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SDSU Senate Minutes

Sept 9, 2021
2:00 to 4:30 pm

Members and Guests Present:

Wood, Adams, Fitch, Love, Wills, Brooks, Sasidharan, Ponomarenko, Lach, Mahar, Weizman, Orosz, Krivogorsky, Schuermann, Hussein, Aguilar, Abarbanel, Schreiber, Brown, Kraemer, Berger, Ahsan, Regan, Crawford, Schmitz Weiss, Vaughn, Silkes, Nguyen, Collado, Tran, Abdel-Nour, Putman, Johnson, Luo, MacKenzie, Reeder, Wellenstein, Wolfman, Nedjat-Haiem, Lindemann, Sobo, O'Brien, Donyanavard, Sharma, Bernerth, Tang, Marx, Barfuss, Twigg, Romero, Love, Canary, Gates, Clo, Purse, Dougall, Graubart, Duey, Werry, Corlett, Wolfman, Fenske, Cordero, Stoskopf, Zona, Blomgren, Juan, Koch, Catano, Pratt, Abman, Gibbons, Hansen, MacLeod, Gregg, Hernandez, Pena-Buskirk, Abman, Mohammed, Reed, Barbone, Canchola, Mendez, Hentschel, Smigel, Moore, Bliss, Ornatowski, Espinoza, Record, Manley, Rehfuß, Degeneffe, Poor Miles, Rhodes, Cappello, Maluf, Mladenov, Ozturk, O'Sullivan, Deboskey, Bani Younes, Schulze, Abdel-Samad, Preminger, Urada, Brandon, Horton-Alvarado, Donyanavard, MacKenzie, Baljon, Kamper, Morsi

Senate Chair Weston offered remarks with personal testimonial about the start of the new academic year calling for empathy and mutual respect. Senate chair noted that resolutions express the collective sentiment of the University Senate and are not policy.

1. Call to Order, Land Acknowledgement, and Principles of Shared Governance:

Land Acknowledgement: Senate chair reads land acknowledgement

We stand upon a land that carries the footsteps of millennia of Kumeyaay people. They are a people whose traditional lifeways intertwine with a worldview of earth and sky in a community of living beings. This land is part of a relationship that has nourished, healed, protected and embraced the Kumeyaay people to the present day. It is part of a world view founded in the harmony of the cycles of the sky and balance in the forces of life. For the Kumeyaay, red and black represent the balance of those forces that provide for harmony within our bodies as well as the world around us.

As students, faculty, staff and alumni of San Diego State University we acknowledge this legacy from the Kumeyaay. We promote this balance in life as we pursue our goals of knowledge and understanding. We find inspiration in the Kumeyaay spirit to open our minds and hearts. It is the legacy of the red and black. It is the land of the Kumeyaay.

Eyay e'Hunn My heart is good.

Michael Miskwish – Kumeyaay

Principles of Shared Governance: Senate chair reads principles statement

Trust is recognized as a fundamental ingredient that is essential for effective shared governance. Without trust, the practices of partnership, inclusion, open communication, ownership, and accountability are likely to break down. SDSU community members have identified three key principles for shared governance at SDSU that all rely on the fundamental ingredient of TRUST: Respect, Communication, Responsibility.

2. Approval of Agenda (Preciado)

Preciado/Butler-Byrd move approval of agenda with noted time certain. Motion is approved without objections.

3. Officers Report

3.1. Referrals Chart (Butler-Byrd)

Vice Chair Butler Byrd offers remarks on unity. The referral chart has 18 items and is in the process of being updated.

3.2. Senate Budget Update (Fuller)

Treasurer Fuller reported on an approved budget for 2021-22 academic year. A new proposal to close the gap in funding for 2022-23 academic year will be submitted as part of the campus budget process.

3.3. Senate Election: Search Committee: IVC and Business (Marx)

A. Chair Marx calls for nominations for Fowler College of Business Dean's Search Committee for an outside faculty representative representing the university Senate. Chair Marx/Butler Byrd move to elect by acclamation Assistant Librarian Tim Tully. Tully is elected without objection.

B. Nominations for Imperial Valley Dean's Search Committee for an outside faculty representative representing the University Senate. Chair Marx reported the election of Chicano/a Studies Associate Professor Roberto Hernandez to serve on the SDSU Imperial Valley dean search committee.

3.4. Report on Actions taken by SEC over the Summer. (Weston)

Chair Weston reported on actions taken by the Senate Executive Committee on behalf the University Senate during Summer 2021. Late graduates, b. Antisemitism resolution, c. Moved Senate meeting 7th to 9th., d. Approved status for emeritus faculty.



Senator Kamper and Senator Abarbanell requested that the Antisemitism resolution be read into the record. Senator Kamper read the full resolution on to the record at 4:30 pm. A full copy of the text of the resolution is included in the agenda packet.

