

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES
October 23, 2006

Present: McClory, Veregge, Bros, David, Meldal, Van Selst, Thames, Hebert, Phillips, Sigler, Lessow-Hurley, Lee, Najjar, Gutierrez

Absent: Kassing

1. The consent calendar was approved.
2. The election calendar was approved.
3. The Chair of the Senate requested a volunteer from the Executive Committee to serve on the Wang Award Committee. Past Chair Veregge volunteered.
4. The Executive Committee discussed the status of the Retention-Tenure-Promotion (RTP) policy. The President has asked the Provost to take the policy to the Council of Deans for their input. The Executive Committee discussed the possibility that the President may sign the policy, but give it a delayed implementation date. It was noted that there are four deans on the Academic Senate and the concern was raised that the deans not be consulted as a formal body with decision-making power in this regard. Chair Hurley suggested that it might be appropriate at some point in the future to make a presentation to the deans, some of whom are relatively new, and encourage the deans to make maximum use of their role in the Senate process.
5. The Executive Committee discussed whether to have the Legislative Breakfast Briefing that has been held in February. The attendance at this event has been declining in recent years. The Executive Committee discussed alternative ways to make our outreach to legislators more effective, e.g., one-on-one outreach between campus experts and legislators at the state and local level. Several members suggested having only 2 or 3 issues we would like our legislators to focus on, and to put this in writing, as opposed to the 10-14 issues in the Critical Issues document. Another suggestion was to prepare specific recommendations for legislative action to share with legislators' staffers, e.g., funding the mandated campus implementation of Coded Memo AA-41-2006, Access to Electronic and Information Technology for Persons with Disabilities. Vice Chair Thames, Statewide Senator Van Selst, and VP Najjar will continue the discussion, perhaps in consultation with other Senators, and bring a recommendation to the Executive Committee.
6. The Executive Committee reviewed the nominees for the Interdisciplinary Task Force. Three nominees were selected to serve on the Task Force. Senator David will notify all nominees.

