

## Senate Executive Committee

Minutes of October 23, 2023

12:00 – 1:30 p.m.

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**Present:** Josh Baur, Julia Curry, Rachael French, Vice Chair Tabitha Hart (filling in for Chair Karthika Sasikumar), Reiko Kataoka, Alison McKee, Laura Sullivan-Green, Hiu-Yung Wong

**Absent:** Vincent Del Casino, Patrick Day, Charlie Faas, Dawn Lee, Sarab Multani, Karthika Sasikumar, Cynthia Teniente-Matson

Minutes: Alison McKee, Past Senate Chair

- I. Approval of the Senate Executive agenda of October 23, 2023 (8-0-0)
- II. Approval of the Senate Executive minutes of October 9, 2023 as amended (8-0-0)
- III. Approval of the Senate Executive consent calendar of October 23, 2023 (8-0-0)
- IV. Guest and Senator Ravisha Mathur reported that at President Teniente-Matson's request and in consultation with her cabinet, the Faculty and Staff Recognition Events are being merged and re-envisioned in 2024. University Policy [S13-6](#) states that "a Calendar organizing the deadlines for campus shall be created by mutual consent of the President and the Executive Committee of the Academic Senate. This Calendar will be distributed with the annual announcement and instructions for nominations." However, because there is only one available date for the joint event which both the President and Provost can attend (March 28, 2024) and because the call for nominations has already gone out to the campus with the Calendar deadlines stipulated in S13-6, an adjusted timeline for selection committees' review and recommendation of nominees for the President's selection was presented to the Senate Executive Committee for its consideration. The Senate Executive Committee approved the revised timeline (8-0-0).
- V. The Alquist Redevelopment RFQ/P Evaluation Committee seeks a faculty member from any unit to participate in the selection of a developer.
  - a. Applicants were asked to send a statement of interest & CV to [senate@sjsu.edu](mailto:senate@sjsu.edu) by the end of October 20, 2023. Two applications were received. Dr. Fred Cohen of the School of Music was selected.
- VI. Update: Discussion of nominations for the Special Committee on Senate Representation
  - a. Six faculty were recommended by the elected members of the Senate Executive Committee (Julia Curry\*, Denise Dawkins, Behin Elahi, Reiko Kataoka\*, Eduardo Muñoz-Muñoz\*, Ken Peter, at least one of whom shall be co-chair (\*denotes current faculty members of the SJSU Academic Senate). As members of the Senate Executive Committee, Julia Curry and Reiko Kataoka excused themselves and left the

- room during deliberations. All six nominees were approved for the Special Committee by the remaining members of the Executive Committee.
- b. Four non-MPP staff not represented by the General Unit were nominated by the Staff Council. By ranked-choice voting, Nha-Nghi Nguyen (Administrative Analyst, Department of Psychology) and Janet Sundrud (Finance Systems & Operations Senior Analyst, Finance Support & Innovation) were selected by the Senate Executive Committee.
  - c. Two students, the Associated Students President or designee, and an additional student yet to be recommended by AS, will be considered by the Senate Executive Committee at a future meeting.
  - d. Two administrators to be designated by the President by the Senate Executive Committee will be considered by the Senate Executive Committee at a future meeting..

VII. Policy Committees Updates (in rotation)

- a. Professional Standards: Among other items in the next couple of weeks it will be working on the policy on the election of department chairs, including the timelines for the selections of department chairs as well as election and review procedures. It is also working on New Faculty Services Guidelines and on the exclusion and rebuttal of SOTEs and SOLATEs. Other items include updating S99-8 to address bullying and other problematic conduct.
- b. Instruction & Student Affairs: Among other items, it will be looking at instructor drop referrals. I&SA subcommittees are also looking at updating policies on advising and inappropriate sexual behaviors.
- c. Organization & Government: Under consideration is the Provost's referral to expand eligibility beyond deans from Academic Affairs leadership to include AVPs etc. During O&G's conversation with the Provost, the Provost offered to have one seat from Academic Affairs moved over to the recently launched division of Research and Innovation. O&G is preparing a first read to present at the Nov 2023 senate meeting. In addition, it is revisiting the issue of modality of full Academic Senate meetings.
- d. Curriculum & Research: Among other items it is engaging in a discussion of the graduate-level GVAR requirement modification, a new Credit for Prior Learning policy, an update of Curricula Priorities Policy, and program discontinuation approvals.

VIII. University Updates (in rotation)

- a. Statewide Senator Julia Curry
  - i. Emphasizes importance of garnering responses to the survey regarding CSU GE Changes (deadline: October 30, 2024)
- b. University Administrators and Senate Leaders were not able to be present. No updates offered.

IX. Brief Q&A followed items VII and VIII.

- a. Q for C&R: Can you confirm that the AVP and Deans seats will, indeed, be equivalent positions? A: Yes.

X. The meeting adjourned at 1:27 p.m.

The minutes were taken by Past Senate Chair Alison McKee on October 24, 2023, reviewed by Vice Chair Tabitha Hart on October 26, 2023 and accepted by Senate Chair Karthika Sasikumar on October 26, 2023. The minutes were approved by the Senate Executive Committee on Oct 30, 2023.