

Minutes – Senate Executive Committee
January 16, 2007
Imperial Valley Campus, 2pm
(corrected)

Members present: Officers: Eadie, Hornbeck, Ornatowski. Committee Chairs: Benkov, Donadey, Finnegan, Lamke, Park, Turhollow. Senators-at-Large: Atkins, Ely. Statewide Senate Rep: Perkins. CFA: Wheeler. Administration: Frost for Chase, Kramer, Marlin. Staff: Nichols. Associated Students: Ly. Admin Coordinator: Jones. Guests: Redo, Roeder, Newhoff, Painter, Pickett, Zimmerman.

1. Agenda (Eadie)

MP Approved Agenda of January 16, 2007.

2. Minutes (Eadie)

MP Approved minutes of November 21, 2006 as corrected on the website.

3. Announcements (Hornbeck)

Correspondence from President Weber approving actions from the November 7 2006 meeting, including: Academic Policy & Planning's Statement on Academic Freedom; Curriculum's Third Report; Adding (and deleting) the following courses to the GE program. Add: Linguistics 350, Sociology 320 (Social & Behavioral Sciences); American Indian Studies 435, English 401, Religious Studies 330 (Humanities). Delete: Journalism and Media Studies 408; The President acknowledged receipt but took no action on the Resolution in Support of Freedom of International Academic Exchange.

Accent on Excellence: Distinctive Universities, Supportive System meeting will be Friday, January 26, 2007, 10am-3:00pm, Arts & Letters Room 201. Lunch provided for registered participants. Each university was asked to hold this one-day campus meeting. This will be an opportunity to try and put the SDSU perspective onto this plan proposed by the Trustees that is intended to guide the CSU for the next decade.

Dean Roeder: Welcome to the Imperial Valley Campus. As you know we refer to you as the "West Campus," which makes us the "East Campus." We are proud to be part of SDSU, although a small part. We're always very pleased when you come over here. [The body thanked Dean Roeder for providing lunch.]

4. University Administration (Marlin)

Budget. The Governor has issued his initial budget recommendations. They essentially follow the Compact; that is, there is funding for 2.5% enrollment growth, 3% compensation, mandatory costs, etc. There is no buyout of student fees (last year the 10% student fee increase was bought out). Once again, the governor's budget did not provide outreach money to the CSU. Previously, SDSU absorbed the cost of continuing the outreach programs, and if this year's budget eventually passes without those funds we will need to do so again. Essentially, denial of these funds amounts to a budget cut, as the governor knows that we will make up the cost rather than eliminate the programs. There were also requests for an additional 1% compensation above the Compact, and additional funding to address the critical shortage in nursing; neither request was included in the budget.

Dean Candidates. Candidates for the College of Education and the Graduate Division will arrive on campus in February. Your participation is very important.

Accent on Excellence Meeting. A draft agenda was distributed, and information will be posted on the Senate website. We want the voices and perspectives of everyone from the university. Please encourage people to come and participate.

Chronicle of Higher Education Feature on Scholar Activity for Doctoral Programs. SDSU's Clinical Psychology Department (joint program with UCSD) was ranked first among 104 such programs in the country. SDSU's Teacher Education program ranked third and our communicative disorders program ranked fourth. For Small Research Universities (15 or fewer PhDs), SDSU ranked second.

Discussion:

Interim Dean Kramer: The National Research Council Survey is also moving toward this kind of criteria approach to activity like the COHE Feature.

Senator Donadey: What can we do to try to change things so the potential cut in outreach does not happen? Every year the Governor tries to do this. **Provost Marlin:** I'm not sure what would be effective, other than advocating to the Board of Trustees and legislators that they try to take action, that the funds be restored. It is very clear this year that healthcare is an overriding issue for this year's budget.

CFA President Wheeler: Is the campus administration developing a strategy to lobby on behalf of SDSU in Sacramento? Are there ways that the Senate or other bodies here can work with the administration to more effectively lobby? **Provost Marlin:** There is a structure that includes actual visits to Sacramento. Chair Hornbeck has participated in these visits.

