

Special Optional Meeting of the Senate Executive Committee June 18, 2024

This meeting was held via Zoom

Present: Joshua Baur, Julia Curry, Vincent Del Casino, Kristin Dukes, Charlie Faas, Colleen Johnson, Karthika Sasikumar, Cynthina Teniente-Matson, Hiu Yung Wong

Absent: Ariana Lacson, Tabitha Hart, Ranko Heindl, Mari Fuentes Martin, Shannon Rose Riley, Laura Sullivan-Green

1. **Remembering Senate Administrator Eva Joice:** She passed away unexpectedly in the early hours of June 14, 2024. She was invaluable to the Senate and devoted to it. Her absence is already felt keenly. At the moment, we have no information about services. A memorial or some event to honor her will be held at the beginning of the fall semester. We may have an award of some type, and dedicate a page on the Senate website.
2. **President's report:** No formal report was provided. The Cabinet leadership team is engaged in preparing for the fall semester, the implementation of the strategic plan and the impact of the final budget decisions from Sacramento, which are expected shortly.
3. **Discussion of the encampment outside Clark Hall:** it was dismantled during the week of Commencement celebrations on campus. University staff and leaders engaged in dialogue with students, facilitated by student leaders. There was no single RSO responsible for the erection of the encampment. A collection of individuals engaged in the action. Prior to the encampment, there had been outreach between student affairs staff and RSOs to engage in listening and understanding general concerns about climate. There was no outwardly apparent leadership structure among the students in the camp. The students took down the encampment with the help of FDO. There was no formal agreement concluded prior to this.
4. **Inquiry about administrative actions taken relative to placing faculty on admin leave:** An external investigation is ongoing with an external investigator hired through the Office of General Counsel on the 02/19 matter. There were questions about the criteria applied to the decision of who gets placed on administrative leave.
5. **Latest memo from the Budget Advisory Committee:** the major thrust of the memo is that any budget cuts should be consistent with Transformation 2030 goals. The memo addresses and mitigates concerns about growth in the MPP category, by providing data on headcount and salaries by classification type. The BAC memo will be shared with the Executive Committee.

6. **Reorganization of Undergraduate Education at SJSU** given the announcement of the Dean position. Articulation, graduation and assessment will move back to the Registrar's Office. Student success and GE and curriculum will be the focus of UE. A new Associate Dean will be hired. It is now more parallel to Graduate Education.
7. **Status of the Title IX/AVP position:** the recruitment is ongoing.
8. **Selection of SJSU representative for the Academic Council on International Programs:** Members discussed six applications and Professor Danijela Dudley from the Political Science Department was chosen for the position.
9. **Selection of member for Seat J for the Budget Advisory Committee:** Members discussed two applications and Alerie Flandez, Academic Advisor from the College of Engineering was chosen for the position.
10. **Enrollment pressures on departments and colleges:**
Classes for the fall (if they don't meet caps) will be canceled. It was mentioned that minority and financial aid-dependent students do not enroll until they get their information about aid, so if the courses are canceled at this early stage, they don't even have the opportunity to enroll. The Provost responded that we are trying to protect key investments while in a tight budget environment. We are up in enrollment compared to last year (freshmen and sophomores) but students don't pay fees when they register. We predict multi-digit decreases in sections. We have told deans to protect core courses so students can progress to graduation. We have been able to package financial aid for first year students. But we still need to wait for the state to decide about the Middle Class Scholarships.

The minutes were taken by Karthika Sasikumar on June 18, 2024; and approved by the Senate Executive Committee on June 26, 2024.