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San Diego State University Senate Minutes

September 1, 2015

2:00 pm to 4:30 pm

The Senate was called to order @ 2:06 pm.

Members present:

Officers: Deutschman, Ornatowski, Bober-Michel

Arts and Letters: McClish, Imazeki, Csomay, Putman, McCall, Graubart, Esbenshade, Blanco, Donadey, Foad, Cummins

Business Administration: DeBoskey, Fleming, Peter, Ely

Coach: Van Wyk

Education: Butler-Byrd, Cadiero-Kaplan, James-Ward

Emeritus Faculty: Shackelford

Engineering: Engin

Health and Human Services: Verity

Imperial Valley Campus:

Lecturers: Justice, Williams

Library: Rhodes

MPP I and II: Richeson

Parliamentarian:

Professional Studies and Fine Arts: Testa, Lindemann, Pauley, Humphrey

Sciences: Papin, Schellenberg, Atkins, Baljon, Ponomarenko, Xie, Interlando, Beck

Staff: Evans, Turntine, Aguilar, Thurn

University Services:

Administration: Welter, Enwemeka, Chase

Associated Students:

CFA: Toombs

Guests: LaMaster

1. Agenda (Bober-Michel)
MSP Approved agenda for September 1, 2015.
2. Minutes (Bober-Michel) – May; posted online
MSP Approved minutes of the May, 2015 Senate meeting.
3. Announcements (Deutschman)
Deutschman welcomed Senators to the Fall semester and 2015/16 academic year. He reminded attendees that Senate Officers are currently without staff support and will be for much of the Fall semester; that might cause some delays in posting of minutes, etc.

He also noted that the Class Size Task Force met all Summer, and will soon elect a Chair; the group is making good progress.

4. Academic Affairs (Enwemeka)

See attached for details; discussion follows. The Provost covered several topics including: Enrollment, Faculty Hires, SDSU/Georgia, the Engineering and Interdisciplinary Science (EIS) Building, the Library Student Learning Center (update), and the Inaugural Provost's Advising Forum.

He appreciated our support in moving forward so many initiatives, and among our accomplishments are high numbers of graduates, a successful hiring cycle, and Arts Alive. He also introduced Luz Gonzalez, Dean of Social Science @ CSU Fresno; she'll be shadowing the Provost this year (as part of a training Fellowship in which she's involved).

Baljon: Asked the Provost if he is targeting the Advising Office or program advisors.

Provost: Said the idea is that advisors identify the problems they face now and brainstorm ways to remedy them. It may be unwise to simply send students to a common pool; they often received mixed (contradictory) messages that confuse more than help them. He is also looking for ways to use technology to help with the task and streamline the process. He would like to see better tracking via a portal or database.

Aguilar: Explained that at IVC staff do the advising and rely on such tools as MyMap (see: <https://sunspot.sdsu.edu/pubred!/mymap DISP>).

Provost: Agreed, but noted that MyMap doesn't identify what conversations a student has had already; there's no trail to follow or reference.

Shackelford: Focused on hires. He asked: where are we compared to this time a year ago?

Provost: Said he needs to touch base with Joanna Brooks; the # is up but he couldn't present an exact count. This year, we're aiming for 71 hires; last year we saw 64 searches (56 successful), and 67 the year before that (62 successful). He will try to get us the #s before the meeting minutes are posted.

Shackelford: Said he's asking because he doesn't know the losses.

Deutschman: Noted that we lose about 36 people yearly, but that last year's total was lower (33).

Provost: Reiterated that we're on-track to meet our goals.

Butler-Byrd: Asked how many students are Pell eligible.

Provost and others: Indicated that VP Rivera (Student Affairs) would have those numbers.

Aguilar: Noted the Pell 6-year eligibility length.

Provost: Added that proportionately, there are more Pell students @ IVC.

Toombs: Inquired about the number of African American hires.

Provost: Said the percentage is very low though there is an upward trend. VP Brooks has a strategy in mind for recruiting in our two troublesome areas (African Americans and Native Americans). The market for such hires is very competitive as schools nationwide aim to diversity their faculty ranks.

Toombs: Thought we were more successful the year before.

Peter: Wants to know trends for promotion from associate to full (especially by gender and ethnicity).

5. SEC Report (Ornatowski)
 - 5.1 Referral Chart (Agenda, p. 2)

No new referrals yet for this year, but one continues from AY 2014/15: to AP&P and FA re recommendation of the Student Grievance Committee (percent of grade for peer reviews).
 - 5.2 Annual Agenda (Agenda, p. 3)

MP The Senate approved the Annual Agenda.

Cadiero-Kaplan: Ask for clarification on the current charge for the Class Size Task Force.

Deutschman: Reviewed all the steps that led to where we are now.

- 5.3 RSCA Funds Update

Information item: Many of us received an email request to provide the CSU with an updated CV and we should comply. The CVs are part of a plan to increase RSCA funding—and make those monies more stable from year to year.

Baljon: Expressed concern with how we get these notices. Feels they should come from the Dean and/or the Provost – not thru Dept Chairs (just not a productive way to share information).

