Executive Committee Meeting (Amended)

June 29, 2011

Present: Bradfield, Brooks, Furtado, Ganezer, Heinze-Balcazar, Kalayjian, Norman, Salhi, Vasquez, Verba, and Wilson

There was a discussion about the email that was sent out with Plan A and Plan B for the senate chair election. There was surprise that there were only 12 responses from the general faculty. We discussed what the constitution says. Furtado said that she would prefer a summer election so that someone will be in place for the fall. There was concern that if we hold the election in the summer, faculty would say that they did not get to vote because they were out of town, or not looking at their email. Ivonne Heinze-Balcazar wanted Plan B. Ivonne felt that the senate would not understand not having the right to vote. Kalayjian said that we are not taking away their right to vote, but that she appreciated Ivonne’s point of view. Bradfield said that he was an advocate of Plan B. We could hold the election on 8/22 or that week. Norman said that last day of nominations should be August 22 at 5 p.m. Verba said that nominations could begin right away and close at 5:00 p.m. There was discussion about the election time frame and it was decided to hold the election from 8/23 through noon on 8/26.

There was a discussion about whether the executive committee should offer to step down for the new chair. Norman said that there was no language in the constitution that says that must happen. Heinze-Balcazar said that the new chair should be able to choose their own Exec committee. Kalayjian said that the Exec was approved by the senate to serve next year.

Ganezer expressed concerned about the rushed manner of the election. Salhi said that only giving the chair 24 hours to get 2 classes filled is problematic. It would be better to have an election in the summer. Kalayjian said the Chair candidates should have people waiting in the wings to take the classes. Ganezer asked if plan A and B are in the constitution. Verba said “no”

The Exec decided to hold nominations through August 22 at 5:00 p.m. and they have an election through Friday August 26th at noon. The group present also reached a consensus decision that the current Executive Committee should serve through the fall semester because it would provide continuity to the Senate and because the current Senate Executive Committee had been approved by the Senate to serve the 2010-2011 academic year. The group also agreed that it the current Senate Executive Committee has prepared to receive release time and that last minute decisions would affect them as well as a new Senate Executive Committee. The group agreed that it was important for the new Chair elect to be able to compose a Senate Executive Committee of their choice beginning spring 2012 semester. Vasquez asked the group if they all agreed to the Senate election parameters and everyone present agreed.