

Minutes of the Senate Executive Meeting

Sep 18, 2023

Present: [Joshua Baur](#), [Julia Curry](#), Patrick Day, [Vincent Del Casino](#), Charlie Faas, [Tabitha Hart](#), [Reiko Kataoka](#), Dawn Lee, [Alison McKee](#), [Sarab Multani](#), [Karthika Sasikumar](#), Laura Sullivan Green, [Cynthia Teniente-Matson](#), Hiu Yung Wong

Absent: [Rachael French](#)

Minutes taken by [Karthika Sasikumar](#)

The meeting was called to order at noon. The agenda (slightly revised) and the minutes of the previous meeting of Aug 28, 2023 were unanimously approved.

The consent calendar was presented by AVC Kataoka. She also presented two declarations: the Declaration of Romey Sabalius as elected from College of H & A as per 1.6.2.4 of the Senate [bylaws](#) and of [Raymand Buyco](#) as elected from College of Social Sciences as per 1.6.1.1. of the Senate [bylaws](#). It was pointed out that the former was on Difference-in-Pay leave and was potentially ineligible to serve. Chair Sasikumar promised to investigate the situation and report on his eligibility.

The committee then discussed the application process for the **constitution of the Special Committee on Senate Expansion.**

First, the issue of students was discussed. AS President Multani said that his organization would forward a list of names to the Executive Committee, rather than decide on who the special committee members would be, so that the process would be consistent with the selection process for the other (non-student) members. It was agreed that AS would be involved in disseminating the call for applications rather than selection.

Similarly, for staff, it was agreed that the outgoing message would be sent by the Provost's Office (though the message would be authored by Chair Sasikumar) to all staff. However, the applications would be received by the Staff Council. They would do a first round of selection by removing any ineligible applicants. Their list may also have more than two names, and the Executive Committee then chooses two members.

The next topic discussed was the campus response to the **implications of AB928.** Provost Del Casino explained that there was a narrow window in which faculty (rather than administrators) could share their feedback to the CSU system, rather than accept the *fait accompli* which had the effect of hurting shared governance. He noted that we might have divided opinions on our campus, as high-

unit load majors might welcome the new change, which would free up five units which they could use for courses relevant to their majors. Another possibility is that we could create SJSU-specific requirements for GE.

Chair Sasikumar stated that she had already planned a presentation to the full Senate on this topic for the Senate session of October 2. This would be presented by [Julia Curry](#) and [Hiu Yung Wong](#). We would also need to solicit systematic responses from the campus and present them to the CSU. Two methods of gathering data were proposed: emailing the chairs of the curriculum committees of each department on campus; or using the General Education Advisory Committee.

University updates were presented first by the Interim Chief Diversity Officer, Dawn Lee. She reported that three candidates were interviewed for the permanent position and the president was meeting with the search firm that day. The CFO reported on the repeal of the state's ban on travel to several states, which came as a relief for administrative reasons. CDO Lee added that the spirit of the ban would not be lost, and educational resources would be made available so that we know what is occurring in other states.

A question was raised about the security arrangements for the impending visit of a controversial speaker to campus on October 2, who was invited by a Registered Student Organization, and whose First Amendment rights would be protected, while also respecting the rights of peaceful protestors.

The Provost was asked about updates on tenure track hiring prospects for the current academic year. He responded that it differed by college. This year there would be a retrenchment and next year, with the hike in tuition, we would be able to increase hiring as the structural deficit would be reduced. A couple of colleges will have one or two hires, and it is likely that we would hire thirty tenure-track faculty across the campus, with around the same number of faculty retiring or separating.

The President and Provost assured members that complaints about advising were being addressed. Later this semester, NACADA (The Global Community for Academic Advising) will be conducting a review of faculty advising on campus.

AS President Multani reported that AS was looking into increasing revenues from the Print Shop and the Child Development Center, but in order to do so, had to increase staff in those units. The current system ('first come, first served') for book vouchers for

students is not equitable, and needs to be replaced. He also asked for support for students protesting against the tuition increase.