3.5. Senate Minutes May 4 and 6 (Preciado)

The minutes of the May 4 and May 6 were approved without objection.

3.6. Senate Agenda for Academic Year (Weston)

AY Senate Agenda Goal Feedback form: <https://forms.gle/YorirQFPHEU5Yqvg9>

Chair Weston invited Senators to submit their input to the development of the Senate Agenda for the 2021-22 academic year. Input will be organized and presented for adoption at the October 5, 2021, meeting of the senate.

4. Academic Affairs Report

4.1. Provost's Report (Ochoa)

Provost Ochoa reported that 81% of courses are face-to-face or in an in-person format, 5.2% of courses are hybrid and 14.4% are online for the Fall 2021 semester. The campus already offered a similar percentage of online courses prior to the pandemic. The College of Education has traditionally offered high number of online courses

While general enrollment has been a challenge for other universities, this is not the case for SDSU. SDSU has 35,732 students which is 116 more than the same time last year. Also, the full-time equivalents number is 32,574. This is 386 less than the previous fall and can be explained by a percentage of students taking less units. The provost extends his appreciation to Enrollment Services team for their support in helping the University meet its enrollment goals.

In the 2020-21 academic year, 51 searches were authorized during a challenging year. 48 positions were filled including nine faculty that are part of the African American related cluster hiring initiative.

The provost indicated that he is working with deans to authorize centrally funded faculty lines searches. He has created a process that involves the Senate Tenure Track Planning Committee. He will take all input received and work with President de la Torre to make final decisions on searches. The provost also reported on the upcoming SDSU 125-year anniversary. Provost Ochoa and Professor Seth Mallios are co-chairing the planning group for the upcoming year and half long commemoration of this important anniversary.

Senators inquired about faculty hiring lines regarding timelines that can return to cycles familiar to departments. Provost explained that because faculty can retire up until the week before the start of the Fall Semester, it has been difficult to keep past deadlines. Provost hopes to have a typical year moving forward (past pandemic period). Another Senator inquired about college-based funded faculty lines. The provost indicated that college-funded lines are to be expedited and can move forward for search as soon as possible. He also reported on six ethnic studies faculty lines that were funded by State; CAL dean is working to move forward with those searches. Another question about instructional funding are the courses that remain in the schedule with 30 to 50 students on the waitlist. The main challenge was identifying faculty to teach additional sections.

5. Senate Actions (Weston)

5.1. Resolution: Allowing Faculty Discretion in the choice in instructional modality for the FALL 2021 semester. (Ornatowski)- **ASCSU Ornatowski read resolution on to the record.**

- a) Letter of opposition from Library Faculty & Staff (Lach) **Read on to the record by Senator Lach.**
- b) Letter of opposition from AS Students (Tejada)- **Read on to the record by Senator Tejada.**
- c) Letter of opposition from the Inclusion Council (Imazeki)- **Read on to the record by AVP Imazeki.**

Senate Chair Weston advised that there would be 30 speakers (15 for and 15 against) and that they would have a 2-minute limit each. He indicated that Senator Tejada will help support the recognition of student speakers.

Tejada/Vaughn move to take a roll call vote on resolution. The motion was approved by 50 yes and 29 no and 9 Abstentions.

The resolution was moved for approval by Academic Senators Ornatowski/Butler-Byrd.

Academic Senator Ornatowski offered a rationale for moving to online learning emphasizing that most faculty now have experience with online instruction and are in the best position to determine if their courses should be offered online. He also described that the COVID-19 Delta Variant may have local impacts that may have not been considered in Spring 21 and Summer 21 in terms of course formats. He explained why he did not include other constituencies (librarians, counselors, staff).

A number of speakers offered remarks about their support or opposition to the resolution including President de la Torre. Student Health Services Director Libby Skiles also provided remarks regarding COVID-19 protocols at SDSU and SDSU Imperial Valley.

The question was call and the senate secretary called the roll.



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College of Arts and Letters

Senator Abdel-Nour- No
Senator Adams- No
Senator Alkebulan- Not present
Senator Atterton- No
Senator Borgstrom- No
Senator Corlett- No
Senator Gibbons- No
Senator Kamper- No
Senator Li- No
Senator Mohammed- No
Senator O'Brien- No
Senator Putnam- No
Senator Clo for Samraj- No
Senator Schulze- No
Senator Sobo- No
Senator Werry- No

Fowler College of Business

Senator Ahsan- No
Senator Bernerth- No
Senator Devosky for Gubellini- No
Senator Krivogorsky- Not Present
Senator Luo- Not Present
Senator Miles- No
Senator Tang- Not Present

College of Education

Senator Brandon- No
Senator Cappello- No
Senator Chizhik- No
Senator Degeneffe- No
Senator Kraemer- No
Senator Vasquez- No

