

**Senate Executive Committee**  
**September 25, 2012**  
**Minutes**

**Attendance:** Simon Aloisio, David Ashley, Frank Barajas, Nancy Deans, Therese Eyermann, Beth Hartung, Antonio Jimenez-Jimenez, Daniel Lee, Jim Meriwether, Dawn Neuman, Claudio Paiva.

**Approval of the Agenda**

-2:34 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes**

-approved

**Chair Report/Announcements**

-There was discussion about how best to deal with name submissions for campus wide committees. There are four slots that need to be filled, it was agreed that those positions could be appointed instead of conducting an additional election.

**Upper Division Gen Ed**

-S. Aloisio reported on the discussion had at the Board of Trustees where they discussed the possibility of removing 9 units of General Education from the high unit majors to get them down to 120 units.

**GWAR Policy implementation**

-A policy passed last May, dealing with GWAR, required a minimum grade in order to pass, what was not included in the policy was an "effective" date which has caused confusion with Academic Advising and Enrollment services.

**Ratification of Academic Freedom clause in ASCSU Constitution**

-Several campuses have concerns over the verbage "when faculty carry out their responsibilities" included in the Resolution, what does that actually mean?

**Senate Time Certain for Beth Hartung and Commencement**

-B. Hartung reported from Commencement task force indicating they have decided to divide the ceremony into two separate ceremonies, a morning and an afternoon ceremony.  
-There was discussion about Master's degrees and the importance of including those in each of the ceremonies.

**Bylaws**

-A task force worked on revising the Bylaws over the summer.  
-D. Neuman requested clarification on a few points and had some grammar recommendations for other points such as; 4.12 a, she recommends changing "secret" ballot to "paper" ballot instead.

- There was discussion about how best to address the quorum issue.
- N. Deans expressed interest at having a designated seat for lecturers on the Faculty Affairs committee.
- A. Jimenez-Jimenez requested Center Directors be consulted on changes to the By-laws.
- T. Eyermann does not see a need for a President Representative to many of the centers.
- There was discussion about why the Center membership is detailed in the By-laws.
- Chair Meriwether will take the comments back to the task force, it will then come back to Senate Executive Comm. and then brown bags will be held.
- A. Jimenez-Jimenez questioned how the vote for these changes would be taken, would they be block by block or the entire document at once.
- C. Paiva mentioned that he uses a system where students use their phones to vote.

### **Prop 30**

- B. Hartung and A. Jimenez-Jimenez have worked on the document together.
- There was a recommendation to add the actual figure that would be added to student tuition if this does not pass.
- D. Ashley reported they are speaking to classes about the Proposition and they are also doing voter registration tabling.
- There was discussing about whether we were asking the Senate to endorse the Proposition or telling them how to vote on it.

### **Honors Convocation and Research Symposium Schedule**

- In the past, these have been on two separate days, the academic calendar needs to be modified in order to do them on the same day.
- There was discussion about whether this should be addressed as a Senate policy or in some other way.
- Chair Meriwether will go back to the proposers about this concern and also to ask them to consult with the Office of the President about scheduling and presidential availability