

Minutes of the Executive Committee September 22, 2008

Present: Whitmore, Cavu-Litman, Phillips, Lessow-Hurley, Meldal, Kaufman, Backer
Van Selst, Najjar, McClory, Maldonado-Colon, Von Till, Sivertsen

Absent: Lee, Sigler

Guests: Nance

1. Chair Meldal announced that the Senate Office has hired a new Student Assistant, Ashlee Jemmott. Ashlee will be introduced to the Senate at today's meeting.
2. The Executive Committee voted and the Consent Calendar was approved unanimously.
3. The Executive Committee discussed how to establish a procedure for the selection of a representative to the Faculty Trustee Recommendation Committee. Senator Lessow-Hurley presented a Senate Management Resolution to be brought to the Senate floor today asking that nominees submit a signed statement of interest to the Senate Office by October 3, 2008. The AVC will then verify eligibility, and the nominees will be invited to present their statements at the next Senate meeting on October 20, 2008. The faculty electorate of the Senate will then vote by secret ballot to select the campus representative. Senator Backer presented an amendment to change the first line of paragraph 3 to include "and 8." The Executive Committee voted and the Backer amendment passed. Senator McClory presented an amendment to remove number (1) in the second line of number 1, and to change "purpose" to "interest" in the last line of number 1. The Executive Committee voted and the McClory amendment passed with 1 abstention. Senator McClory presented an amendment to add a new whereas clause that defined the eligible electorate. The Executive Committee voted and the amendment failed. Senator Lessow-Hurley presented an amendment to allow Senator

c. **Organization and Government Committee (O&G):**

O&G is working with Rona Halualani on the Strategic Planning Process. A first draft of the recommendations will be brought to the Executive Committee for review before coming to the Senate floor.

6. **Status Updates:**

a. **Vice President for Advancement:**

VP Najjar informed the Executive Committee that Jay Pinson, the Emeritus Dean of the College of Engineering, passed away this weekend after a short bout with cancer.

VP Najjar announced that University Advancement had a new alumni donor database as a result of a generous donation by Connie Lurie.

b. **CSU Statewide Senators:**

The Board of Trustees' expressed concern over the possibility of the Student Health Center moving off campus, and recent stadium plans.

Other issues being discussed include CSU Budget Priorities and asking the Trustees to ask for money as well as coordination challenges to the Lower Division Transfer Project (LDTP).

There has been a policy change that eliminates the need to go through WASC to add specializations to programs.

c. **Associated Students:**

The Associated Students Sustainability Team is considering partnering with the city of San José in an effort to reduce usage by 10-15%.

An Associated Students board member expressed concern over a comment by a faculty member on one of the committees that not all students have the potential to succeed, and that remediation was a waste of funds. The Executive Committee noted that this was an isolated incident.

d. **AVC/Committee on Committees:**

The Board of Academic Freedom and Professional Responsibility (BOAF) is composed of tenured, full professors. Over the years, the AVC has had difficulty getting full professors to serve on the committee. The College of Humanities and the Arts, and the General Unit have just elected two tenured, associate professors to the Board. The AVC asked if there was a way to suspend the policy requiring full, tenured, professors to allow these associate professors to remain on the committee as the committee has some pressing cases to move on. Some committee members expressed concern that anyone but a full professor that is fully immune may not want to take the unpopular view. The AVC expressed concern that this committee does not have enough members to function as it currently exists, and that she has been unable to fully staff this committee for years due to this requirement. A motion was made to refer this issue to the O&G Committee. The Executive Committee voted and the motion passed with 1 abstention.

e. **President:**

In a study of our Information Technology (IT) by outside people, 80% of the survey respondent said that our IT needs a stronger, more forward-looking presence. The first step is to search for a Chief Information Officer (CIO) for the campus. This will be a Vice Presidential position.

Our current enrollment is about 2,600 over target FTES. The President has asked the provost to begin planning for impaction. We will begin by studying the situation. As it currently stands, we do not have the staff to provide the appropriate level of service for the number of students enrolled. We cannot continue this over the long run. If we declare impaction there are two ways to handle it. One way is department-by-department. The other way is across the university. If we become an impacted campus, we would have to admit those in our declared service areas that are qualified, but we could impose restrictions on others. The soonest this could happen would be for the