CFA President Wheeler: Has the statewide administration presented a plan to harness the energies of the different campuses to aid them in their lobbying? **Provost Marlin:** That is a good question for the statewide senators; that group interacts with CSU advocacy. **Chair Hornbeck:** I serve on the Fiscal & Government Affairs at the ASCSU. We meet tomorrow and Thursday. I don't recall being involved in the budget process last year. We typically do have visits to Sacramento in the spring. CFA probably knows as much as anyone as to how the Chancellor will engage in university support. The Chancellor and Trustees sometimes have positions that aren't necessarily consonant with those of their university constituencies or their faculties. The system does not do anything very constructive in terms of wide-scale influence of legislation. That is one of the things they reserve to themselves.

CFA President Wheeler: We don't have any evidence that the Chancellor is working hard to develop a plan to fight against the proposed budget? Campus by campus, we don't have a plan to fight for more money? **Chair Hornbeck:** ASCSU will be meeting the rest of this week. The Cornerstones planning exercise report included one principle that urged the system to increase funding. As we approach another cycle of strategic planning, the system would benefit from helping the Trustees to understand that it is they who represent us. It isn't up to the individual universities, given that we have a confederation to people who are responsible for it.

4.1 Accessible Technology Initiative (Pickett/Zimmerman)

Information

Rich Pickett, Senior Director & CIO of Business and Financial Affairs and Assoc VP Zimmerman will give a presentation to the Senate regarding the Accessible Technology, including topics as the Federal and State Laws, Executive Order 926 and Coded Memo AA-2006-41; web accessibility, instructional materials, technology procurement, and a three year roadmap and timeline. Assoc VP Zimmerman will discuss instructional materials. The emphasis of the presentation will be on education and acceptance, rather than compliance.

Discussion:

Senator Donadey: Making materials accessible to all students is a very important project; its scope seems huge. In Arts & Letters we've only had a part time web person. Do we have staff to implement this accessibility, to turn our visuals into hearing-based materials and other such projects? How will this program work, from a practical standpoint?

Director Pickett: This project resulted from a far-reaching Executive Order and holds the status of an unfunded mandate at the present. I will be taking two of my staff to help other departments. We have several captioning tools and we will be working closely with ITS. I anticipate that this endeavor will be a long-term one.

Chair Hornbeck: We have had some experience with system-wide exercises in accessibility in the past. It would be hard to characterize them as altogether successful or desirable. I hope we can avoid some of the mistakes of the past.

Assoc VP Zimmerman: I will get more background from you, Chair Hornbeck. There is an atmosphere of cooperation under duress right now. We're not doing this alone. Every CSU campus is involved and there are system-wide resources and databases to assist us.

Senator Nichols: Are there IVC members on your committee? A lot of staff at IVC have the IT background and could be helpful to you. **Assoc VP Zimmerman:** Those are excellent suggestions. Thank you.

5. Auxiliaries and Affiliates Reports

5.1 Associated Students (Ly)

Information

Cyprus. There was a successful resolution from AS efforts to influence continuation of the Cyprus study abroad program.

Mountain Network is now available on Cox Cable, allowing us to watch SDSU basketball games.

Good Neighbor Program. The program has been highly successful. We visited 411 houses last semester, with a 96 success rate (two houses were designated as problems).

Online Crashing. Online crashing suffered a setback and wasn't in place for this semester, but work on it will continue.

Campus Climate. AS is planning a spirit event for the first basketball game of the new semester.

Student Code of Conduct. EO 970 has impacted a number of students, and AS is concerned about its provision that students can be disciplined for activities that go on off campus.

Further Information and events, can be found at <http://as.sdsu.edu/>

5.2 Academic Senate (Perkins)

No report.

5.3 California Faculty Association (Wheeler)

Collective Bargaining. This is the only focus now for CFA and appropriately so. Communications between parties have broken down. It seems the CSU statewide administration's aim is imposition of a contract, so we are preparing for appropriate actions. We feel the leadership can and should make a better offer and work closely with the Governor to secure more money. We feel they can and should change their priorities away from system-wide initiatives in favor of faculty, staff, and students.

Further Information can be found at <http://www.calfac.org/>

5.4 WASC/General education Task Force (for Chase)

No report.

