 27, 2014, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in CLK 547.
6. The Executive Committee discussed and agreed that exceptions could be made to the requirement that faculty search committees be restricted to tenured faculty while the Professional Standards Committee is completing its revision of the RTP policy. A suggestion was made that this information be relayed to the AVP of Faculty Affairs, as well as Chairs and Deans.
7. Chair Heiden suggested that she draft step-by-step instructions for Dean/Chairs on the procedures for the selection of Chairs, as she receives frequent requests to explain the procedure. The committee discussed the new policy regarding the selection of chairs written last semester. A suggestion was made that the policy may need to be revised if the procedures are still unclear to the chairs and deans.
8. Information Technology Update:  
The committee discussed the 50 Smart classrooms that were supposed to be completed by now. The website still shows this project as progressing on time,

although it is not. For instance, Science 142 has been scheduled to be transformed into a Smart Classroom for the past three summers and it is still not completed. Provost Feinstein will check and report back on the status.

The committee discussed Next Generation classrooms. Provost Feinstein wants to first concentrate on training faculty on how to use the Next Generation classrooms effectively.

9. Update on the Physical Education Policy, S14-11:

Provost Feinstein is uncomfortable with this policy and is still reviewing it. The committee discussed the fact that Provost Feinstein was not in attendance at the Senate meeting in which this policy was approved and did not hear the debate. A tape of the meeting and the minutes will be made available for his review. Several members pointed out that the policy passed by a large margin (37-11-2). A suggestion was made to discuss this at the Governance Retreat on Friday (6/27/14).

10. General Updates:

a. From the President:

The Governor has signed the budget. The Chancellor and Presidents are disappointed there will be no additional funds for enrollment.

There were three topics discussed at the Council of Presidents' Retreat—The Master Plan, Sexual Harassment and the responsibility for training, and Enrollment for the long term.

b. From the Curriculum and Research Committee:

No projects this summer, but will continue working on curriculum and degree policies in the fall.

c. From the Provost:

Pending searches for the fall will include the CASA Dean, Deputy Provost, AVP of UG Studies, Deputy Provost for Academic Budgets and Enrollment, the COSS Dean, and the COO of the Research Foundation.

The Provost will be meeting with the Deans and they will be asked to provide Organization Charts and will discuss fundraising and budget issues.

SSETF is on the agenda for the cabinet meeting tomorrow (6-24-14).

d. From the Organization and Government Committee:

No summer business on the agenda.

e. From the Professional Standards Committee:

The PS Committee continues to work on the RTP policy.

Earlier in the semester, the committee withdrew a proposed policy revision to the Board of Academic Freedom and Professional Responsibility (BOAF) policy. The committee is now trying to decide if they should rewrite the policy to go directly to the Provost and take Faculty Affairs out of the loop, or continue with the revisions requested early in the semester by the BOAF. Chair Peter will meet with Natalie King and the Provost to discuss this first thing in the fall.

- f. From the VP of University Advancement:  
The Faculty/Staff BBQ is set for August 21, 2014, but some people have expressed concern that this is the first day back to work and some people may not be able to attend. VP Dukes asked if the committee felt she should try and move it to next day. It was suggested that people could still go get food and return to work as the BBQ runs from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Tower lawn, so there should be no need to change the date.

University Advancement has raised \$115 million in endowments.

University Advancement is in the process of hiring development officers.

A Fundraising Academy will be held on September 19, 2014 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

- g. From the Instruction and Student Affairs Committee:  
The I&SA Committee will begin work on the A+ referral in the fall.
- h. From the CSU Statewide Senator:  
The new CSU Statewide Senate Chair is Steve Filling, and the Vice Chair is Christine Miller.
- i. From the Associate Vice Chair:  
The AVC is working on a grant for the Provost for more support for Latino and African-American students.

11. The meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

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