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**SDSU Senate Agenda**

May 6th, 2021

Online via [Zoom](#)

2:00 to 4:30 pm

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

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:

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.

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August 17, 2021

To: Senate Committee Chairs, Senate-Appointed Committee Chairs, University Registrar & Vice President of University Relations and Development

From: Jose Preciado, Senate Secretary

Re: Timely Submission of Information, Action, and other items for the University Senate's Consideration

As we prepare for our shared governance activities for the 2021-22 Academic Year, please add the following dates to your calendars.

Item Submission Deadline*	Senate Executive Committee	University Senate
Thursday, August 12	Tuesday, August 24	Tuesday, September 7
Wednesday, September 8	Tuesday, September 21	Tuesday, October 5
Thursday, October 14	Tuesday, October 19	Tuesday, November 2
Wednesday, November 10	Tuesday, November 16	Tuesday, December 7
Thursday, January 13	Tuesday, January 18	Tuesday, February 1
Thursday, February 10	Tuesday, February 15	Tuesday, March 1
Thursday, March 10	Tuesday, March 15	Tuesday, April 5
Thursday, April 14	Tuesday, April 19	Tuesday, May 3

\*We will work with you to receive items beyond the submission deadline for the Senate Executive Committee meeting. However, items that emerge between the Senate Executive Committee meeting date and the Senate Meeting date should be submitted for the following meeting of the Senate Executive meeting. When needed, items that require the Senate's consideration and deadlines cannot be followed, the agenda items will be considered with the support of the  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the voting members of the University Senate.

April 2021

TO: Senate Executive Committee / Senate

FROM: DEI Committee

RE: ACTION: Adopt additional common item for teaching evaluations

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The DEI and Faculty Affairs Committees recommend the following changes to the Policy File:

### **Personnel Files**

#### 5.0

#### Written Student Evaluation of Teaching Effectiveness

#### 5.1

All course sections taught by faculty employees shall be evaluated by students unless consultation with a college has resulted in an agreement by the dean of the college and the college peer review committee to evaluate fewer sections. In cases where student evaluations are not required for all course sections, sections chosen for evaluation shall be representative of the faculty unit employee's teaching assignment and shall be jointly determined in consultation between the faculty unit employee being evaluated and his/her department chair or program director. In the event of disagreement, each party shall select 50% of the course sections to be evaluated. The results of these evaluations shall be placed in the faculty unit employee's Personnel Action File. Results of evaluations may be stored in electronic format and incorporated by extension into the Personnel Action File provided that individuals involved in evaluations and personnel recommendations or decisions are provided secure access for these purposes.

5.1.1 For the purpose of clarity and comparability across campus, responses to all quantitative items shall be rated from 1 to 5, with 1 the lowest (worst) and 5 the highest (best). These numbers shall correspond to the following descriptors, in the following order: 1=Poor, 2=Below Average, 3=Average, 4=Good, 5=Excellent. Responses of "not applicable" or "does not apply" shall be placed at the end.

#### 5.1.2

Each form shall contain three common questions that together constitute universal reference points or common ground across the university's faculty evaluation process. The following common questions shall be the first questions on each form:

- Rate the instructor's overall organization and presentation of the course material.
- Rate the instructor's focus on the student learning outcomes listed in the syllabus.
- Rate the instructor's teaching overall.

In addition to these quantitative items, each form shall contain at least ~~two~~ **three** open-ended, qualitative items prompting students to provide written comments. The common open-ended questions shall be:

- What were the instructor's strengths?
- In what ways might the instructor improve this course?
- **SDSU is committed to the values of equity, diversity, and inclusion. Please describe whether the instructor created an inclusive learning environment where diverse students, particularly those from marginalized communities, were supported and welcomed?**

5.1.3 Any additional evaluative items shall be limited in number—no more than 10 additional quantitative items and no more than one additional qualitative item. Additional items shall emphasize criteria that are credibly evaluated by students (such as clarity of instruction, usefulness and timeliness of feedback on assignments and exams, perceived fairness, punctuality and reliability, ability to stimulate student interest, ability to communicate one's subject matter or expertise, and problem-solving ability), rather than criteria that students are not particularly well qualified to judge (such as the instructor's knowledge of the subject matter or teaching methodology).

5.1.4 If included on the form, demographic items (such as class standing, major, and so forth) and student self-evaluative items (such as hours spent on the class) should be listed last and clearly distinguished from instructor evaluation items.

5.1.5 The evaluation results report shall contain a composite mean of the three common questions as well as an overall average of all quantitative items.

5.1.6 Student evaluations collected as part of the regular student evaluation process shall be anonymous and identified only by course number.

5.1.7 Student communications or evaluations provided outside of the regular evaluation process shall be identified by name in order to be included in the Personnel Action File.

5.1.8 The results of student evaluation of instruction shall be an important element of the evaluation of instruction but not the sole indicator of instructional quality.

5.1.9 The results of student evaluations of teaching effectiveness for temporary faculty employees shall be included in their periodic evaluations as required.

5.1.10 The results of student evaluations of teaching effectiveness for probationary and tenured faculty employees shall be part of the WPAF as required.

#### Rationale:

Last year, the Senate approved a policy change that requires all new faculty hires to meet at least two of the eight Building on Inclusive Excellence criteria that ask whether candidates have experience or demonstrated commitment to teaching, research and/or service with underrepresented populations. The proposed policy change brings our teaching evaluations into better alignment with these criteria, and with our institutional values.



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## **Resolution of the University Senate in Support of Open Access Publishing for Faculty Publications**

**WHEREAS:** Open access publishing and archiving is central to the long-term viability of the dissemination of scholarship; and

**WHEREAS:** Open access publishing is compatible with rigorous peer-review and scholarly evaluation, and there are a range of metrics available to demonstrate the impact of open access journals; and

**WHEREAS:** Freely accessible scholarship benefits the academy and society at large; and

**WHEREAS:** Open access fulfills federal grant mandates for research dissemination; and

**WHEREAS:** Open access showcases SDSU scholarship and thus enhances the university's scholarly and scientific research impact; and

**WHEREAS:** Open access contributes to global information sharing by making materials available to scholars outside of the United States who do not have access to expensive databases; and

**WHEREAS:** SDSU has established a strategic commitment to promoting transborder scholarship and research partnerships with higher education institutions in Latin America; and

**WHEREAS:** Open access increases access to publications for the SDSU community, given sharply rising costs for online journals and databases; and

**WHEREAS:** Open access publishing by faculty assists the affordable course materials goals laid out in the 2016 University Senate Resolution in support of Open Educational Resources as a means to reduce textbook costs; and

**WHEREAS:** A campus-wide open access initiative would provide SDSU faculty with leverage to negotiate more favorable copyright terms with publishers;

**Therefore, be it resolved that members of the San Diego State University Senate:**

1. Encourage faculty to publish in peer-reviewed journals meeting college and department retention, tenure, and promotion criteria that allow open access archiving of pre or post print versions or peer-reviewed journals that are entirely open access; and
2. Affirm the rights of faculty to publish in the publications of their choice; and
3. Acknowledge the value of peer-reviewed open access publications that meet college and department criteria in tenure and promotion standards; and
4. Support models for scholarly publishing that promote open access and are consistent with standards for peer review and scholarly excellence; and
5. **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT** that the University Senate Faculty Affairs Committee work in collaboration with the University Library to develop an SDSU Open Access Policy.

**RATIONALE:** San Diego State University supports the Mission of the California State University, which includes advancing and extending knowledge, learning, and culture, especially throughout California. Economic and legal barriers continue to limit access to knowledge, and the rising cost of subscriptions coupled with flat or diminished collections budgets has a negative impact on SDSU community access to publications. COVID-19 and the global pandemic response have highlighted access inequities as well as illustrated the benefits to society of open access during the global effort to preserve life and produce a vaccine.

