

Minutes of the Executive Committee October 12, 2009

Present: Von Till, Backer, Roldan, Kaufman, Selter, Najjar, Phillips, Whitmore, Lee, Heiden, Gleixner, Baker, McClory, Lessow-Hurley, Meldal

Absent: None

1. Vice Chair Von Till gave an update on the Senate Retreat. The keynote speaker will be Mark Stemen from Chico. Assistant Professor Eugene Cordero will talk about his book, "Cool Cuisine." Cathy Busalacchi will talk about the new student union, and Katherine Cushing, the Sustainability Director, will make a presentation in the afternoon. This retreat may be the largest ever with 70 expected attendees.
2. Senator Lessow-Hurley gave an update on the Provost Search. The pool of candidates has been narrowed and candidates will be on campus October 27, 28, and November 2nd, 3rd, and/or the 4th. Forums with the candidates will be held on each of these dates in Engineering 189 at 11 a.m. The candidates will also be meeting separately with many groups including the President's cabinet, the UCCD, the Deans, and the faculty of the Executive Committee.
3. The Executive Committee discussed and approved the consent calendar with the addition of Jonathan Boyajian and Danielle Harris to the Institutional Review Board (IRB), Jo Fox to the Student Fairness Committee (SFC), and Matt Cabot to the Committee on Committees. The Executive Committee discussed and approved replacing Megumi Hosoda with Danielle Harris on the consent calendar as a faculty-at-large member on the IRB. This change is necessary as a short-term fix due to the need to have a prisoner advocate on the committee (15-0-0). O&G will look at modifying the committee structure to accommodate a prisoner advocate as a consultant when needed.
4. The Professional Standards Committee (PS) is currently working on the department chair, the appointment and evaluation of temporary faculty, and the office hours policies. The proposed change to the department chair policy will require that permanent chairs be tenured faculty. The proposed change to the appointment and evaluation of temporary faculty policy would require evaluations for temporary faculty on 3 year contracts to be done every 3 years instead of every year. The 2nd change would require full time temporary faculty to do an annual 1-page summary of

In addition, I&SA is working on a change of major policy. The Executive Committee discussed the fact that some students may use the change of major as a back door method of getting into an impacted major at a later date. The committee further discussed whether local area students should be given priority in change of majors, and the majority felt that they should not be given preference in this area.

d. VP for Student Affairs:

VP Phillips announced that as of today (10-12-09), there were 7,390 undergraduate admissions applications for fall 2010, compared to 3,118 at this same time last year. This means students are getting their applications in earlier.

e. VP for Finance and Administration:

VP Lee announced that there would be several candidates for the Chief of Police position on campus during the same time frame that the Provost candidates would be here. The Chief of Police candidates will hold forums in Engineering 189 on October 20th, and October 29th, but their forums will be in the afternoon. More information will be forthcoming.