

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES – 1/28/2010
December 7, 2009 (Special Meeting)
University Hall, Room 211

Members Present: Bendavid, Broussard, Chong, Frehlich, Lien, Matos (Chair), Spector, Stepanek, Swerkes, Wolfbauer (Recording Secretary)

Members Absent: Dungey, Hellenbrand

Guests: C. Shubin

President Matos called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

1. Discussion of Proposed Resolution from Professor Carol Shubin

Professor Shubin asked Faculty President Matos if she could propose a resolution at the next Faculty Senate meeting. Matos forwarded her resolution to the Senate Executive Committee and it was decided to hold a special Executive Committee meeting to discuss the content of the resolution. The resolution dealt with two issues so the Senate Executive Committee decided to discuss each issue separately.

The first issue deals with the misreporting of data by the CSU. It was reported that the federal stimulus money of \$268.5 million retained 26,146 positions. Shubin felt that a response provided by Robert Turnage, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Budget, blamed others for the misreporting of this information and that the CSU should be held accountable. In Turnage's response, he mentions that the data will be replaced with a more reasonable estimate. After discussion, the Executive Committee decided to have Carol Shubin discuss this topic with the Educational Resources Committee and to draft a resolution that accurately and effectively conveys our message. It was also suggested to ask the Fiscal and Government Affairs Committee of the Statewide Academic Senate to follow-up with our concerns with Robert Turnage; a concern coming from the Statewide Academic Senate is taken much more seriously than from an individual campus.

The second issue addressed the Chancellor's mandate that the CSU reduce enrollments by 40,000 students. Shubin was very concerned about turning away students and depriving them of access and future employment and also denying the campuses fees that would in turn maintain faculty positions. Provost Hellenbrand has repeatedly said that this is a bad economic decision. The Executive Committee members commented on our need to be ready to convey how important the CSU is to the economy and to State of California. Also mentioned was the desire to allow campus autonomy in setting enrollment targets and the importance of getting back on track and supporting the original California Master Plan for the CSU. Frehlich, Spector, and Swerkes volunteered to draft a resolution that advocates these messages by the next Senate Executive Committee meeting on January 28th.

Meeting adjourned at 4:26 p.m.

Submitted by: Heidi Wolfbauer, Recording Secretary
Sandra Chong, Secretary of the Faculty