Open access refers to free, online public access to scholarly works available in journals, university repositories, and discipline repositories, including data sets and all forms of scholarly communication. The benefits of open access include: contributing to the economic long-term viability of the dissemination of scholarship, increasing access to scholarship for society at large, fulfilling federal grant mandates, increasing citation discoverability for researchers, and contributing to global scholarship for researchers who may not have access to expensive subscriptions and databases, particularly for scholars residing in countries with the fewest economic resources. Locally, Open Access materials support CSU and SDSU affordable learning



materials initiatives and goals laid out in the 2016 University Senate Resolution in support of Open Educational Resources as a means to reduce textbook costs.

The principle of open access is actively being adopted by American and international universities, professional organizations and federal agencies.<sup>1</sup> Looking to the future, emerging forms of scholarly work do not depend on traditional publishing formats with restrictive copyright licenses. At the campus level, open access contributes to educational equity by making publications assigned in classes more accessible and affordable for students.

Submitted by:

Endorsed by:

The SDSU Library Faculty

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<sup>1</sup> <http://roarmap.eprints.org/>

**San Diego State University Senate Resolution  
in Response to the Escalating Anti-Asian Hate in the United States**

**Whereas**, The University Senate has a longstanding commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion. Specifically, the Senate’s diversity statement indicates that SDSU’s academic and co-curricular programs should reflect all diverse communities and be attentive to: “Freedom from discrimination, harassment, and violence against persons or property is a basic right and is requisite for learning”; and

**Whereas**, San Diego State University (SDSU) is located in San Diego County, which is home to 440,660 Asian Pacific Islander Desi American (APIDA) persons, who represent one out of every seven residents and is the fastest-growing racial group in the County; and

**Whereas**, SDSU consists of 13.4% students who identify as APIDA; and

**Whereas**, Harassment and violence against APIDA persons have increased<sup>1</sup> since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic due to inflammatory and racist rhetoric; and

**Whereas**, Racist incidents against APIDA persons in San Diego county<sup>23</sup> and SDSU mirror national trends; and

**Whereas**, The increase in hate crimes against APIDA persons is a direct result of white supremacist, anti-Asian xenophobia, and yellow peril that have persisted in the United States since the 19th century positioning APIDA persons as “perpetual foreigners”; and

**Whereas**, The increase in hate crimes against women of Asian descent cannot be separated from the racism and sexism represented and is also a direct result of the hypersexualization and fetishization of Asian women (and other women of color); and

**Whereas**, The “Model Minority Myth”<sup>4</sup> by which APIDA persons are deemed self-sufficient and as such requiring neither assistance nor attention, and the resultant widespread gaslighting of anti-Asian racism – ranging from incidents to violent hate crimes, occurring nationally – is a real threat at SDSU; and

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<sup>1</sup> Asian Americans have been verbally and physically attacked, shunned during pandemic, study shows <https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-03-16/anti-asian-hate-pandemic>

<sup>2</sup> San Diego’s Spike In Hate Crimes Against Asian Americans Mirrors National Trend <https://www.kpbs.org/news/2021/mar/04/nationwide-rise-hate-incidents-against-asian-ameri/>

<sup>3</sup> There Were 3,800 Anti-Asian Racist Incidents, Mostly Against Women, in Past Year <https://www.nbcsandiego.com/news/national-international/there-were-3800-anti-asian-racist-incidents-mostly-against-women-in-past-year/2551010/>

<sup>4</sup> The Model Minority Myth <https://thepractice.law.harvard.edu/article/the-model-minority-myth/>

**Whereas,** In response to these incidents of racial violence targeting APIDA communities, President de la Torre, Vice President of Student Affairs J. Luke Wood, and APIDA Center Director Virginia Loh-Hagan released a statement noting: “Solidarity and community are key. We must lean into difficult conversations, speak up against discrimination and hate-motivated actions, and stand together to support our APIDA communities”; and

**Whereas,** The SDSU APIDA Resource Center’s solidarity statement states, “SDSU APIDA Resource Center denounces all acts of intolerance, hate, and discrimination. We urge all persons to stand in solidarity with the APIDA community against racist sentiments. We want all of our community members, especially those who identify as APIDA, to know that we see you, care about you, and support you. We will rise above the anti-Asian sentiment caused by local, national, and global conversations concerning the COVID-19 pandemic. We will act with care and compassion for those impacted by COVID-19. We will be kinder, braver, and stronger for those who feel targeted and vulnerable. We will work together to create a safe, supportive space. All are welcome here”; and

**Whereas,** SDSU has a Center for Asian and Pacific Studies that has a mission “to prepare our students to thrive in an environment impacted by globalization by imparting knowledge of and insight on the dynamic Asian societies and cultures at the forefront of change”; and

**Whereas,** SDSU has a department of Linguistics and Asian/Middle Eastern Languages that supports the learning of Asian languages such as Chinese, Filipino, Japanese, and Korean; and

**Whereas,** SDSU has a Chinese Cultural Center and a Division of International Affairs that seek to increase international and binational awareness and to develop globally-conscious citizens; and

**Whereas,** SDSU should be a place where all faculty, staff, administrators, and students have the right to study and work in a safe environment free of racism, discrimination, intolerance, and violence; and

**Therefore, be it resolved** that the SDSU University Senate condemns acts of hatred and violence toward Asian American Pacific Islander Desi American (APIDA) persons by urging CSU Chancellor Joseph I, Castro, the CSU Chancellor’s Office, the Academic Senate of the CSU, President de la Torre, the SDSU Administration, appropriate Senate

and campus committees, and all members of the campus community to support and, where authorized and appropriate, to enact the following:

- Support the APIDA Resource Center's [Pledge](#) to Take Action In Support of the APIDA Community by committing to create a welcoming and safe campus climate for our APIDA community
- Elevate and expand current Asian American Studies classes
- Establish an Asian American Studies program, including a minor and major program
- Re-establish a department of Asian American Studies (which was approved by SDSU University Senate in the 1990s) and hire a Chair and faculty who are specifically trained in Asian American studies
- Disaggregate data of APIDA and Asian students, faculty, and staff in order to receive adequate funding and resource allocations as are provided to Under-Represented Minorities (URM)
- Encourage ongoing critical reflections, conversations, and intentional efforts – such as educating from culturally appropriate curriculum – in addressing racial, social, and economic injustices and inequities, especially within the APIDA communities, thereby further humanizing APIDA community members
- Encourage ongoing efforts to improve employment practices – such as in advertising, applicant screening, hiring committee appointments, and interview processes – to recruit, hire, train, and retain APIDA faculty and staff, both full-time and part-time
- Encourage the documentation and investigation of all reported incidents in order to promote respect and protection of the APIDA community
- Participate in training and professional development that address anti-bias, anti-racism, etc.
- Encourage other units, departments, and divisions at SDSU to adopt or create solidarity statements that support our APIDA campus members
- Encourage ongoing efforts to amplify and promote APIDA campus members

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In addition, the following **Signers** support the passing of this resolution:

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To: Senate Executive Committee/Senate  
 From: Graduate Council  
 Date: April 8, 2021  
 Re: 2022-2023 *University Catalog*

**ACTION (3A-04-21)**

**HISTORY**

1. New subprogram.

History

**Specific Requirements for the Master of Arts Degree  
 Concentration in War and Society Studies  
 (Major Code: 22051) (SIMS Code: XXXXXX)**

In addition to meeting the requirements for classified graduate standing and the basic requirements for the master's degree as described in Requirements for Master's Degrees, concentration students must complete a graduate program of 30 units.

Required courses (9 units):

HIST 601 Seminar in Historical Methods . . . 3  
 HIST 602 Seminar in Historical Approaches to War and Society in  
 the Modern Era . . . 3  
 HIST 665 Seminar in History . . . 3

Nine units selected from the following:

HIST 610 Seminar in Public History . . . 3  
 HIST 620 Directed Readings in European History . . . 3  
 HIST 630 Directed Readings in United States History . . . 3  
 HIST 640 Directed Readings in Latin American History . . . 3  
 HIST 650 Directed Readings in Asian History . . . 3  
 HIST 680 Directed Readings in Selected Topics . . . 3

Six units selected from 500-700 level history courses, three units which must be outside the department with approval from USS Midway Chair or designee.

