

Executive Committee Minutes
March 13, 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, Hiu- Yung Wong, Laura Sullivan-Green, Tabitha Hart, Rachael French, Cynthia Teniente-Matson, Nina Chuang

Absent: None

Recorder: Eva Joice, Senate Administrator

1. Consent Agenda:

The committee approved consent agenda items (Consent Calendar of March 13, 2023 (11-0-0)).

2. The committee approved the appointment of Colleen Johnson as a Senator from the General Unit for a term ending 2024 (11-0-0).

3. Senator Hart inquired about the results of the Senate General Election. The deadline for voting was Friday, March 10, 2023. The Senate Administrator replied that the colleges have to verify the appointment times prior to the counting of the votes. The Senate Administrator will notify everyone as soon as she counts the votes and AVC Kataoka certifies the count.

4. The committee discussed a draft Senate Management Resolution regarding creating a special committee to look into Senate expansion.

Questions and Comments:

Q: The charge gets there at the end, but comes across as tone deaf. The resolution is asking the committee to investigate and do research, but not that staff should be added. How do we get staff added?

Q: I suggest adding a sentence that says we will collaborate on research. There is no timeline, and what are the parameters?

C: We need to look at expansion and inclusion. The purpose is to find a way to add staff. We don't understand the call since this was requested several times.

C: It is important to emphasize that this needs to be done. I have concerns about another survey being done and how it is structured. Surveys can be leading. There have been four different referrals requesting staff be added to the Senate.

C: Chair McKee wants some form of resolution this semester.

5. Travel Ban and Research Scholarship and Creative Activity (RSCA):

The committee discussed the travel ban to 23 states. It is critical for some junior researchers to travel to these states to do historical research in the archives. We need to join forces as the Senate leadership to address this issue. Provost Del Casino noted that there are some exceptions. The Provost was asked to provide information on how one goes about this for faculty.

6. From the President:

The president was recently at the Mountain West Conference and also in Sacramento with our legislators. Senator and AS President Nina Chuang was also in Sacramento and lobbied our legislators as well.

The governor has included the compact in the budget even though our coffers are even less than anticipated. We will have to honor our commitments in the compact to expand enrollment and we must have a fiscally sound budget. The president expressed her gratitude to VP Faas and Vice Chair Sasikumar as the co-chairs of the Budget Advisory Committee.

The president is continuing to meet with affinity groups. She met this weekend with the Tower Board. A lot is happening. The State of the University Address is tomorrow. Please attend.

The recent flooding and the levee break have impacted 17 of our employees. The president is looking into what resources they need.

Questions:

Q: Can our alumni be a source of support for us with our legislators?

A: At other universities that I've worked the alumni and students have been the biggest push with the legislators.

C: Balancing the budget is a very difficult process for the governor. The CSU hasn't made a good case to the governor. We will do a better job activating our students and alumni.

Q: I just heard some students from Santa Cruz have their power out and can't come to campus. Are there any instructions for faculty?

A: Students should talk to their faculty and employees should talk to their supervisor. It is really up to the faculty member how they handle it.

Q: Are there any additional opportunities to go back to lobby again?

A: We talk with our legislators all the time.

A: The CSU lobbies in Sacramento every day. Our students might not see that, but it happens. The president is also meeting with the mayor on Wednesday.

C: Visiting the legislature has been a hobby of mine. I attended an event for Evan Low. He was a student of mine. There are budget lobbying days, then there is immigration day. I used to take students with me. It was a great way to get them involved. I work with students on their testimony.

7. University Announcements:

a. Vice President for Student Affairs (VPSA):

Fall applications are up. We attended an event in Oakland last weekend with over 250 people. We will be in Long Beach this weekend. Every contact matters.

The committee discussed a report on college affordability for undocumented students.

b. Associated Students President (AS):

AS President Chuang will be graduating in 10 weeks and is very excited.

She has been formulating a transition plan for the incoming AS President.

AS will be bringing a Sense of the Senate Resolution to the April 17, 2023 meeting.

AS President Chuang attended the Uchida Legacy Gala. There were lots of elected representatives and local community leaders there. They spoke about Mr. Uchida's legacy and impact on the San Jose and greater community. Mr. Uchida served in the army during Executive Order 9066, and his family was processed and went to camp. The event had many stakeholders at SJSU including the University President, faculty, SJSU Judo Team, and students, which shows us how important it is for us to acknowledge how SJSU was involved in the incarceration of Japanese Americans during Executive Order 9066.

AS President Chuang commented on SB 11, Mental Health Services and Contracting out. It was not supported by the CSSA as students are concerned due to the lack of dedicated funding from the state and CSU that tuition might increase and this bill might decrease the ability to find alternative means to support our student's mental health needs.

8. The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

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