

8. The VP of Undergraduate Studies suggested that the Senate Retreat be moved from September 28, 2012 to Spring 2013. The retreat is currently scheduled on the same day as the Community Service Day. The committee discussed recent problems that have surfaced regarding Community Service Day, and the committee was informed that it may have to be cancelled this year. VP Nance will look into this further and report back to the committee as soon as possible.
9. Provost Updates:
 - a. Faculty Interest Groups: The Provost asked if the committee thought faculty would be interested in participating in unpaid faculty interest groups such as how to teach large general education classes using Adobe Designer Suites, and other faculty learning communities. Members suggested sending personal invitations to individual faculty members.
 - b. Faculty Coffee Klatches: The Provost plans on having meetings with faculty at the end of the day to brainstorm ideas. The Provost also plans to visit every building on campus and spend an hour or two randomly talking with the faculty and staff to see what their concerns and ideas are. A member suggested that a new faculty and staff dining area would be much appreciated. The committee was informed that the new student union will have a small faculty (not staff) dining area.
 - c. Faculty Recognition: The Provost suggested establishing faculty awards using a \$5,000 donation designated specifically to honor teaching. The Provost asked for the committee's opinion about awards for the top 15% of faculty in a department. Members suggested that this could cause problems within the departments, and that it would increase the workload for chairs and deans. Committee members will discuss this suggestion with their colleagues and report back at the next Executive Committee meeting.
10. Updates from members:
 - a. Associated Students President: The AS President will be in Long Beach this

reported as a new student in SJSU's Communications Department. The committee expressed their condolences.

11. The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

The minutes were taken and prepared by the Senate Administrator, Eva Joice, on July 30, 2012. The minutes were approved by the Executive Committee on August 13, 2012.