**Plan A (6 units):**

HIST 665 Research Seminar in History . . . 3  
 HIST 799A Thesis . . . 3 (Cr/NC/RP)

***OR***

**Plan B (6 units):**

HIST 795 Area Studies in History . . . 3 (Cr/NC)

***AND***

Three units selected from History 610-680

**POLITICAL SCIENCE**

## 1. New advanced certificate.

Political Science

**Public Policy Advanced Certificate**  
**(SIMS Code: XXXXXX)**

The 15-unit certificate provides students with both a theoretical and practical foundation in policy studies. Students take core courses introducing them to major theoretical traditions in the field, at least one research methods course, and electives that either provide an in-depth look at a policy area or develop skills through an internship or a thesis project. This advanced certificate is intended for students who wish to pursue policy-related careers in either the public or private sectors. The certificate is open to all matriculated students with a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution or its equivalent from a foreign institution.

Required courses (6 units):

P A 660 Administration and Public Policy Development . . . 3  
 POL S 603 Seminar in Foundations of Public Policy...3

Research methods elective selected from (3 units):

P A 605 Seminar in Applied Research...3  
 P A 606 Seminar in Quantitative Approaches to Public  
 Administration . . . 3  
 POL S 616 Tools for Quantitative Analysis . . . 3  
 POL S 617 Seminar in Applied Qualitative Methods...3

Electives selected from (6 units):

C P 635 Seminar in Housing Policy and Community  
 Development . . . 3  
 C P 675 Seminar in Land Use and Environmental Law...3  
 P A 799A Thesis . . . 3 (Cr/NC/RP) (with approval from the  
 certificate administrator)  
 POL S 560 Comparative Public Policy . . . 3  
 POL S 635 Seminar in Politics of Public Policy . . . 3  
 POL S 796 Internship in Public Policy . . . 3  
 POL S 799A Thesis . . . 3 (Cr/NC/RP) (with approval from the  
 certificate administrator).

Students may also take an additional research methods course as an elective. Students must maintain a minimum GPA of 3.0 in all advanced certificate coursework, with a grade of C (2.0) or better in each course. At least half of the coursework must be at the 600- and 700-level. Courses in the certificate program may be applied to a master's degree (if applicable) with approval of the adviser.

Date: 27 April 2021  
 To: Senate  
 From: D.J. Hopkins, Chair, Academic Policy and Planning Committee (AP&P)  
 Subject: ACTION: Policy revisions regarding current-term withdrawals and retroactive withdrawals

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**ACTION:** The AP&P Committee moves that the Senate adopt the following policy revisions regarding current-term withdrawals and retroactive withdrawals, to be added to the University Policy File under sections 9.0–9.2 of academic policies on Grades.

**CONTEXT:** This policy proposal was developed by the Assistant Deans Council in collaboration with the Registrar and the Director of Advising and Evaluations.

The Chancellor’s Office, through Executive Order 1037, prescribes the allowances and limits of withdrawals. Assistant Deans are responsible for reviewing every student request to withdraw and approving or denying, in accordance with campus policy and procedures. The Assistant Deans Council recommends the following revisions to the permanent withdrawal policy for the following reasons:

- To bring Senate policy and campus process into alignment with EO 1037 (which allows more flexibility with reasons needed for withdrawal)
- To support student success and the goals of Graduation Initiative 2025.

Summary of key proposed policy language changes:

- Limit documented “serious and compelling” current-term withdrawals to an 18-unit maximum, per EO 1037, unless a case meets “catastrophic” circumstances.
- Restrict withdrawals in last 20% of a term to the more restrictive “catastrophic” circumstances, such as accident or serious illness, per EO 1037.
- Allow students to petition for single-course retroactive withdrawals in order to facilitate progress to degree completion.
- Clearly distinguish undergraduate student policy from graduate student policy.
- Simplify language regarding implementation of policy across terms. (Ex. “10th day” becomes “Schedule Adjustment Deadline,” so that terminology applies to summer session timeline, as well as Fall or Spring semesters.)

Note that the blue text and green highlighted text under “Retroactive Withdrawal” indicate policy changes already approved this semester.

## 9.0 Official Withdrawal

After the ~~10th day of instruction~~ **Schedule Adjustment Deadline**, a student may ~~drop-withdraw from a course(s) under conditions outlined below~~ for a verified serious and compelling reason. The undergraduate student shall obtain the signature of the instructor and the approval of the college dean or designee. The graduate student shall obtain the signature of the instructor and the approval of the college dean or designee, or the Dean of Graduate Affairs or designee where required. For late withdrawals processed from the ~~11th through the 20th day of classes~~, **Schedule Adjustment Deadline through Census**, all notation of the course shall be deleted from the student's record; for late withdrawals processed after the ~~20th day of classes~~ **Census**, the symbol W shall replace an assigned grade. **Summer session deadlines may vary.**

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### Late Change of Program

### Late Schedule Adjustment

- 9.1.1 Withdrawing from a **course(s) class** after the **Schedule Adjustment Deadline** ~~10th day of instruction~~ and before the **last 20%** ~~three weeks~~ of instruction shall be permitted only for **unforeseen** ~~verified~~ serious and compelling reasons. **All such requests shall be accompanied by appropriate verification. Undergraduate students may withdraw from no more than 18 semester-units attempted at SDSU.** Permission to withdraw from a **course(s) class** during this period shall be granted only with the **signature-approval** of the instructor, ~~who shall indicate the student's grade in the class, and with the approval of the College dean or designee~~ **(Graduate Dean or designee in the case of graduate students).** **Permission to withdraw from all courses in the current term shall be granted with approval of the College dean or designee (Graduate Dean or designee in the case of graduate students).** **Catastrophic Withdrawals (see 9.1.2) during Late Schedule Adjustment do not count toward the unit maximum, and for graduate students, with the signature of the instructor, who shall indicate the student's grade in the class, and with the approval of the college dean or designee or of the Dean of Graduate Affairs or designee where required.**

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### 9.1.2 Catastrophic Withdrawal

Students shall not be permitted to withdraw from a **course(s) class** during the final **20%** ~~three weeks~~ of instruction **except in cases, such as** ~~unless~~ accident or serious illness ~~creates conditions where the cause of the withdrawal is due to circumstances clearly~~ beyond the student's control and the assignment of an incomplete is not practical. All such requests shall be accompanied by appropriate verification. **Such withdrawals will not count against unit maximums in 9.1.1.** ~~Ordinarily, these withdrawals shall involve withdrawal from the university and shall require the signature of each instructor, who shall indicate the student's grade in the class, and the approval of the dean or designee of the college of the student's major.~~ **Permission to withdraw from a course during this period shall be granted only with the approval of the instructor, the College dean**

or designee, and an Academic Affairs administrator appointed by the president. Permission to withdraw from all courses in the current term shall be granted with approval of the College dean or designee and the Academic Affairs Administrator or designee. For graduate students, ~~total~~ withdrawal from one or more courses during the final 20 % of instruction shall require the signature of each instructor, who shall indicate the student's grade in the class, and ~~the approval of the Graduate Dean of Graduate Affairs or designee.~~ **Graduate** Dean of Graduate Affairs or designee.

## RETROACTIVE WITHDRAWAL

After the last day of the semester or session, a student who wishes to change assigned grades to W grades ~~may~~ **shall** request to withdraw from either **individual courses, or** the full semester's or session's work. ~~no requests for individual classes shall be accepted.~~ Such requests may be granted only in ~~verified~~ cases such as accident or serious illness where the cause for substandard performance was beyond the student's control. **All requests shall be accompanied by appropriate verification.** Only those retroactive changes from an assigned grade to a W ~~which are approved by the instructor who assigned the original grade shall be made except that~~ (a) that are approved by the dean or designee **(including assistant deans)** of the college of the student's major ~~shall authorize the change of U to W,~~ and (b) department chairs or school directors shall act on behalf of ~~instructors no longer affiliated with the university~~ **and the Academic Affairs Administrator or designee.**

### 9.2.2

For graduate students, each retroactive change from an assigned grade to a W shall be approved by the instructor who assigned the original grade except that a) the Dean of Graduate ~~Studies Affairs~~ **Studies Affairs** or designee may authorize the change of U **or WU** to W, and b) department chairs or school directors shall act on behalf of instructors no longer affiliated with the university or absent from the university for a length of time that would unduly delay processing the withdrawal request.

