

Executive Committee Minutes
April 10, 2023
Noon - 1:30 p.m. via Zoom

Present: Alison McKee (Chair), Karthika Sasikumar, Vincent Del Casino, Charlie Faas, Patrick Day, Patience Bryant, Reiko Kataoka, Julia Curry, Priya Raman, Laura Sullivan-Green, Tabitha Hart, Rachael French, Cynthia Teniente-Matson, Nina Chuang, Hiu Yung Wong

Absent: Patience Bryant

Recorder: Eva Joice, Senate Administrator

1. Consent Agenda:

The committee approved consent agenda items (Consent Calendar of April 10, 2023) (13-0-0).

2. President's Update:

The president continues her outreach with students. She has met recently with HonorsX and Native American students. She also continues to meet with the colleges and recently met with the Colleges of Business and Science.

The Mission/Vision/Values draft has been sent to the Campus Committee on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (CCDEI). The president has sent the framework back to CCDEI to address bullying issues. There are some vacancies the president is looking to fill on the CCDEI.

The president recently was in Washington D.C. at the American Council on Education and will be returning this coming week as well.

Questions:

Q: Thank you for following up on the bullying issue. The Accreditation Review Committee and the CCDEI have similar roles. How do these two interact? One committee is the Senate's and the other one reports to the president.

A: This is the president's 12th week at SJSU and she is still trying to understand how the committees are similar and different. The CCDEI needs to come up with values first then establish the framework. The president is working with the CCDEI and asked them to review the Campus Climate Survey. The Accreditation Committee's work is to collect input and report out on what is being done. The president has asked the CCDEI when we should do another Campus Climate Survey. The president is having conversations, but doesn't have all the answers yet. She will report back to the committee.

C: I am on the Accreditation Committee and they are talking about which committees should be meeting with each other.

Q: The Curriculum and Research (C&R) Committee is working on a policy and needs to incorporate the framework. May we see the draft?

A: The goals are not in there yet, but I will have Lisa Millora send it to you.

3. The Executive Committee continued its discussion of and work on a draft Senate Management Resolution regarding the formation of a Special Committee to look into issues of Senate expansion. Issues under consideration included the size and membership of the Special Committee, and the need for transparent and effective communication as well as regular updates to campus communities.

C: Chair McKee wants something to come to the Senate by the May 8th Senate meeting.

4. The Executive Committee discussed its meeting schedule for summer 2023. The committee will meet on an as-needed basis via Zoom.

5. University Updates:

- a. CSU Statewide Senators:

This week there have been interim committee meetings at the Academic Senate CSU (ASCSU) via Zoom, but we will meet all day on Friday.

There are 14 Baccalaureate degree proposals being reviewed from the community colleges and this is a big issue.

The ASCSU circulated our FERP Compensation Resolution.

Questions:

Q: What is the definition of non-conflicting degrees? Is it the same language used to prohibit us from offering doctorates?

A: There is no absolute definition. The community colleges must check with those campuses in their region, but this doesn't always happen. There is a similar issue with doctorates that goes back to the master plan. We've had two discussions about adding additional degrees.

C: There is a proposal to allow doctorates at the CSU. The system is struggling due to impaction. If we can't compete on a name basis with the community colleges, we've already lost. The community colleges will find that baccalaureate degrees are expensive and will reach out to us to partner with them.

C: Various campuses are very worried due to declining enrollment. We really do need to think about non-conflicting degrees and what it means.

- b. From the Vice President of Administration and Finance:

The Senior AVP of Business Affairs is retiring this summer.

We continue to have emergency training meetings with the president and continue to work on how to respond to different emergencies on campus.

Questions and Comments:

C: There was another mass shooting this morning, and faculty and students are scared and don't know what to do.

C: Students coming to us out of high school have Active Shooter training in school. We need to talk to our faculty about this, and they need to be preparing themselves as well as their students.

C: One person suggested putting something in the syllabi.

C: I came in to teach an evening class and the lights were all off when I came in and the building was unlocked.

A: Will look into this. It is important to look at a person and make sure they belong. Also, make sure the door closes behind you.

Q: Are we going to keep buildings locked forever?

A: Yes, badges will be used. The only two buildings that are open are the Student Union and the MLK library. Incidents on campus have gone way down. Our campus is located downtown which is unusual.

c. From the VP of Student Affairs (VPSA):

On April 3, 2023, we hosted an Emerging Leaders' summit. We want to make this an annual event.

Last Wednesday, we hosted "Explore Careers" in the Rotunda. About 350 students came. It was a huge event.

Admitted Spartan Day is this Saturday and over 12,000 people registered for it.

Our current intent to enroll Frosh is up by 500. That is a very good thing.

Questions and Comments:

Q: When do students know about how much financial aid they will get, and does that affect their intent to enroll?

A: Part of the challenge depends on when you've applied. We have a next-steps process. What is important for the future is having scholarships for students that can be a difference-maker.

Q: What is the number of scholarships given annually?

A: The difference with financial aid could be private scholarships.

d. From the AS President:

The AS President participated in a Day of Remembrance and learned that Irene Miura had also been interned as well as Yosh Uchida.

Elections will be held this week. AS is having debates right now.

AS will be having a car event near the dining commons. VP Fass announced they are trying to put it on at the 7th Street Plaza. It is on April 27, 2023 from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

AS President Chuang will be graduating in May and hopes that administrators will continue to work with the local community centers as she has done.

e. From the Provost:

The provost said he would just take questions. There were no questions.

6. The meeting adjourned at 1:28 p.m.

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