

# SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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## Minutes of January 25, 2011

**Present:** P. Barbatis, I. Boubacar, L. Broughton, M. Coleman, J. Freeman, A. McInerney, L. Montenegro, D. Peters, R. Quinn, G. Sanchez, I. Sibabi, C. Williams

**Guests:** J. Cabrera, A. Fuller, O. Murray, C. Savage

**Excused:** H. Skinner

**Meeting called to order** at 2:25 p.m., A. McInerney. A. McInerney noted that D. Read and P. Read are both retired and we now have two vacancies on the SEC. H. Skinner is in the hospital and we hope he rejoins us soon.

1. **Approval of January 25, 2011 SEC agenda:** Approved as amended unanimously by voice vote.
2. **Approval of November 29, 2010 SEC Minutes:** Approved as amended unanimously by voice vote.
3. **Approval of February 3, 2011 Senate Agenda:** Approved as amended unanimously by voice vote.
4. **Budget update:**
  - a. There had been a PEG exercise required in Fall 2010, with a budget reduction of \$13 million. The cancellation of a program adjusted that number to \$11.2 million cuts. The City Council provided about \$4 million to plug the gap. The tuition increase was expected to bridge the gap, leaving about \$1.5 to 2 million dollar reduction in the community college budgets. SVP has been told that the system will cover that \$1.5 to 2 million gap, but she does not have any written documentation of this promise (BCC's portion of that is 14%). Her concern is that they will be required to have a 1% reserve. Prior to this they were allowed 2% to roll-over into the following year; this year the allowed rollover was increased to 3%, but 1% of that is required. 1% of BCC's budget is \$650,000-700,000.
  - b. In addition to the reductions through the PEG, BCC is expected to provide a specific amount of revenue, partially through enrollment, to the University. We still have an expectation of meeting the enrollment targets. If the enrollment target is not met, BCC will be required to reduce expenses to make up the lost revenue.
5. **Pharos committee update:**
  - a. The committee has not met since the last SEC meeting. They will meet again soon. The executive of the SGA met and came up with a few suggestions for the next committee meeting.

**6. Schedule for Senate elections Spring 2011:** A. McInerney reported that elections for Senators from the faculty will be held using electronic voting this semester.

**7. Vacancy: Ombudsperson**

- a. A. McInerney noted that V. Bonelli is retiring, so we need to elect a new ombudsperson to complete the Spring 2011 term, which carries reassigned time. A description of the role, clarification within the BCC structure, explanation of the voting rules, and requirements for candidates will be sent out by A. McInerney prior to the next Senate meeting. C. Williams noted that there are about 3 to 5 cases per year. A. McInerney noted that each student vote is equal to 3 votes during the election.
- b. There are other vacancies. I. Mirksy is on leave this semester (chair of CAS) and during the first meeting there will be an election to fill the vacancy for the semester. L. Brenner will be filling I. Mirksy's seat in the Senate for her department. Vacancies for the at-large Senators will not be filled, as new elections are this spring.

**8. Other**

- a. **Resolution on Pedestrian Safety:** This resolution will be taken up by Space, Facilities, & Management.
- b. **Schedule of SEC meetings Spring 2011:** A. McInerney will work with A. Fuller to see if there are any adjustments that can be made to the schedule.
- c. **C. Williams announced that Dr. Carole Berrotte-Joseph was elected to be the new President of BCC** by the Board of Trustees last night, Monday, January 24, 2011. She will officially become president on Saturday, July 16, 2011.
- d. **D. Peters announced that the SGA passed their constitution and will bring it to the Senate in March.**

**Adjournment** at 3:13 p.m., A. McInerney

Respectfully Submitted,



Laura C. Broughton  
Secretary