TO: Senate Executive Committee / Senate

FROM: Heather Canary & Gregory Wilson  
Co-Chairs, General Education Curriculum and Assessment Committee

DATE: April 20, 2021

RE: GENERAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

## **Action**

### **II. FOUNDATIONS OF LEARNING**

#### **B. Social and Behavioral Sciences**

*New course*

SLHS 222. Communication as a Human Right (3) [GE]

Human communication disorders and how they influence abilities to engage in various domains of life to include community engagement, education, legal and medical systems, media, and politics.

#### **C. Arts and Humanities**

##### **1. Arts: Arts, Cinema, Dance, Music, Theatre**

*New course*

ART 215. Visual Odyssey through Comics and Sequential Media (3) [GE]

Techniques and methodologies for applying visual tools such as drawing, photography, and video to the telling of culturally relevant stories.

*New course*

TFM 267. Independent Cinema (3) [GE]

Filmmaking that has declared independence from mainstream aesthetics, industrial conventions, and the political status quo.

##### **2. Humanities: History, Languages other than English, Literature, Philosophy, Religious Studies**

*New course*

LATAM 230. Intermediate Nahuatl I (4) [GE]

Prerequisite: Latin American Studies 131 with a grade of C (2.0) or better.  
Further development of speaking and writing skills, extended to discourse level with emphasis on the language of everyday life. Integrated approach to learning Nahuatl to include awareness of Nahua cultures.

### **III. LIFELONG LEARNING AND SELF-DEVELOPMENT**

*New course*

ENGL 245. Literature, the Self, and Society (3) [GE]

Literary depictions of the self in society and the personal relevance of these depictions. Individual identity and psychology. Impacts of class, embodiment, gender, race, sexuality on selfhood, socialization.

*Change to abbreviation and addition to course statement*

RTM 100. Sustainable Self-Development (3) [GE]

Applications, definitions, key concepts, measures, and theories of sustainable development of individuals and society. Establishment of effective and potentially fulfilling sustainability lifestyle plan for the future. Interrelationships between biodiversity and society. (Formerly numbered Professional Studies And Fine Arts 100.)

*New course*

RTM 102. Wellness and Recreation for Life Through Surfing (3) [GE]

Links between recreation, society, and wellness through surfing culture and lifestyle. Wellness dimensions and incorporation throughout one's life via surfing or other recreation-driven lifestyles.

#### **IV. EXPLORATIONS OF HUMAN EXPERIENCE**

##### **B. Social and Behavioral Sciences**

*Existing course added to general education*

\*AFRAS 300. Afro-Brazilian Community, Culture, and Identity (3) [GE]

Culture, history, and the social institutions of Brazilians of African descent. Economic and political standing in Brazil's contemporary urban and traditional rural societies.

*Change to abbreviation and addition to course statement*

HTM 381. Cross-Cultural Interpretations of Gambling Addiction (3) [GE]

Prerequisite: Upper division standing.

Cross-cultural applications of scientific knowledge about gambling addiction and disordered gambling. Social and historic place of gambling in government revenue generation and political consequences of particular public policy actions. (Formerly numbered Professional Studies And Fine Arts 381.)

*New course*

CCS 360. Culture of Fútbol: Chicana/os, Latina/os, and Soccer (3) [GE]

Cultural dynamics of fútbol (soccer), in the U.S./Mexico transborder context. Impact of class, ethnicity, gender, history, nationality, politics, and race on the culture of the sport, from youth and recreational participation to professional leagues and fandom.



### C. Humanities

*New course*

\*BRAZ 333. The Amazon is the Center of the World (3) [GE]

Prerequisite: Upper division standing.

Amazonia as a transnational region. Cosmovisions and narratives from the Amazon. Film, literature, and visual art. Indigenous rights and environmental activism, sustainable development. Amazonia in the Latin American imaginary.

*New course*

\*BRAZ 433. Creative Interventions in South American Streets: Activism, Art, and the City (3) [GE]

Prerequisite: Upper division standing.

Dynamics, history, and movements of public art and street art. Flash mobs, graffiti, memorials, muralism, pixação, and other art in public space. Political and social implications of art including commodification, gentrification, and policy. Includes stencil workshop and creative final project. No artistic experience required.

*New course*

\*BRAZ 455. Sport in Brazilian Society (3) [GE]

Prerequisite: Upper division standing.

Brazilian jiu-jitsu, capoeira, soccer, and surfing. Intersections of gender, politics, race, and sport to include film, literature, and scholarship from social sciences.

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\*Cultural diversity course

**Memo****April 20, 2021****To: Senate Executive Committee****From: The Alternative Transportation Committee****Re: Action - Policy File Update (Section 4.2 of Facilities policies on Parking and Traffic)****Policy file language- existing language with red text additions or strikeouts.**

4.2 **Commercially shared** electric or motorized skateboards, scooters, bicycles, or other non-human propelled micro-mobility devices ~~are not~~ **may only be** permitted to be used on campus **if the commercial entity has a current operating contract with the university**. All electric or motorized micro-mobility devices used to commute to campus shall be parked in zones designated for these devices.

**Rationale**

The use of electric scooters and bicycles was prohibited on campus after their proliferation in the 2018-19 AY. This resulted in extensive clutter as micro-mobility devices accumulated at popular locations, blocking walkways and entrances. In addition, there was little control over the velocity, or areas of travel for the micro-mobility devices, posing potential hazards to riders and pedestrians. Attempts to reach a compromise with rental companies, enforcing geofenced speed and parking limitations were unsuccessful, leading to their outright prohibition.

Since the approval of this policy the commercial micro-mobility rental landscape has evolved, with significant industry consolidation. These larger entities are no longer flooding the market to gain ridership, and are more amenable to establishing working relationships with the community.

The proposed changes to the policy will allow Parking & Transportation Services to enter into contract negotiations with commercial micro-mobility entities to allow for limited and controlled access for their devices on campus, rectifying the issues that arose in the first wave of micro-mobility device proliferation.

Contract negotiations will stipulate the need for the vendor to provide:

- Regular redistribution of micro-mobility devices to reduce clutter
- Infrastructure for designated parking/docking of the micro-mobility devices
- Geofencing to control regions of access, and micro-mobility device speeds

## Resolution of the San Diego State University Senate to Allow Smudging On Campus

Whereas: A Smudging Ceremony is the ritual use of plants and herbs in a shell or a clay bowl while prayers are said, and

Whereas: Smudging is an Indigenous tradition which involves the burning of sage, sweetgrass and/or cedar to use the lite smoke produced as purification; and

Whereas: For millennia, Native American and Indigenous cultures have practiced smudging rituals to clear away negative energy and to invite in peace, harmony, clarity and blessings; and

Whereas: Smudging is traditionally a ceremony for purifying or cleansing the soul of negative thoughts of a person or a place; and

Whereas: Other universities have developed policies and procedures that allow for the safe use of smudging in campus spaces, and these may be used as a guide for similar policies and procedures at San Diego State<sup>1</sup>;

Therefore, Be It Resolved that the University Senate urges President de la Torre and appropriate committees undertake the following actions:

- SDSU Environmental Health and Safety in consultation with the Tribal Liaison shall assess multiple campus locations for the feasibility of smudging;
- Formally allow Native and Indigenous people to smudge in designated areas and buildings as approved by the Tribal Liaison;
- Based on that assessment, SDSU public safety will generate a list of campus locations where Native people may practice their cultural traditions;
- In collaboration with the Tribal Liaison and the Director of the Native Resource Center, the Senate Environment and Safety Committee will develop procedures and policy to govern approval and practice of smudging activities.
- That Environmental Health and Safety and the Tribal Liaison would submit the designated locations as an update item to the University Senate before the end of December 2021.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.umt.edu/policies/browse/facilities-security/smudging-pipe-ceremonies>

Date: 23 March 2021

To: Senate

From: Peter Atterton, Chair, Constitution and Bylaws Committee

Subject: ACTION ITEMS

## **Referral 2/20212 AS-IVC requests a seat on the Senate**

Motion (Second Reading):

Bylaws

Change from:

1.42 Five students chosen by Associated Students in San Diego, two of the five being graduate students chosen in consultation with the Dean of Graduate Affairs according to the Bylaws of Associated Students.

