

First Senate Executive Committee meeting, August 21, 2023

Present: Hiu Yung Wong, Cynthia Teniente-Matson, Dawn Lee, Vincent Del Casino, Julia Curry, Rachael French, Patrick Day, Charlie Faas, Alison McKee, Laura Sullivan-Greene, Sarab, Multani Joshua Bauer, Reiko Kataoka

Absent: Tabitha Hart

Recorder: [Karthika Sasikumar](#)

The meeting was called to order at noon in Clark 551 by Chair [Karthika Sasikumar](#).

The chair welcomed members to the first meeting of the academic year and expressed thanks to the Provost for the room and lending us an assistant. She notified the members that she had sent out the consent calendar via email. In her update, she mentioned that some of the members planned to reintroduce the senate expansion special committee resolution, at the first Senate meeting on September 11. She also mentioned that she was part of the Campus Implementation Team for the recommendations for the study done by Cozen on improving procedures for dealing with sexual harassment on campus.

Next, we had an update by President Teniente-Matson (followed by Q&A). She shared her priorities for her new academic year. She emphasized the importance of building a climate of trust. She also shared the experience of working on safety and emergency preparedness. She announced that Judy Nagai was hired as the VP for Advancement (starting September 1) and described the hiring process for the CDO position. Alongside the recalibrated strategic plan, she said that the budget situation would impact all decisions. She hoped that the budget summit would present clarity to the campus community and gather input on revenue diversification, expenditure reductions and recommendations to the campus. We may then constitute subcommittees with wraparound support to continue the work.

One member raised a concern about the flattening out of DHR concerns if the Title IX and DHR positions are combined. The intent is to ensure consistency within the two units as advised in the Cozen review. With regards to the sexual abuse of athletes that occurred in the past at SJSU, two of the members questioned the president about university policies and stated that the community needs visible communication from SJSU, stating that the commitment to prevention should be outlined clearly. The President responded with reference to the new wellbeing policy for sports medicine (chaperones and best practices) and these are to be communicated to the coaches for each sport. And, the intent of policy and practice is prevention and accountability.

The Provost was asked about cuts to departments made by West Virginia University. He stated that while his personal philosophy is different, inevitably conversations about student demand driving programming decisions will ensue in our current political economy. Fortunately our enrollment is strong but other CSUs may be in that situation soon. There was a follow up question about the impact on SJSU's enrollment given community colleges offering four year

degrees. The Provost responded that Community Colleges are supposed to fit differently into the enrollment space, and he is more concerned about the UCs. A better strategy is to lean into the conversation and work with them to create collaborative programs.

CFO Charlie Faas faced questions regarding power outages that affected the campus the previous weekend. He explained that PGE owns the switch that malfunctioned on Friday, and it affected two areas on our campus. When it came back up in relatively quick fashion, the IT center in Macquarrie Hall took massive hits. Our IT team was able to restore almost everything but it took almost 72 hours. We could, and should, do a better job of an After Action Report. We have 3 sources of power: PGE, our Cogen plant, and select areas (such as IT and the police department) where we can generate electricity using backups (but this time those were also unable to function).

He also reported on an active shooter drill. This is usually conducted a couple of times a year and mostly as a tabletop exercise. However, SJSU conducted a recent mock live exercise. All of it was video taped and held in DMH. It went well although the 2.5 minutes it took for UPD to respond was stellar, but it seemed very long.

Patrick Day, VP for Student Affairs, reported that this year we are welcoming our largest frosh class ever, 4446. Housing is full with a waitlist, we prioritize students who are out of area. 4300 students live on campus. Right now we are FTE slightly over 100 percent, 369 over target in undergrad. We do have a slight decline in the senior class enrolment, and decline in graduate enrolment and slight decline in average unit load.

AS President Sarab Multani reported that there were only 5 applicants for the senate committees aside from the senators but we have 30 seats, so AS was struggling to fill seats for student representatives.