College of Engineering

Senator Bani Younes- No
Senator Mladenov- No
Senator Morsi- Not Present
Senator Ozturk- No

Senator Sharma- No

College of Health and Human Services

Senator Silkes for Abdel Mills- No

Senator Gates- No

Senator Mahar- No

Senator Maluf- Not Present

Senator Nedjat-Haim- No

Senator Preminger- No

Senator Stoskopf-Not Present

Senator Urada-No

College of Professional Studies and Fine Arts

Senator Canary- No

Senator Hopkins- Not Present

Senator Lindemann- No

Senator Manly - No

Senator Record- No

Senator Ryan- Not Present

Senator Sasidharan- No

Senator Schmitz-Weiss- No

Senator Smigel- No

College of Sciences

Senator Atkins- No

Senator Baljon- No

Senator Blomgren- No

Senator Donyanavard- No

Senator Hentchel- No

Senator Kelley- No

Senator Love- No

Senator Marx- No

Senator Orosz- No

Senator O'Sullivan-no

Senator Ponomorenko- No

Senator Purse- No

Senator Reeder- No

Senator Vaughn- No

Senator Zona- No

SDSU Imperial Valley Campus

Senator Abarbanell- No

Senator Cordero- No

Coaches

Senator Crawford- No Present



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Lecturers

Senator Abman- Not Present
Senator Czech- No
Senator Fuller- No
Senator Gates- No
Senator MacKenzie- Not Present
Senator Schuermann- No

Library

Senator Bliss- No
Senator Lach- No
Senator Weston- No

MPP I/II

Senator for Montero-Adams for Richeson- no

Staff

Senator Martinez- no
Senator Peraza- no
Senator Preciado- no
Senator Rehfuss- no
Senator Wills- no

University Services

Senator Juan- no

Academic Senators

Senator Butler-Byrd- no
Senator Csomay- Not Present
Senator Ornatowski- Yes

Administration

Senator Brooks- no
Senator de la Torre- no
Senator Madanat- no
Senator Ochoa- no
Senator Olson for Seshan- no
Senator Vargas- not present
Senator Wood- no
Senator Wong Nickerson- no

Associated Students San Diego and Imperial Valley

Senator Tejada- no

Senator Moore- no

Senator Schenkenfelder- no

Senator Barfus- no

Senator Espinoza- no

Senator Fitch- no

Senator Proxy voted Horton- Alvarado- Yes

Motion to adopt resolution fails with 2 yes votes and 87 no votes.

Butler-Byrd/Fuller moved to refer all committee reports and action items to the October 5, 2021, meeting. Motion was accepted without objection.

Preciado/Fuller moved to extend the clock to 4:40; without objection.

5.2. Appointments, reappointments, or replacements to committees CCE (Marx)

Committee moves approval of all new committee chairs and senator appointments to committees. Motion was approved without objection. Chair Marx noted updates in coming days to the roster of chairs and committee assignments.

5.3. General Education (Canary/Wilson)

GE Committee moves approval of new courses for the following academic year. Motion is accepted without objection.

5.4. Graduate Council (Love)

A. Policy to no longer require GRE or GMAT as of the Spring 2023 application cycle. The policy stipulates that individual program may still require these test scores. The Committee moved approval of policy. The policy change was accepted without objection.

B. Policy regarding Program of Study “300 plus 1 GPA” used by programs along with and use program GPA and Cumulative SDSU GPA. Butler Byrd/Preciado move approval to eliminate the use and or practice of the “300 plus 1 GPA”. Motion was adopted without objection.

C. Dean Love provided information regarding the need to establish four criteria to determine “good standing”. The item was referred to the next meeting to ensure ample discussion prior to approval.

5.5. Emeritus Faculty (Levitt/Preciado)



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Preciado/Weston Move Approval of conferral of emeritus status to all Faculty and Staff included in the agenda packet items 5.5 and 5.6. Motion was adopted without objection.

5.6. Staff Affairs Committee Emeritus Staff (Rehfuss)

See action above.

5.7. Approve Late Graduates from Summer (Lieu/Weston) **Time Certain 2:10pm**

Motion to approve a list of candidates that applied late for August 2021 graduation subject to completion all requirements. Motion was approved without objection.

6. Committee Reports

Marx/ Butler-Byrd moved to receive all information reports. Motion was adopted without objection.

6.1. ASCSU report (Ornatowski)

6.2. URAD Report (Vargas/Swanson)

6.3. DEI Annual Report (Rhodes)

6.4. Report of Traffic and Parking Changes (Cynthia Cervantes and Kara Bauer) **Time Certain 4:15pm**- Item referred to following meeting.

7. Announcements (Weston)

8. Adjourn.