To:

1.42 Seven students chosen by Associated Students:

1.421 Five students from the San Diego Campus, two of the five being graduate students chosen in consultation with the Dean of Graduate Affairs according to the Bylaws of Associated Students **in San Diego**.

**1.422 Two students from the Imperial Valley Campus chosen by Associated Students at SDSU Imperial Valley.**

Rationale: Originally (02/2021), a referral was made by the Senate Officers to add one student from SDSU Imperial Valley, but this was superseded by a request from AS President Imperial Valley to secure four, later changed to two, student representatives from IV SDSU. CBL voted unanimously to recommend two students to the Senate. In making its recommendation, CBL was aware that if students from the San Diego Campus were given the same proportional elective representation in the Senate, it would mean there would be over 70 students in the Senate. However, Vice President for Student Affairs & Campus Diversity, also present at the meeting, informed CBL that SDSU's Strategic Plan entailed more representation of students from SDSU Imperial Valley. Historically, students from IV SDSU have not had much of a voice regarding the university's decisions. This would correct that.

Being a part of the University Senate will allow IV SDSU student leaders to participate in Senate deliberations and take part in important policy-making that impact the IV SDSU. It will give student leaders a deeper understanding of the university's decisions and implications for our diverse student body.

**Memo****April 20, 2021****To: Senate Executive Committee****From: International Affairs Council, Chair and IAVP Cristina Alfaro****Re: Report - Proposing Global Learning (GL) Designation and Approval Process****I. SDSU CURRICULUM POLICY FOR GLOBAL LEARNING (GL) DESIGNATION AND APPROVAL OF NEW GL COURSES**

Each new Global Learning (GL) course proposal will be reviewed by the Global Learning Subcommittee of the International Affairs Council. Designation as a GL course requires that the following criteria be met. These elements must be addressed in writing as part of the GL designation curriculum proposal and should be clearly reflected in the proposed syllabus:

1. Evidence that at least one of the SDSU Global Learning Outcomes (GLOs) (<https://www.sdsu.edu/internationalaffairs/glos>) is integral to and supports the academic focus and objectives of the course. In the syllabus, this can be communicated in the course description, including a separate explanation of how the course and its academic expectations connect to at least one of the GLOs.
2. Description of the mechanism(s) used to connect and engage with both local and global perspectives in the course content. This may be done through various methods including but not limited to: facilitated class discussions, guided readings, guest speakers or panelists (in-person or virtual), experiential class periods, field trips, structured out-of-class engagements such as volunteering as language tutors, or written assignments focusing on critical and cultural reflections.
3. A minimum of 15 hours engaged in GLOs-informed global learning experiences such as participating in international events on campus, international research, international internship, studying abroad, a COIL (Collaborative Online International Learning) project, or engagement with an international community either in the San Diego local community or our broader transborder region.
4. Description should include the:
  - location(s) or cultural context(s) where the global learning experience will be completed (e.g., on SDSU campus, in the San Diego local community, across our broader transborder region, location abroad, or virtually);
  - expected global or intercultural learning skills and goals that speak to and connect with at least one of the GLOs;
  - course materials and readings that reflect both local and global perspectives;

- course activities, assignments, assessments that will meet the learning goals, including a description of the mechanisms and opportunities for students' ongoing critical reflections about the global learning experience and its relationship with course content (e.g., class discussions, journals, papers, presentations, etc.).
  - (If applicable) needs of any community partners and their relationship to the course learning outcomes;
5. The grading standards of the course must reflect that the weight assigned to the global experience component accounts for a significant portion of the total course grade (minimum of 15%, with 20% or more being optimal).

## II. GLOBAL LEARNING DEFINITIONS, OUTCOMES, AND OTHER ITEMS TO INCLUDE IN GL COURSE SYLLABI

The information provided below is to support faculty in developing a thorough Global Learning course syllabus. Please include the following items in your syllabus:

### 1. SDSU Definition of Global Learning

Global Learning is “. . . a critical analysis of and an engagement with complex, interdependent global systems and legacies (such as natural, physical, social, cultural, economic, and political) and their implications for people's lives and the earth's sustainability.” (AACU Shared Futures: Global and Social Responsibility initiative, n.d.) At SDSU, global learning takes place throughout the SDSU experience, inside and outside of the classroom, internationalizing SDSU students and their perspectives of themselves and others. Opportunities for global learning include internationalized on-campus coursework, virtual international programs, and off-campus international programs.

### 2. SDSU Global Learning Outcomes

As part of their global learning at SDSU, all students (undergraduate and graduate) will:

- Explore their **personal and cultural identities** through time in a global or glocal context.
- Examine the relationships between **language, culture, history and power** as relevant to their area(s) of study.
- Learn about and respond to at least one **global issue** that transcends national political borders or has distinct implications in different national contexts (e.g. United Nations Sustainable Development Goals framework).
- Increase **career readiness** by being able to articulate (e.g. in a job interview) skills gained and awareness developed through global learning, and how they will utilize this learning in practice.

An SDSU Global Learning Course is an academic course that provides students with opportunities to achieve SDSU Global Learning Outcomes and participate in a global learning experience (e.g., international events on campus, international research, international internship, studying abroad, a COIL project, or an international project in the San Diego local community or our transborder region) while linking these experiences to course content. Global Learning courses enhance education by providing multiple perspectives, and engaging students in activities that expand the scope of the course beyond physical and cultural borders. Ongoing critical reflections are essential to the success of global learning.

At SDSU, Global Learning experiences and activities are supported by International Affairs: <https://www.sdsu.edu/internationalaffairs>. Prior to participating in a global learning experience outside the United States, SDSU requires students to complete the relevant application process and required insurance/liability forms. Faculty members must refer students to International Affairs to provide clear instructions about these requirements.

#### ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO INCLUDE IN YOUR SYLLABUS

A course description that includes a discussion of the global learning project or experience.

A detailed description of the global learning project or experience in the course assignments section, including main tasks, and alignment with at least one of the four Global Learning Outcomes (GLOs).

A detailed description of the structured critical reflection assignment(s). Such assignments can include journal writing based on specific prompts, formal and informal oral presentations based on specific prompts, role playing, interviewing classmates, photo essays, collages, and more.

A description of resources to support students' global learning: As an example, consider including a statement such as Senate Resolutions in support of international students (July, 2020): "As educators and members of a global educational community, we (SDSU) faculty and staff, are dedicated to the success of all international students. It is the intent of the resolution to provide our international students with reassurance that we support them and will help them achieve their academic goals and complete their degrees, especially in times of disruptive federal immigration policy."

A description of grading policies or criteria for determining assignment grades and assessing the GLO-related learning outcomes.

## MEMO

Date: April 12, 2021

To: Senate Executive Committee

From: Senator Kelley on behalf of the Biology Department

Re: Agenda Item on master's student compensation

Members of the Committee:

The following information in this memo contains information relevant to the issue of extremely poor TA compensation in Biology, a situation mirrored in other CoS departments and the University as a whole. Teaching assistants are an indispensable part of student success both for what they are paid to do, namely teach hands-on science in labs, and what they do unpaid every day, namely teach UGs actual research skills as part of independent studies. Graduate research contributes directly to scholarship and grant funding, and the skills learned by these students in lab and the UG students they train are vital job skills for local companies, particularly Biotech. However, as these analyses show TAs are severely undercompensated and struggling to make it financially in one of the most expensive cities in the country. Part 1 below show the results of a survey of the Biology graduate students, and Part 2 is a comparative analysis of compensation relative to our peer institutions. -Scott Kelley, Biology

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**Part 1:** Results of a Biology department graduate student survey on financial well-being and mental health.