6. Senate Committee Reports.

6.1 Officers' Report (Ornatowski)

Information

Referral Chart:

Committee	Date	Item	Referred by
AR&P	Nov 8, 2005	Investigate funding to probationary faculty pending information from FA on analysis of Tenure/Tenure-track faculty	Senate
CCE	Nov 29, 2005	Review procedures for selection of faculty to serve on search committees for administrators	Officers
CBL	Mar 20, 2006	Review the Student Code of Conduct (after CSU adopted revised Code)	Officers
CBL	Mar 28, 2006	Policy on naming academic entities	Officers
FA	Oct 24, 2006	Review draft of Policy on Freedom of Expression Review PF language re: faculty titles & appointment	Officers
FHA	Aug 23, 2005	Strategies for simplification of Excellence in Teaching Award criteria and guidelines	SEC
Student Affairs	Oct 24, 2006	Review draft of Policy on Freedom of Expression	Officers
Student Affairs	Aug 29, 2006	Review Student Grievance Code, in particular, clarify section 4.3	Officers
Student Affairs	Aug 29, 2005	Review purpose and function of the Student	Officers

		Affairs Committee	
Student Affairs	Mar 20, 2006	Review the Student Code of Conduct (after CSU adopted revised Code)	Officers
Staff Affairs	Oct 24, 2006	Review draft of Policy on Freedom of Expression	Officers

Discussion:

Senator Ely: Is Student Affairs a functioning committee? **Vice Chair Ornatowski:** Yes, I have been in touch with their chair, Karen Calfas. Our intention is to contact committee chairs with long-standing referrals and attempt to move them toward completion. [Vice Chair Ornatowski also offered to sic his two dachshunds on committees that do not respond to referrals.]

6.2 Academic Policy and Planning (Finnegan)**Information**

- Approved proposal to change the name of the School of Public Administration and Urban Studies to the School of Public Affairs.
- Approved for inclusion in the San Diego State Academic Master Plan a proposal for a Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree in Graphic Design. (06-25)
- Approved for inclusion in the San Diego State Academic Master Plan a proposal for a Masters of Fine Arts Degree in Film, Television, and Digital Media (06-123).

6.3 Academic Resources and Planning (Lamke)**Information**

AR&P will bring forward their review of the proposal for a Masters of Fine Arts Degree in Film, Television, and Digital Media (06-123).

Approved the President's Budget Advisory Committee's (PBAC) support for administrative plans to charge different fees for summer sessions to a per-unit fee, instead of a six-units-or-above fee.

Discussion:

Vice Chair Ornatowski: Will you be giving a general presentation on the budget in the Senate? **ARP Chair Lamke:** At the Accent on Excellence Forum on Friday I will have a ten-minute presentation on the budget issues such as, the student-faculty ratio, and general areas of revenue. I hope that most Senators will be present to hear that report.

6.4 Curriculum**Information**

The Fifth Report, 2006-2007 Catalog was included as information.

6.5 Committees and Elections (Turhollow)

The committee will bring forward to the Senate new appointments to committees.

6.6 Constitution & Bylaws (Park)

No report.

6.7 Diversity, Equity & Outreach (Donadey)**Information**

Senator Donadey: DEO discussed the budget cut in the Faculty-Student Mentoring Program and requested that I ask Academic Affairs for additional funding. I sent a written request to Provost Marlin who said there was no additional funding and I should look to Academic Resources & Planning Committee. This request will be forthcoming.

6.8 Faculty Affairs (Benkov)

Action

The Faculty Affairs Committee moves approval of the following change to the University Policy File:

Probationary Faculty, Appointment of.

4.2: Each department or school peer review committee recommendation report shall be approved by a simple majority of the **membership of the** committee ~~members casting a vote~~. An abstention shall count as a negative vote.

Rationale: The wording "committee members casting a vote" is incorrect. It should echo the MOU and read "a simple majority of the membership of the committee."

Discussion:

Senator Ely: Are members not present counted as negative? **Senator Benkov:** Yes. The eight-member committee must have five votes. **ARP Chair Lamke:** Abstention is considered a negative vote? **Senator Benkov:** Yes. In this case, anything that isn't a yes vote is the equivalent of a no vote.

