

Executive Committee Minutes
August 2 , 2021
via Zoom, 12:00 to 1 :30 p.m.

Present: Cargill, Curry, Faas, Hart, Kaur, Massey, McKee (Chair), Papazian, Day,
Del Casino, Sasikumar, Sullivan-Green, White
Absent: Mathur, Wong(Lau)

1. The Executive Committee approved the minutes of July 19, 2021 (7-0-3).
2. Update from the President:
We are trying to figure out what's going on with Santa Clara County. We aren't sure what the mask guidelines will be yet. We will follow what the county does. The county started changing direction a few weeks ago. We are also working through the process for vaccinations.

Questions:

Q: There are concerns from faculty that are teaching in-person or hybrid classes. First, they want to know if there are rules in place for social distancing on campus? Next, how is the university going to support faculty in the classroom if students won't wear masks and aren't vaccinated? This could be potentially difficult in a one-on-one situation. Can the university send out steps a faculty member should follow when confronted with these situations?

A: We are requiring vaccinations, so we will know who has an exemption in the classroom

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C: It would be very helpful to have lots of messaging about this and to have the protocols sent out to faculty and staff. It would also be good to have Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) not only on the website, but also sent out to faculty and staff. In addition, it would be great if we could have some visuals as far as videos promoting wearing masks that students see as they come into each building.

Q: I have had a couple of conversations with students that are tracking the information they have found online on the COVID-19 dashboard. This shows all the locations on campus where someone has tested positive for COVID-19.. Students want to know if someone with COVID-19 was in a particular place, should they not visit that place for two weeks? Hearing that question, I'm thinking as a faculty member, what if a student doesn't want to come to class because someone that tested positive was in the building or classroom? Do I have to teach them online if they don't want to come to class?

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3. Update from the CSU Statewide Senate:

The only thing that is happening at the ASCSU is that our September meeting has been changed to a virtual meeting. There was a possibility that the Fall meetings would be in person.

Just one point I'd like to address that is old news. Dr. Sylvia Alva has been appointed as the Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs to replace Loren Blanchard.

There is also some discussion around Ethnic Studies and the three systems California Community Colleges (CCC), CSU, and UC. Nothing has been resolved. There is confusing messaging about whether the CCC is requiring or not requiring the Ethnic Studies class. This is frustrating to some people because it is going to be required in high schools. This has led to confusion about what the link between the CCC and the CSU is.

Questions:

Q: Has the decision been made about the new Faculty Trustee?

A: I have been asking weesTw 0 0 Tw 1.e10 (n)]TJ [(g) Tmipanch]TJ The tout thed ne non(d l)6 (The 22(,0100 (T) 0ce22(6-8n(Us)47)w0 422(MC(dPT)e0.004 Tc 00062 T8d(6)6d5c(0Ar)1082 Q T

On the topic of the importance of communication, I am concerned with language that referred to students as “kids.” We are adults and we understand the severity of the pandemic.

Q: When the AS House reopens will there be an invitation to visit?

A: Our Grand Reopening is September 22, 2021 I believe. It is open to the public. As for the fall semester, the AS House will only be open when staff are in the building.

6. Update from the Provost:

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A message went out recently. Christina Mune is stepping in as Interim Dean of the library. This should be short term. A notice will go out to the campus by the end of the week. We are working on the MLK Library and Hammer Theatre. As for the library policy, floors 6-8 will be open only to SJSU faculty, staff, and students. Masks are required in the library, and this is easier since masks have to be worn on campus again. All shared spaces we have are complicated by what is going on.

Questions:

Q: How is the Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activity (RSCA) reassigned time program being sustainably funded and out of what fund?

A: There is a central pot of money that was matched by Academic Affairs originally. We moved dollars around and I think we are doing that again this year. It is supposed to be embedded in central funding. It is already baked into the long-term budget.

C: [President] This is an institutional commitment. It is part of our Strategic Plan. Students are also engaged. It is a high-impact practice. What we didn't anticipate when we launched Vision 2030 was the pandemic. We know what our long-term goals are. The money comes from different sources, but ultimately it is funding for the institution. That is something people don't need to worry about. We have committed to this.

C: I do get questions from people about what funds the money is coming from and what those funds are supposed to be used for.

A: [Provost] VP Faas and I have talked about doing a separate presentation to the Senate separate from our budget report. When President Papazian started at this university there were 625 T/TT faculty and now there are 726 T/TT faculty. The numbers do speak to the larger question. During the last two years of financial crisis, we didn't take a nickel away from t36 (on)opl/a(de)10 (g)10 (g)10 (tnc)4 .-10 (t)12 (W)-22 (e

of having a holistic budgeting model. In EOP, for instance, the admissions fees used to take 45 days to process and that is now down to 15 days. These are some of the benefits of increased business efficiencies.

C: I appreciate this, but I do think it involves a paradigm shift in terms of other budgeting models.

Q: I see that the Research Foundation contributed \$2 million to RSCA, but can you tell us who else contributed to the funding?

A: [Provost] I don't have all that information right now. There was a total of about \$5 million. Some of it was one-time funding and some was from Auxiliary reserves. We also moved some money around. I will take a look and let you know next week. There is