### **BGSA Graduate Student Climate Survey**

#### **Demographics**

In total, 55.1% of the respondents were from PhD programs and 44.9% were from Masters programs. 44.9% of the respondents were in Ecology, 26.5% in Evolutionary Biology, and 28.6% in Cell and Molecular Biology.

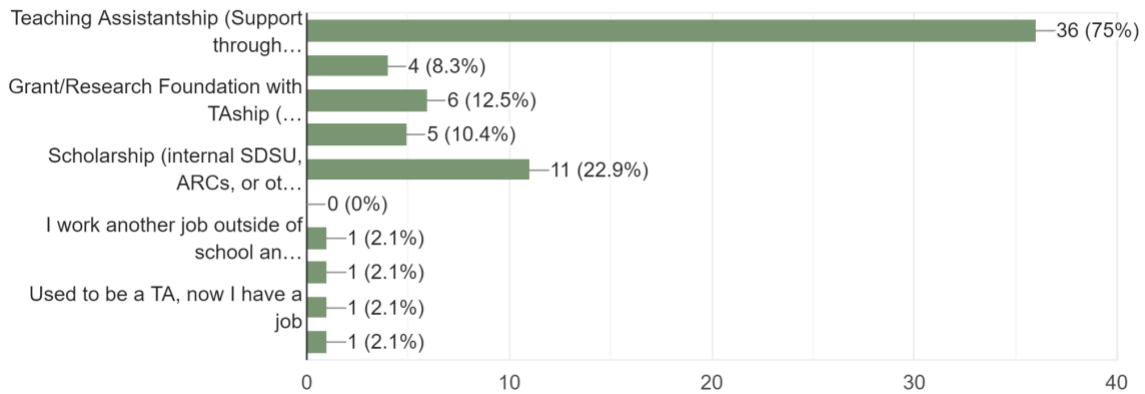
#### **Employment and Finances**

The majority of the graduate students surveyed receive support from Teaching Assistantships and of those with TAships 24% regularly work more than the allotted 20 hours a week.



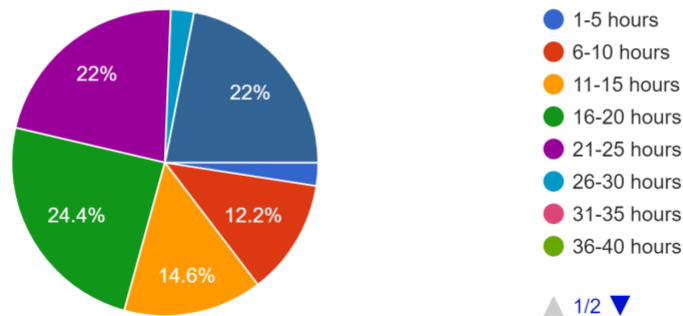
### What is your primary support status?

48 responses



### If you are currently a TA, how many hours a week are you working, including preparation of materials and virtual instruction?

41 responses

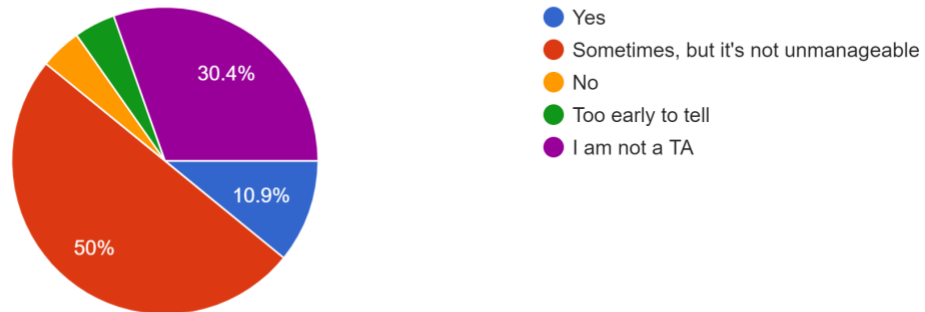


(Note: the 22% dark blue indicates students who are on TAships but not currently teaching since PhD students only teach one semester)

Furthermore, 60.9% of students state that their teaching assistantship interferes with their ability to perform their own research.

Is your teaching assistantship interfering with your ability to perform your own research?

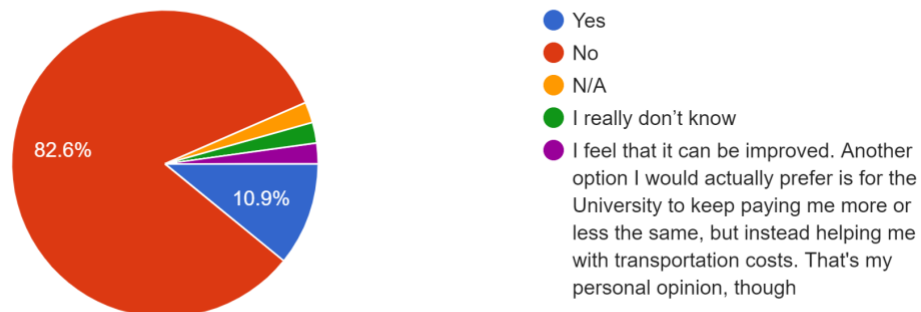
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**82.6% of all surveyed students (MS and PhD) feel like they are not adequately compensated for their work.**

Do you feel like you are being compensated adequately for your work as a graduate student?

46 responses

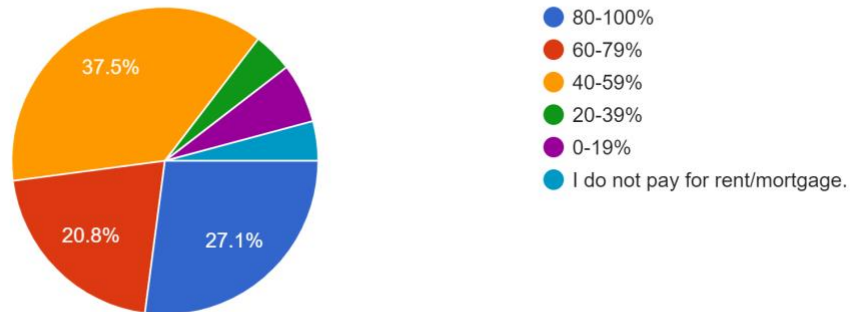


Many students in the program (**27.1%**) have student loans as a product of being in graduate school.

**The financial burden is amplified as 47.9% of students pay more than 60% of their income on rent**, leaving little behind for food and savings. Many of the students live with roommates to decrease the rent burden.

What percentage of your monthly SDSU income (after tax) goes to rent/mortgage?

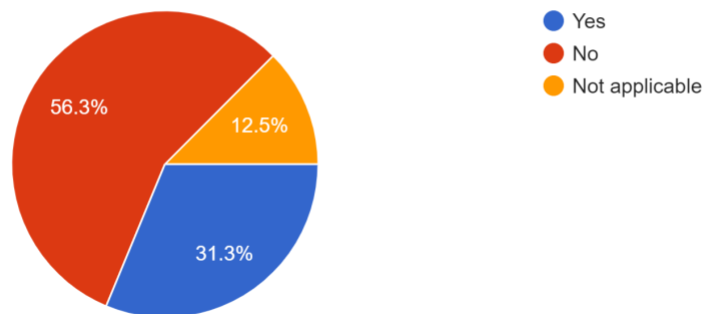
48 responses



The cost of transportation (parking, car upkeep, public transportation) is also a financial burden for our graduate students. 56.3% of respondents feel that the cost of transportation is not appropriately scaled to their income.

Do you feel that your cost of transportation is appropriately scaled to your income?

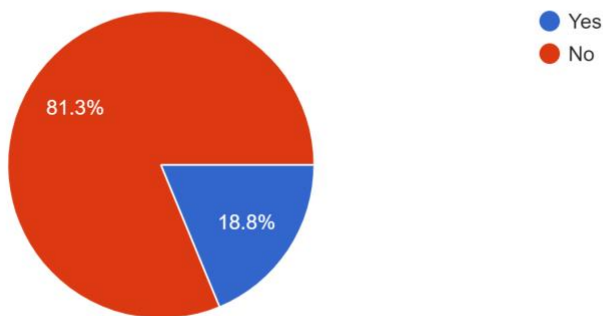
48 responses



In order to compensate for the cost of rent, transportation, and other amenities, **18.8%** of our respondents stated that they have a job earning income outside of their graduate student compensation.

