

Senate Executive Committee Meeting

July 13, 2016

12-2:00 ADM 167

1. Lunch
 2. Welcome and Introductions
 3. Approval of 6/22/16 meeting minutes
 4. Consent Calendar
 5. Updates
 - a. President
 - b. Provost
 - c. Student Affairs
 - d. Administration and Finance
 - e. Associated Students
 6. Consent Calendar
 7. O & G: Voting Rights Policy
 8. IS&A: SOTE
 9. C & R- Multiple committee assignments
 10. Fair Chance in Higher Ed Pledge
<https://www.whitehouse.gov/issues/criminal-justice/fair-chance-pledge#section-355371>
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- <https://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2016/06/10/fact-sheet-white-house-launches-fair-chance-higher-education-pledge>

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Present: Kimbarow, Peter, Shifflett, Schultz-Krohn, Faas, Lee, Kaufman, Blaylock, Pérea, Mathur, Papazian, Feinstein

Absent: Lanning, Frazier

1. The committee welcomed President Papazian and introductions were made.
2. The committee approved the minutes of June 22, 2016 (8-0-4).
3. The AVC and Senate Administrator gave an update on the vacancies on Senate committees and the upcoming election for a General Unit representative to the RTP Committee.

4. Updates:

a. **From the President:**

The President thanked the faculty members for working so hard over the summer.

The President will be focusing on creating a diverse campus that is dedicated to excellence. The President applauded the efforts by the Student Affairs and Academic Affairs Divisions around Student Success initiatives.

The President commented that we cannot ignore the anger in the country surrounding social justice issues. We need to be able to talk and to listen to each other. Our challenges are real, but before anyone jumps to a negative conclusion, let's discuss the issue(s).

b. **From the Provost:**

The Academic Affairs and Student Affairs leadership team will attend a Student Success Retreat on July 27, 2016.

There will be a College Readiness Summit on September 30, 2016. The focus is on college readiness, remediation, student success, and graduation rates.

Our 6-year graduation rate was in the low 40% range four years ago and has now increased to over 61%. Our 2025 target set by the Chancellor's Office was 57%, and we have already exceeded that. SJSU is now in the top quartile for Student Success in the CSU.

Our 4-year graduation rates are still low and we have had public discussions about why our students are graduating in 6 years and not 4 years. We still have some bottleneck courses and chairs are afraid to open additional sections. We need to encourage students to take 15 units per semester instead of limiting them to 12 units.

c. **From the Vice President of Student Affairs:**

The return of the Pell Grant is a game changer. This grant allows students to go to school over the summer.

Freshman orientation is happening today.

Summer Bridge/EOP students moved in on Sunday (60 students). They will take remediation classes over the summer to be ready for fall classes.

Student Affairs purchased laptops for 123 Freshmen from low income families (Spartan Scholars) that began summer remediation classes to get them ready for SJSU fall classes.

"Steps to Graduation" is a new preparation pamphlet for undergraduate students that will be distributed campus-wide. Academic Affairs and Student Affairs worked on this project jointly through the Enrollment Planning Committee. A similar pamphlet will be developed for graduate students in the near future.

Student Affairs has selected the entire faculty in residence and faculty fellows. The committee discussed how having faculty living in the residences changes the atmosphere and assists the staff and students.

d. **From the Vice President for Administration and Finance:**

Finishing construction on Campus Village 2 will be tight, but CV2 is still scheduled to be open for Fall 2016. However, contingency plans are in place if it is not finished. Fire testing is currently underway and is one of the finishing projects.

The top two floors of DMH are scheduled to have air conditioning installed along with fans for circulation on the bottom floor. The fans should cool the bottom floor sufficiently with the air conditioning on the top two floors. If not, additional work will be done.

e. **From the Associated Students President (AS):**

Associated Students is working on their strategic plan.

AS is looking at ways to improve campus climate.

AS is working on establishing partnerships with the city and other local establishments.

The AS House will need to relocate in order to accommodate the space needs of the new Science building.

AS participated in the Frosh Orientation.

- f. **From the Organization and Government Committee (O&G):**
O&G is working on a voting rights policy and asked for feedback from committee members. This policy will come back to the Senate for another first reading.

- g. **From the Instruction and Student Affairs Committee (I&SA):**
I&SA is working on the revising the SOTE policy that the Senate returned to committee in Spring. Chair Kaufman had hoped that student evaluations of lab course would have open-ended responses. The committee discussed the fact that the current policy refer to SOLATES as well as SOTES when it talks about SOTES. It states that all SOTES should provide open-ended comments, so does this also apply to SOLATES?

The committee discussed the need to align learning outcomes with the questions we are asking students. The focus should be on learning as opposed to teaching.

SOLATES are currently out of compliance with policy. Hopefully, the Student Evaluation Review Board (SERB) can bring a policy the Senate can pass this year.

Although SOTES results were sent out much earlier this year, they are still not available to each individual.

- h. **From the Curriculum and Research Committee (C&R):**
The committee discussed a situation in which an individual from one college is sitting on all the curriculum approving committees for the college and the university and this is a conflict of interest. Senate bylaws do not currently restrict the membership, although most faculty members do not have time to sit on that many committees. A referral will be made to the O&G Committee to investigate and recommend changes.

5. The committee discussed the Fair Chance in Higher Education Pledge. SFSU has signed onto the pledge and there was discussion about whether the Senate should prepare a Sense of the Senate Resolution Endorsing it.
6. The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

These minutes were taken by the Senate Administrator, Eva Joice, on July 13, 2016, and edited by Chair Michael Kimbarow on July 14, 2016. The minutes were approved by the Executive Committee on August 3, 2016.