Ornatowski: Asked for input to improve the process; explained the challenges involved with getting the Legislature to realize our value.

Donadey: Asked if it's possible to submit late (original due date: 8/28).

Verity: Said the process feels haphazard.

Ornatowski: Reiterated that this sort of outreach hadn't been tried before.

Humphrey: Feels it's odd to report about student research when it's not really tracked in any way. Students often help out in the Summer but they're unfunded.

Ornatowski: Said we shouldn't just report what comes out of RSCA; the effort should be more comprehensive. Legislature thinks most of what we do is pedagogically oriented, not "real" science. We have good stats to back up our assertions.

McClish: Suggested including student theses and faculty creative processes, as well as faculty/student collaborations.

Peter: Said that students are subjects where she teaches and asked: does that count? Thus they learn about research by participating.

Ornatowski: When reporting, consider what the value is to students.

Shackelford: Said we can't focus just on academic preparation, but also students participating in the research process as authors.

Ornatowski: Indicated he would move that position forward.

6. New Business: Action Items
 - 6.1 Committees and Elections (Rhodes)

MP Approved the appointment of Karen May Newman (Engineering) to the Committee on Diversity, Equity, and Outreach.
 - 6.2 Faculty Honors and Awards (*no chair*)

MP Approved emeritus status for the following individuals.

- Steven M. Day, Professor of Geological Sciences, May 20, 2015, 27 years
- Donna Daly, Associate Dean of Health and Human Services, May 20, 2015, 29 years
- Daniel J. Finnegan, Associate Professor of Social Work, May 20, 2015, 25 years
- Melbourne F. Hovell, Professor of Public Health, May 20, 2015, 33 years
- Jeffrey P. Kaplan, Professor of Linguistics and Asian/Middle Eastern Languages, May 20, 2015, 39 years
- Marian L. Liebowitz, Professor of Music and Dance, May 20, 2015, 31 years
- Deborah Poole, Professor of Linguistics and Asian/Middle Eastern Languages, May 20, 2015, 26 years
- James L. Schorr, Professor of European Studies, May 20, 2015, 32 years

6.3 General Education (Bliss) – 2:30 pm / time certain

Action:

See attached report.

MP To approve noted additions and changes to courses in General Education.

6.4 Undergraduate Curriculum (Verity)

Action:

See attached report.

MP To approve noted additions and revisions to the Undergraduate program.

6.5 Faculty Affairs (Imazeki)

6.5.1 Evaluation Task Force Recommendations

Note: Committee of the Whole: 15 minute limit

MSP To move to Committee of the Whole.

MSP To move out of Committee of the Whole.

7. New Business: Consent Calendar (Committee Reports)

MSP To receive the reports on the Consent Calendar.

7.1 California Faculty Association (Toombs)

Toombs provided additional information not on his report. Mediation was held on Monday, August 31, and another date is scheduled. The two sides are talking, but he feels that a deal is unlikely.

The CFA President will be on campus Thursday, September 10 for an all faculty meeting (12:30 pm, Library 430). There's much for us to do if we're to get the 5% raise requested.

7.2 ASCSU (Eadie, Ornatowski, Wheeler)

7.3 University Relations and Development (Carleton)

7.4 Committees and Elections (Rhodes)

7.5 WASC (Chase)

Noted that all we're seeing is a *short* introduction to the 70-pg report available online. He invited comments.

Aguilar: Pointed out an error: wrong # of master's programs @ IVC. Only one program remains.

7.6 Undergraduate Curriculum (Verity)

Ponomarenko: Ask that the Committee remove items 7 thru 11/Mathematics (Agenda, pp. 52 to 54).

8. Other Information Items

8.1 Interim report of the CSU Task Force on a Sustainable Financial Model

Deutschman: Noted that Bill Eadie brought the report to us. The CSU system isn't funded as it once was, and we have to be smart and creative about our money and how we raise it.

Several Senators: Asked if there is a timeline for this.

Ornatowski: Said the Task Force isn't really seeking feedback right now; the report is informative – meant to ensure everyone is aware of what is being proposed and where the discussion is headed. The report reflects what SDSU is already doing relative to philanthropy, etc. but some of these ideas are revolutionary to the CSU as a whole and certainly to some of the smaller campuses.

Deutschman: Noted that input actually is requested (Agenda, p. 90), but how it happens isn't clear. He'll get more info re how to make that happen.

Ornatowski: Also said he will check when he's in Long Beach on Wednesday, Sept 2.

Donadey: Pointed out that the summary on pp. 22 to 27 (Agenda, pp. 84 to 89) is important to read. Some suggestions are quite good, while others are more controversial. She worries about the impact on low-income students (where they'll pay more but have access to fewer state grants). Another concern is the idea of redirecting admits to other campuses; it may mean that low income/less prepared students get shuffled around. She also is concerned about a potential move to year-round operations.

Deutschman: Reminded us that we're not debating the report's merits; it's informative only and we should provide input/feedback as directed.

9. Adjournment

MSP The Senate adjourned @ 3:30 pm.