Do you have a job earning income outside of your graduate student compensation?

48 responses



Additionally, **17% of our respondents use CalFresh, 59.6% use the food pantry, and 17% are enrolled in the SDG&E Care Program.** These are programs for low income families and individuals and many of our students were not aware these programs existed or that they were eligible.

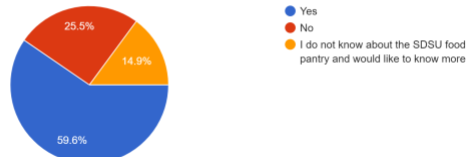
Do you receive CalFresh (SNAP/ food stamps benefits)?

47 responses



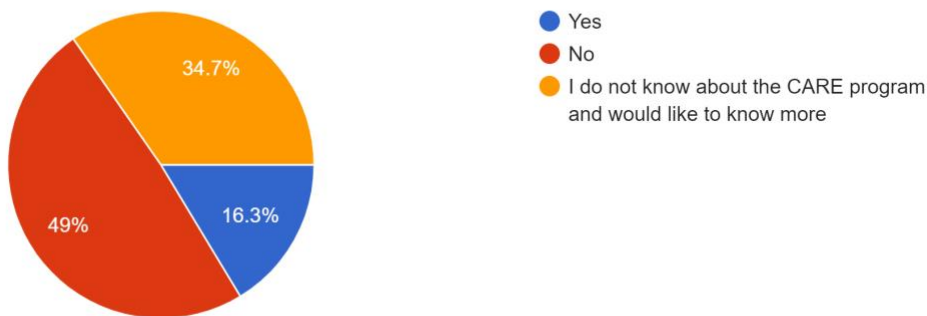
Are you aware of the food pantry on campus?

47 responses



Are you enrolled in the SDG&E CARE program?

49 responses



**Selected Comments from Survey Respondents Re: Finances**

“Pay the graduate TA's a living wage for San Diego. It's insane that we have to have to be on food stamps and incurring thousands of dollars in student debt just to get by.”

“Although I understand that M.S. students have it worse for their financial situations (i.e., no waiver of tuition), I still wish that SDSU had scholarship/fellowship/grant opportunities for PhD students. Now on paper they do, because they are open for PhD students to apply, but in reality you have no chance of being awarded them since priority is given to the Master's students. I just think that it is weird that my home university has no research funding opportunities for me.”

“Better pay for T/A positions”

### **Mental Health**

The majority of the students surveyed have a moderately healthy work/life balance. But mental health issues and lack of support are still largely unaddressed issues in graduate programs broadly.

When asked to select five topics that most affect their daily well-being, 21% of respondents indicated financial insecurity.

Students are generally unsatisfied with the university and department efforts to support mental health.

### **Selected Comments Re: what information, resources, or support could BGSA and/or the Biology Department provide to improve the well-being of yourself and those around you?**

“More information about the resources we have. Also, to get updates about how are financial support and progress expectations affected by the pandemic situation”

“Stipend Increase”

“Financial / Academic Guidance”

“I can't emphasize enough how much mental health and financial insecurity has put me back re: time to degree. I have been to multiple therapists under my university-provided health plan and their feedback was often discouraging. I am now back on track because of an out-of-network therapist who specializes in helping students finish their graduate degrees, and can only afford them through generous help from my family. The university as a whole desperately needs to improve their approach to mental health, and while my PI has been supportive, the negative atmosphere present in the ecology program area has been demoralizing.”

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**Part 2:** Faculty analysis of MS grad student compensation at SDSU relative to peer institutions.

We, the Biology Department Faculty, are deeply concerned about SDSU's inadequate compensation of MS students for the important work they provide to the university. MS student TAs enthusiastically train our undergraduates in many Biology laboratory courses, thereby helping SDSU achieve its Mission to provide "research-oriented, high quality education for undergraduates." Because our MS students critically support our research activities (publishing research and securing external grants), poorly compensating them has negative, rippling effects throughout our program and university. These effects significantly reduce our ability to remain competitive with other biology programs and prevent us from improving SDSU's national ranking.

SDSU faculty have long wanted to improve our ranking relative to peer institutions. To do so, we must outcompete our peers with respect to recruiting and training excellent, diverse graduate students. However, the quality of life of our current grad students (especially in the Biology MS program) prevents us from achieving these goals. For example, SDSU Biology MS students on TAs have a net income **\$12,000 less than those at peer research institutions** and live at or below the poverty level. This is before factoring in cost of living in San Diego which is more than twice that of many peer institutions (e.g., South Carolina). **To make SDSU's Biology MS Program competitive with our peers and to improve student success, we request that SDSU change Biology MS student compensation by 1) waiving tuition and 2) increasing TA stipends by at least \$8K.** This is especially true if we are to bring the demographics of our grad student population in line with the broader community (i.e., improving the recruitment and retention of students of color).

We ask that SDSU support its Biology MS students appropriately for the services they provide to achieve SDSU's educational mission for undergraduates. With respect to SDSU's research mission, Biology faculty already provide three significant items (that, in turn, support the educational mission). **First**, we provide Research Assistantships and summer salary for part of the tenure at SDSU through external grants. **Second**, we cover research-related expenses such as materials/supplies for experiments, publication costs, and travel to scientific conferences. **Third**, we willfully expend considerable energy towards graduate committee work (e.g., admissions and theses), graduate courses (e.g., lecturing and grading), and research mentorship (e.g., experimental design, statistical analysis, and scientific writing). But our ability to achieve our research goals is impaired because we do not adequately compensate our Biology MS student TAs.

Comparisons of SDSU Biology MS TA compensation to that of our peer universities revealed that **our TAs are shockingly under-compensated**. For this analysis, we identified eight peer institutions: Alabama, Louisiana State, New Hampshire, Ohio State, Oregon State, Oregon,

Rhode Island, and South Carolina. Next, we compared stipend, tuition, and fees using a public Google Salary Survey from 2019 and direct email exchanges with our colleagues at these institutions in 2021. The results were embarrassing: **All of our peers provide tuition waivers to graduate students (SDSU does not)**. After considering tuition waivers and higher stipends, our peers provide \$12K per year more than SDSU for each TA. This difference is even more striking when considering higher costs of living for our students. Because of this massive disparity, to be both competitive and ethical, SDSU must provide tuition waivers and a stipend increase of at least \$8K for Biology MS students.

A Spring 2021 survey of Biology graduate students conducted by the BGSA (Biology Graduate Student Association) revealed the hardships our students face because of SDSU's choices to poorly compensate these critical workers. Stunningly, 16% of our Biology graduate students receive Calfresh (and several of these students are underrepresented minorities), 31% of our students have loans from graduate school, and 33% earn income from jobs outside of SDSU, thereby leading to students working in the lab during off-hours. Only 9% of our graduate students feel adequately compensated.

This situation weakens our ability to compete with our peers to recruit excellent, diverse students. Offer letters into our MS program are increasingly declined and applicants report to us that poor compensation was their primary reason for not choosing SDSU. This is particularly problematic for new faculty trying to establish their labs.

April 2021

TO: Senate Executive Committee / Senate

FROM: DEI, Faculty Affairs and Tenure-Track Planning Committees

RE: INFORMATION item regarding diversity statements for faculty candidates

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Last year, the Senate approved a policy change that requires all new faculty hires to meet at least two of the eight Building on Inclusive Excellence criteria that ask whether candidates have experience or demonstrated commitment to teaching, research and/or service with underrepresented populations. These criteria are included in all position announcements, and the currently required language asks candidates to “Please indicate in your cover letter how you meet at least two of these criteria.”

However, some candidates overlook this request, making it more difficult for search committees and the BIE reviewers to determine whether candidates meet the criteria. Therefore, the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, Faculty Affairs, and Tenure-Track Planning Committees request that the AVP for Faculty Advancement update the boilerplate language in the Faculty Hiring Handbook. In place of current language, ask candidates to submit a separate diversity statement that explicitly communicates how the candidate meets at least two of the criteria. These statements’ length should be in line with statements for teaching & learning; a 2 to 3 page length is suggested.



