

Executive Committee Minutes
November 21, 2022
12 - 1:30 p.m. via Zoom

Present: Alison McKee (Chair), Karthika Sasikumar, Steve Perez, Vincent Del Casino, Charlie Faas, Patrick Day, Reiko Kataoka, Priya Raman, Julia Curry, Tabitha Hart

Absent: Kathy Wong(Lau), Nina Chuang, Marie Haverfield, Laura Sullivan-Green, Rachael French

Recorder: Reiko Kataoka (AVC)

1. Approval of the Agenda

The committee approved the consent agenda: Executive Committee Agenda of November 21, 2022, Executive Committee Minutes of October 31, 2022, (as amended), Consent Calendar of November 21, 2022. (8-0-2)

2. Update from the Interim President

An article in *Inside Higher Ed* points out that community college enrollment is at its lowest in the past 30 years. We are seeing the impact in our campus and the impact will continue in coming years. CSU funding is partly enrollment-based, so funding will be impacted, too.

Shooting in Colorado, stabbing in Idaho, murders in Virginia and University Mexico – these are troubling and difficult times. You are all good people and I care about you; we need to keep that in mind as we move forward.

Next president, Cynthia Teniente-Matson from Texas A&M-San Antonio, will start her term in January next year. We will work hard on this transition.

Q&A (Q = Question; C = Comment)

[Q]: SJSU has a firearms policy, which is very old, and a year ago we submitted to the police chief a draft updating that policy to align with the current state and federal laws. Does anybody have an update on that?

[Senator Faas]: Chief replied to that. He corrected a number of items in the resolution.

[C]: I want to acknowledge the contribution that you and Tanya have made. Thank you for who you are and what you have done to help heal our campus and for providing a sense of trust.

5. University Updates

a. Update from Vice President of Finance

[VP Faas]: No update. Any questions?

Q&A

[Q]: At the Council on Ethnic Studies, there was a discussion on the procedure for the State funding for Area F from the AB1460 initiative. There is only one campus where the faculty of Ethnic Studies received information. How do the campuses get informed about what the money is and what are the procedures of expenditure?

[Provost Del Casino]: There are \$812,000 as a base funding into the division. VP Faas converted it to an operational fund (one-time fund). Each department was asked to discuss what to do with it. There is also a permanent fund. There is a draft memo on the Ethnic Studies Collaborative that outlines tenure track hires, full-time lecturers, staff support, etc. Each program will receive one-time funding. Happy to share the information including the draft memo.

[C]: Thank you for the presentation. The group will report back to the Council of Ethnic Studies and ask for the Chancellor's Office for accountability and transparency.

[Provost Del Casino]: I want it to be a bottom-up process. I want Area F people to drive the conversation. I ask Chair McKee to distribute the email with the information to the Senate. I also want to thank VP Faas for his partnership.

b. Update from Vice President of Student Affairs

[VP Day]: This is a heads up: California State Student Association will meet in SJSU on 28-29 Jan. 28-29. It's very exciting to host it. AS President Nina Chuang will be a central part of this.

[Interim President Perez] Applications are up by 7%. Frosh are up by 14%. However, transfer applications are down by 17-18%. In sum, we are down by 506 applications. This is a statewide challenge. Students are making a choice to work rather than coming back to school. The "COVID class" is not bouncing back yet.

Q&A

[C]: This is an inflection point. If we don't adapt, we will get smaller. Things will change. The historical way of doing things. won't work. Existential conversation is needed, as growth is the way to get funding.

[VP Day] We are in a position to make choices and strategic decisions.

[Q]: How does it relate to modality?

[VP Day]: We need to be flexible. We need to move strategically. Where do students line up to enroll ? They are the classes that are hybrid or virtual. We need to create flexible pathways for students; we need to think about what makes sense for us.

