

Senate Executive Committee Meeting
March 21, 2016
12-1:30 ADM 167

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Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
ADM 167, Noon to 1:30 p.m.
March 21, 2016

Present: Kimbarow, Peter, Frazier, Shifflett, Kaufman, Lee, Mathur,
Heiden, Martin, Feinstein, Blaylock, Laroche, Lanning

Absent: Backer, Amante

1. The Executive Committee minutes of March 14, 2016 were approved as amended by Senator Shifflett (13-0-0).

2. Updates:

a. **From the President –**

The *Inspiration to Innovation* gala on March 19, 2016 in the SU Ballroom was a wonderful event, and Mrs. Lupe Diaz Compean was very pleased.

Interim President Martin is in contact with President Papazian and is keeping her informed and involved with all major decisions such as the signing of policies the Senate passes, e.g. the Strategic Planning Policy.

The Chief Diversity Officer and Vice President of Administration and Finance searches are moving into the final stages. President Papazian will interview the finalists.

b. **From the Provost –**

The provost will be sending out a message to the campus regarding increased safety and security measures being taken at the MLK Library next week. A security officer will now be sitting at the desk at all times and not walking around. In addition, there will be an increase in UPD officers patrolling the library, and UPD will be coordinating efforts with the San José Police Department.

The committee discussed concerns about the increased pressure on department chairs and why the faculty in some departments is divided. Provost Feinstein sees this in split votes for department chairs and this is making it more difficult to recruit and retain department chairs. Provost Feinstein asked the committee to provide him with feedback about what the issues are and possible solutions. Several members suggested more training for department chairs.

The university is on track to hire approximately 80 faculty members this year.

c. **From the Vice President for Student Affairs (VPSA) –**

The VPSA recently met with graduate students from around the world in the *Pathways to Graduation* open forums. VP Blaylock thanked all the faculty. These forums were well received and this is largely due to the number of faculty that showed up.

Student Affairs will be moving into the new Student Union on March 25, 2016. Both Subway and Starbucks are already open.

The *Coffee with Professors* program has been launched. Students are encouraged to apply to take their professors out for coffee.

VP Blaylock announced there would be about a dozen faculty in residence living with our students on campus. A member asked about whether married faculty could apply. VP Blaylock said yes, and both the cost of housing and the meals are covered for these faculty members. However, the faculty in residence cannot be lecturers.

d. **From the Vice President for Administration and Finance (VPAF) –**

There will be a final test of the Emergency Broadcast System this week. In addition, a pilot program using external cameras will be launched within the next 30 days.

The committee discussed the 7th Street Garage and how people leaving from the disabled parking will access San Salvador. Interim VP Laroche will find out the details and report back to the committee.

e. **From the Vice President for University Advancement (VPUA) –**

The Board of Trustees approved the naming of the Student Union. There are three additional naming opportunities in the pipeline.

University Advancement has hired a new Planned Giving Officer.

University Advancement is already working on finding potential donors for the new Science Building.

f. **From the CSU Statewide Senator –**

There is concern in the CSU Statewide Senate over the perceived erosion of shared governance within the Chancellor's Office.

At the next CSU Statewide Senate meeting they will be discussing a resolution calling for greater scrutiny of online classes. The committee discussed issues with requiring students to take summer remediation classes. Many of these

students don't have the skills, and/or necessary equipment (e.g. computers) to take these online summer remediation classes.

g. University Library Board (ULB) –

The ULB is developing materials that will show people what resources are available in the library. This is in response to the underutilization of some services.

The search for a new Dean of the Library is progressing.

h. Curriculum and Research Committee (C&R) –

C&R will not be bringing the Physical Education Waiver proposal back to the Senate. Chair Mathur discussed the Senate's concerns with the AVP of GUP and she was willing to drop the matter

C&R will be bringing a resolution on restoring options for students with quantitative reasoning to the Senate at the next meeting.

C&R is also working on a resolution to remove the exemplar that shows a charge for proctoring is allowed from the policy regarding test taking procedures.

In addition, C&R is working on a Sense of the Senate Resolution in support of Affordable Textbooks. A resolution is required for SJSU to get a grant. A member reminded the committee that we do have a resolution on affordable textbooks already and it is SS-S06-5. However, this resolution was structured more towards early adoption of textbooks and clear communication between the bookstore and faculty. The committee discussed that textbook authors are being penalized even though research shows that students do better with hard copies of books than the online versions.

i. Organization and Government Committee (O&G) –

O&G is working on a Voting Rights Policy that will either come as a first reading by the end of the semester, or be brought in the fall instead.

O&G has amended the Remote Attendance Policy to remove allowing remote attendance at Executive Committee meetings, but will still allow remote attendance at Senate meetings if the Senate Chair agrees to it and technology is available. Several members discussed possible amendments that could be made on the floor of the Senate.

O&G will be bringing the Electronic Voting Policy for a final reading at the next Senate meeting.

j. **Professional Standards Committee (PS) –**

PS is working on a resolution to amend the RTP procedures in relation to the election of a general unit representative.

PS is also working on a Sense of the Senate Resolution calling for widespread consultation regarding electronic communication changes.

In addition, PS will be working on an amendment to S15-6 regarding how documents received by recruitment committees are handled.

PS is also reviewing how program coordinators are chosen and removed. There are currently no policies on this.

3. The committee discussed the College of Business Dean Search Committee. Since this was a failed search, a new search will begin soon. The current committee has a Faculty-at-Large (FAL) member but if the amendment to the Selection and Review of Administrators Policy passes in the Senate at the next meeting, search committees will replace the FAL with a Dean. The committee discussed whether the FAL could remain on the committee, or would this person would have to be removed. The committee suggested the amendment include a transitional phase.
4. The committee discussed whether the Vice President of University Advancement (VPUA) needed to be on the Executive Committee and the Senate, or would his time be better utilized on fundraising activities. A member noted that removing the VPUA from the Senate would require constitutional amendment which would mean a campus-wide faculty vote. However, removing him from the Executive Committee would only require a bylaw amendment.
5. The meeting adjourned at 1:32 p.m.

These minutes were taken and transcribed by the Senate Administrator, Eva Joice, on March 21, 2016. The minutes were edited by Chair Kimbarow on March 23, 2016. The minutes were approved by the Executive Committee on April 11, 2016.