

Executive Committee Minutes

June 10, 2022

1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Present: Alison McKee (Chair), Karthika Sasikumar, Stephen Perez, Julia Curry, Rachael French, Patrick Day, Kathleen Wong(Lau), Charlie Faas, Brandon White, Reiko Kataoka, Priya Raman, Laura Sullivan-Green, Nina Chuang

Absent: Tabitha Hart, Vincent Del Casino

Recorder: Eva Joice, Senate Administrator

1. The committee members introduced themselves and stated their elected positions. Chair McKee announced that there is only one Senate Executive meeting per month scheduled in June and July 2022. The Senate Office needs this time to prepare all the documents (e.g. assigned time memos, classified list, committee appointment letters, etc.) with the turnover of the new Senate for 2022-2023. In addition, with the exception of the Senate Chair, faculty members of the Executive Committee who are hired on a 10-month schedule, are not compensated for summer work. Chair McKee noted her thanks to Wynn Schultz-Krohn, Ravisha Mathur, Karthika Sasikumar, and Eva Joice for stepping in while she was on medical leave during Spring 2022 and expressed how happy she is to be back.
2. AVC Kataoka presented an amendment to the consent calendar. There was no dissent to the Executive Committee Agenda of June 10, 2022 with the amended consent calendar (EC Agenda of June 10, 2022, EC Minutes of May 2, 2022, and consent calendar of June 10, 2022) (12-0-0).
3. AVC Kataoka presented one nominee, Yinghua Huang, for the Athletics Board. The committee discussed whether the seat required a tenured faculty member. Professor Yinghua Huang is a tenured faculty member. There was some confusion as to whether the vacant seat required a tenured faculty member. The committee tabled the discussion until the next meeting, giving AVC Kataoka time to research the policy and double-check all appointed faculty members to verify who is tenured and who is not.
4. The committee discussed how long the tapes and zoom recordings of Senate meetings needed to be maintained. A member commented that the CSU has guidelines for this.
5. The committee discussed whether to have in-person Senate meetings beginning Fall 2022. Several members expressed concern about returning to in-person meetings. Several comments were made as follows:
 - C: If everyone is required to wear a mask the whole meeting it might be okay. If not, it is not okay to have the meetings in person.
 - C: With all the new variants of COVID-19 and how contagious it is, it is not a good idea.
 - C: Maybe we could conduct hybrid meetings but that is very difficult. Chair McKee commented that she is opposed to hybrid meetings because there is too much difficulty

with voting and speaker's lists, etc. during the meeting and insufficient technology and human resources to assist with that.

- C: Maybe we could get a larger space like the auditorium in Tower Hall. A member commented that it is difficult in that large of a room because you must get up and walk to a microphone to speak.
- C: Chair McKee noted that she was inclined to hold the first several meetings via Zoom, but the Senate Office would go ahead and book Engr. 285/287 for the year in hopes that the situation will be improved enough to hold in-person meetings as fall progresses.
- C: VP Day commented that the American Health Association is coming out with recommendations and guidance for campuses, and this information should be available within a month.

6. Updates from the Interim President:

There were about 10,000 graduates and their families at commencement this year and it was awesome.

There was \$100 million in the Chancellor's proposal for deferred maintenance. The legislature proposed another \$100 million. However, to give you an idea of the funds needed, SJSU alone has about \$900 million in deferred maintenance projects.

We requested \$3.5 million to redesign the dock at Moss Landing. This is just the money needed to get the permits.

We also requested \$25 million for a project at the fairgrounds to be used for track and field.

On June 23, 2022, Interim President Perez and Provost Del Casino will meet with WASC to report on the requirements we have met and to address their recommendations.

The President of Iceland came to visit SJSU. His father graduated from SJSU.

The Oak Grove High School recently had the grand opening of our Healthy Development Community Clinic which will be able to provide an Audiology Clinic that our students can work in to get clinical hours.

Questions:

C: With the departure of Skip Bishop and about three deans, some faculty and staff are starting to feel uneasy.

A: [Interim President Perez] I understand. With the deans, one is becoming a provost elsewhere, one is retiring, and one accepted a dean position elsewhere. This kind of end-of-year natural turnover happens. However, if it is creating unease. We need to look at the reasons people are leaving.

C: Some people think, "Oh, there's the spinning door again."

A: [Interim President Perez] I get it.

Q: What is your plan for filling the Title IX staff vacancies that still aren't filled? SJSU students really need more protection against sexual assault.

A: We are working to fill the vacancies. While we fill them, we have hired outside consultants to be sure the work necessary for our campus is being done..

7. Update from the AS President:

There will be a memorial for Norman Mineta next week.

There will be a parade from Japantown to City Hall with a demonstration at City Hall on June 16th.

AS President Chuang is looking forward to attending a Juneteenth conference.

8. Update from the VP of Student Affairs (VPSA):

Orientation was a spectacular event.

Our enrollment for Fall is on target. We just finished our 2nd New Student Orientation. We still have some kinks to work out. Our “no-shows” were a little higher. The students that came were highly engaged.

Questions:

C: I went to three graduations and the Black Students’ graduation. I had never heard VP Day speak and I can say he should have been an orator. It was very motivational.

C: I would like to second the comment about VP Day.

9. From the CSU Statewide Representative:

The Academic Senate California State University (ASCSU) discussed WASC and the final say on modality percentages. WASC does not give a final say. It has to do with federal government policy.

The ASCSU discussed AB 3542, which expresses a loss of confidence in the Board of Trustees’ handling of the resignation of Chancellor Castro and his final compensation.

Senator Van Selst was elected Secretary of the ASCSU Executive Committee. This shows systemwide respect for SJSU.

10. Update from the Vice President of Administration and Finance (VPAF):

There is lots of interest by the Board of Trustees in the Alquist Building project VP Faas spent a good day in San Diego and feels positive about the project.

Questions:

Q: Just to let you know, the IRC won’t let faculty check out equipment without them teaching in the summer. This is when most faculty are doing research and need the equipment.

A: This is the Provost’s call and he isn’t here today.

12. The meeting adjourned at 2:37 p.m.

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