University Executive Committee Meeting Notes

April 3, 2014

Members Present: Rollin Richmond, Ken Ayoob, Peg Blake, Forust Ercole, Brooke Fiore, Denice Helwig, Alex Hwu, Anna Kircher, Joyce Lopes, Steve Smith, Bob Snyder, Rhea Williamson, Frank Whitlatch, Craig Wruck, Noah Zerbe

Guests: Dan Collen, Chris DeHart, Mary Glenn, Colleen Mullery, Jacque Honda, Lisa Rossbacher, Kathy Thornhill

Welcome Incoming President Rossbacher

Incoming HSU President Lisa Rossbacher met the group and discussed her values and work style. She is motivated by integrity, respect, collaboration and using data to make decisions. She values diverse opinions and believes that individuals are responsible for listening respectfully before offering discussion. She will focus on student success, making sure we have the resources to support our mission and building on the strength of our community.

President's Report

President Richmond reported on the recent Board of Trustees meeting and shared various reports. The links to these reports will be available to Executive Committee members via the President's website.

- President Richmond discussed the concerns of the Technology Steering Committee about communication between CIOs and the TSC presidents.
- The Course Match program restrictions and poor participation were also discussed. This program will be evolving.
- The Chancellor's Office reports that bullying of staff and faculty is common on many campuses. President Richmond asked that our Human Resources staff provide classes and information to all employees and suggested a message from the President may be appropriate.
- The 2014-15 CSU budget request was approved with an increase of \$334 million.
 Despite this increase, given inflation, the CSU is being funded at the same amount that we were funded 20 years ago with an increased enrollment of 100,000 students.
- System-wide sustainability goals were discussed and included a presentation by SFSU's Director of Sustainability & Energy Caitlin Steele. President Richmond asked VP Lopes to invite Ms. Steel to campus to share what SFSU is doing.

Athletics Academic Advising

Dan Collen, Athletics Director, introduced Chris DeHart, academic advisor for athletics. Chris works with the advising center and athletics and described the one-year old program of athletics advising via the Thunderboldts Learning Academy. Athletes with a 2.5 or below are required to meet four hours a week in the library for tutoring support in a structured setting. This is a work in progress and will be evaluated after spring grades are submitted. Sarah Ray Phillips, librarian, has been instrumental in creating this rich learning

environment.

Campus Art

A painting in NHE was vandalized recently with a race-based statement. In addition, several students protested the subject matter of a painting in the J, resulting in it being moved. These incidents prompted a discussion about the need for an educational forum to discuss the importance of art in a free society and its ability to bring up emotions and opposing views. Vandalism is never tolerated on campus, particularly race-based vandalism and a strong statement may be needed. It was suggested that President Richmond, AS President Ercole and Art Department Chair Teresa Stanley jointly author an opinion piece discussing these issues.

Next meeting

The next meeting will be held May 1, 2014, at 9:00 a.m.