7. Senate-Appointed University Committee Reports

7.1 Campus Development Committee (Redo, Newhoff)

MSP Executive Session, to consider a naming issue.

MSP Executive Session. Rise and Report.

7.2 Faculty Honors & Awards (Little)

Action

The Faculty Honors & Awards committee moves that the Senate approve emeritus status upon retirement to the following faculty:

W. Nick Reid, Professor of Theatre, Television and Film, August 21, 2007, 24 years.

Information

Alumni Awards for the 2007-08 Academic Year

All members of the University Community are invited to submit nominations for the annual faculty Alumni Awards, sponsored by the Alumni Association, for the 2007-08 academic year. Each year, one faculty member is selected from each college, including the Library and the Imperial Valley Campus, for an award of \$500 in recognition of contributions made to the University, or on behalf of the University. Contributions may be made through teaching scholarship, professional activity, or other service, and may be on a University, community, state, national or international scale. Recipients of the alumni awards will also be recognized for their achievements at Convocation at the beginning of the Fall 2007 semester.

Nomination forms are available on the Faculty Affairs Home Page under Forms and Documents, Alumni Award at:

http://www-rohan.sdsu.edu/~facaff/forms_and_docs.html

Please submit the completed nomination form **to the appropriate dean's office by Monday, February 19, 2007**. Each nomination should include no more than four pages of justification for the award.

7.3 General Education (Scott)

Action

The Committee on General Education moves approval to add the following courses to the General Education program:

Under Foundations: Journalism and Media Studies 200; Under Explorations: American Indian Studies 420 and Anthropology 351.

7.4 Graduate Council (Kramer)

Information

Graduate Council Minutes of December 14 2006 were included in the agenda. A summary memo will appear in the Senate Agenda for February 6, 2007. Topics included the approval of The Educational Facility Planning certification program; discussion on the ARPE Proposal for Revised Admission Criteria (which included the overall requirement of the GRE, as opposed to department requirement); an update of the GC Annual Agenda; and the policy for service on doctoral committees.

Discussion:

Senator Park: Does this body have the power to make general policy of criteria for acceptance to Graduate School?

Chair Hornbeck: The Senate can recommend changes to the Policy File that can be enacted if the President approves.

Senator Ely: Is the policy on doctoral committees an internal document? **Interim Dean Kramer:** This is very similar to the previous document. The primary change is the addition of appropriate adjunct faculty. This policy goes into the graduate manual, not into the Policy File.

7.5 Staff Affairs (Nichols)

Information

- SAC has started work on the referral concerning the Freedom of Expression policy and will meet with Secretary Eadie on January 29 to consider it.
- Bob Cademy is accepting donations for sick leave. You can find more information here: <http://cademy.net>

7.6 Undergraduate Council (Young for Chase)

Information

Student Success Presentation. The Undergraduate Council is attempting to get more alignment with the Academic Affairs Student Success Team and the Student Affairs Student Success Team. There will also be a section on this topic at the Access to Excellence Presentation on January 26, 2006. The teams have done a terrific job looking at not only student success predictors within SDSU, but at national models. One of the primary predictors of success is faculty involvement with students. The question is how to develop models that will keep that faculty involvement without having layers of mediators and buffers in between. Research also has shown that it is an equity issue; students that come from diverse backgrounds benefit most.

Summer Reading Program. The Council has selected a motif for of internationalism and sustainability: Mapping the World, Sharing the Future. (Tracy Kidder's *Mountains Beyond Mountains* and Mark Hertsgaard's *Earth Odyssey: Around the world in Search of Our Environmental Future* have been suggested.) A decision will be made shortly.

Discussion:

Senator Park: How do you propose changes be made in the Faculty-Student Mentoring Program? **Professor Young:** I cannot speak for Jose Preciado, but the overall emphasis is to determine how we can have more direct involvement.

Senator Donadey: We may not know how to increase faculty-student contact, but one way it won't work is by increasing the number of students in our classes.

7.7 Other Committees

None.

8. Old Business

None.

9. New Business

None.

10. Other Information Items

10.1 Committee Agendas and reports are located at: <http://senate.sdsu.edu/>

11. Adjournment

The SEC adjourned at 4:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

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