

Executive Committee Minutes
April 22, 2013

Present: Qayoumi, Bibb, Heiden, VonTill, Junn, Ng, McClory, Du, Nance, Peter, Bros-Seemann, Lessow-Hurley, Worsnup, Kimbarow

Absent: Dukes

Guests: Poole, Trulio, Eaton

1. The minutes of April 8, 2013 were approved.

2. Elections Update:

The Executive Committee discussed and voted to approve a nominee, Dr. Beverly Grindstaff, recommended by the Senators from the College of Humanities and the Arts to replace Senator Vanniarajan for a one-year term. Senator Vanniarajan resigned due to workload issues.

3. Updates:

a. Update from AS President Worsnup:

AS had a record turnout for their recent elections. All three referendums passed. The Executive Committee discussed the auxiliaries.

b. Update from President Qayoumi:

The President noted that he was meeting with the taskforce studying the auxiliaries later today, and that he had not had an opportunity to discuss their report yet. He also planned to meet with the boards of the auxiliaries over the next few weeks. VP Nance reminded committee members that he gave the original detailed report on this to the Senate in the Fall 2012, and he noted that the taskforce is composed of all the Executive Directors/Financial Managers for the auxiliaries. The only member not part of the auxiliaries is Josee Larochelle, AVP for Finance.

The President addressed a recent misquote in the Chronicle for Higher Education and has asked for a correction.

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

O&G is working with Deans Vollendorf and Bienenfeld to try and revise S06-7.

O&G has received a referral to change the charge of the Undergraduate Studies Committee, and to reconstitute the Assessment Committee.

d. Vice President for Student Affairs (VPSA):

A coded memorandum was put out last summer by the Chancellor regarding student office holders GPA. VP Nance will be discussing the memo with the I&SA Committee.

e. FAL to Executive Committee:

[Note – The FAL is also the Committee on Committees representative from the College of Science.] The College of Science is currently having an election for one Senate seat. The election will be completed this Wednesday.

f. Professional Standards Committee (PS):

The last item the PS Committee will be bringing to the Senate is a report summarizing RTP that includes input from the Provost and approximately 100 faculty members that responded to the survey.

The Executive Committee discussed honorary doctorates and the procedures for them. Senator Peter noted that the Board of Trustees guidelines seem to differ depending upon whether a candidate is originally proposed by the Board of Trustees or by a campus. All honorary degrees are approved by the Board of Trustees. While the guidelines permit the degrees to display the name of a campus, in recent years they have only been awarded in the name of the CSU and not the individual university.

g. Curriculum and Research Committee (C&R):

C&R is working on some Engineering waivers. C&R is also hoping to bring policy revisions to the Senate regarding Distance Learning, the Certificate Policy, and GE Issues.

h. Vice Chair of the Senate (VC):

The VC announced that all Deputy Provost candidates had been to the campus, and forums had been held. The search committee will be meeting with the Provost to discuss their recommendation.

i. Instruction and Student Affairs Committee (I&SA):

I&SA will be bringing a final reading of the Student Office Holder GPA policy to the Senate, along with a final reading of the Sense of the Senate Resolution on the Common Writing Handbook. They will also hope to bring a Student Award Policy, and a Student Writing Policy.

j. Provost:

Members of the Senate are invited at the request of the CFA to attend a meeting regarding marketing for the university on April 30th at noon. A location is to be determined.

k. CSU Statewide:

At the request of the ASCSU Executive Committee, the Fiscal and Governmental Affairs Committee prepared a memo advising the Executive Committee as to what positions to take on various pending bills and most particularly SB 520 (Steinberg). Hearings were in progress on Tuesday and Wednesday. Senator Steinberg has already made amendments to SB 520, but there are still serious concerns about the bill.

l. Chair of the Senate:

There are two Faculty Trustee nominees, Steven Stepanek and Bernadette Cheyne.

4. Dr. Lynne Trulio gave an update on the Academic Plan and top ten priorities. Dr. Trulio asked the Executive Committee to review the priorities and give her feedback.

5. Textbook Adoption:

Chair Von Till met with Ryland Metzinger, and AVP Jaehne to work on the textbook adoption process. There are number of potential solutions. A member noted that textbook adoptions increased significantly after the Provost sent out reminder emails.

6. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

These minutes were prepared and submitted by the Senate Administrator, Eva Joice on April 24, 2013. The minutes were approved by the Executive Committee on April 29, 2013.