TO: SEC

FROM: Cezar Ornatowski, Nola Butler-Byrd, Eniko Csomay

DATE: April 20, 2021

SUBJECT: Information: Report from the March 18-19, 2021 plenary meeting of the Academic Senate CSU (ASCSU)

The March 18-19, 2021 ASCSU plenary was held online.

### **Chancellor Castro**

The CA Legislature will restore the \$299 million cut to the CSU recurring budget. The Governor also proposed a \$144.5 million increase to the CSU budget, as well as a \$175 million one-time allocation for deferred maintenance. In addition, Chancellor Castro will ask the Legislature for an additional \$66 million in recurring funds for Graduation Initiative 2025, as well as for \$1.025 billion in one-time money for academic facilities and renewal needs.

Some of the Northern CA campuses (Sonoma, Chico, Humboldt, San Francisco) are experiencing softening enrollments. Southern CSU campuses appear to be doing better.

### **CSU Trustee Lateefah Simon**

The ASCSU had an inspiring conversation with CSU Trustee Simon on a wide range of issues: online enrollment thresholds, online teaching, access, mental health, counseling, campus repopulation. Trustee Simon appeared more interested in asking questions and listening to us than talking, which resulted in a productive conversation and will perhaps lead to a more interactive relationship with the Board of Trustees.

### **Election of new Faculty Trustee**

The ASCSU elected two candidates for CSU Faculty Trustee. Six candidates were interviewed by the body, of whom two were elected for recommendation to the Governor (who makes the final choice):

Romey Sabalius, Professor of German, San Jose State University, incumbent Trustee, and

Darlene Yee-Melichar, Professor of Gerontology, San Francisco State University.

### **Resolutions**

At the March 18-29, 2021 ASCSU plenary meeting, nine resolutions were passed:

**AS-3456-21/FA (Rev) FACULTY EMERITUS/EMERITA STATUS, REVOCATION AND APPEAL (FIRST READING WAIVED)**

Recommends that CSU campuses review their emeritus/emerita status policies and establish criteria for revocation of emeritus/emerita status.

**AS-3469-21/FA CALL FOR A MORATORIUM ON ALGORITHMIC IMAGE ANALYSIS TECHNOLOGIES IN THE CSU**

Calls for an immediate moratorium on any use of facial recognition technology in the CSU, with the exception of academic research.

**AS-3457-20/APEP ENDORSEMENT AND ADOPTION OF GENERAL EDUCATION B4 MATHEMATICS/QUANTITATIVE REASONING COURSE GUIDELINES AND PRINCIPLES**

Endorses the document, “CSU GE Area B4 Mathematics/Quantitative Reasoning Course Deadlines and Principles”; requests that the 2022 Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) Standards, Policies & Procedures document incorporate the stated purpose and content of B4 or B4-transferrable courses from the CSU Math Council Document; and urges local campus bodies to adopt these guidelines and principles for B4 certification and in particular to ensure that every B4 course meets the purpose, has the content, and relies and builds upon high school level curriculum as described in "General Guidelines and Principles for Curriculum Developers and Reviewers" in that document.

**AS-3472-21/EX IN MEMORIAM: DEBORAH HENNESSY, ACADEMIC SENATE CSU DIRECTOR 1981-2003 (FIRST READING WAIVED)**

**AS-3474-21/AA ON THE USE OF REMOTE PROCTORING SOFTWARE FOR ASSESSMENT (FIRST READING WAIVED)**

Urges faculty to avoid the use of remote proctoring software to recreate an in-person exam experience in a virtual setting and asks the Chancellor’s Office to negotiate system-wide contracts with remote proctoring service providers to ensure that, if such services are used, adequate data and privacy protection are included in those contracts.

**AS-3475-21/FA ENSURING SAFE CAMPUS REPOPULATION (FIRST READING WAIVED)**

Strongly encourages the Chancellor’s Office to develop systemwide guidance that can be used by campuses in collaboration with the ASCSU, the California Faculty Association, and all collective bargaining units for the safe repopulation of campuses.

**AS-3476-21/FGA 2021 LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY POSITIONS OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE OF THE CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY (ASCSU) (FIRST READING WAIVED)**

Presents ASCSU positions on bills currently under consideration by the California Legislature.

**AS-3477-21/FA ADDRESSING BURNOUT WITHIN THE CSU COMMUNITY (FIRST READING WAIVED)**

Commends measures taken to ameliorate faculty, staff, and student burnout due to the pandemic and urges campus senates and administrations to accelerate the implementation of strategies to address and remedy faculty, student, staff, and administrator burnout, as well as to promote educational and working environments focused on well-being throughout the CSU during the pandemic.

**AS-3488-21/APEP SOLICITATION FOR MEMBERSHIP IN A FDRG FOR ETHNIC STUDIES (FIRST READING WAIVED)**

Urges the ASCSU to issue a call for CSU faculty experts interested in contributing as members of a Faculty Discipline Review Group (FDRG) for Ethnic Studies, and asks the ASCSU to acknowledge that the CSU/CCC Intersegmental Curriculum Workgroup has requested that *“The Intersegmental Curriculum Workgroup should engage the C-ID process to create a Discipline Input Group for the possible creation of an Area of Emphasis TMC in Ethnic Studies.”*

Ten first-reading resolutions were introduced:

**AS-3478-21/APEP CONCERNS ABOUT COMMON TRANSFER PATHWAYS ACROSS THE CCC, CSU, AND UC**

Recommends that the CSU and the CA Community Colleges (CCC) continue to articulate and share opportunities and to clarify the criteria for CCC/CSU transfer.

**AS-3479-21/AA ENHANCED STUDENT ADVISING SERVICES DURING IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ETHNIC STUDIES REQUIREMENT**

Reaffirms ASCSU’s support for a systemwide CSU Ethnic Studies Requirement (CSU General Education Area F); affirms the importance of and need for advising services, including faculty advisors to be trained in the new ethnic studies requirement and its relationship to other degree requirements, both in General Education (GE) requirements and in the major; and requests that CSU increase messaging to high school seniors, incoming first-year and transfer students and their counselors on the many options students have for completing the CSU Ethnic Studies Requirement.

**AS-3480-21/FA RECOGNIZING THE DISPARATE IMPACT OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC ON WOMEN IN THE CSU**

Urges the ASCSU to recognize the disparate impact of the pandemic on women, especially women of color.

**AS-3481-21/APEP CONCERNS ABOUT DUAL ADMISSIONS LEGISLATION**

Urges Chancellor Office support for CSU/CCC-driven joint efforts on student preparation and transfer and expresses concern that proposed solutions to existing limitations within advising structures in support of existing Associate Degrees for Transfer (ADT) programs may further exacerbate outcome differences for Under Represented Minorities groups.

**AS-3482-21/AA/FA ON TRANSGRESSIONS OF ACADEMIC INTEGRITY, FACULTY, AND ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSE**

Encourages faculty members to inform students, at the very least at the start of each term, that existing University and campus policies on academic integrity apply, irrespective of instructional modality; encourages faculty members to consider adopting pedagogical approaches that minimize the opportunity for transgressions of academic integrity; and asks the Chancellors Office to develop, in conjunction with the ASCSU, training for new and existing members of the faculty to help create a more uniform application of campus policy in response to incidents of transgressions of academic integrity.

**AS-3483-21/FA REMUNERATION FOR COVID-RELATED WORK-AT-HOME EXPENSES**

Urges the CSU to provide reimbursement in accordance with the California Labor Code for COVID-related work-at-home expenses incurred by faculty and staff.

**AS-3484-21/APEP CSU SUPPORT FOR EXPANDED EARLY-START SUMMER EXPERIENCES**

Asserts ASCSU's support for expanded Early-Start summer experiences that help acclimate incoming students to the CSU; advocates that campuses be given autonomy in the development of customized programs suited to the needs of their students and that these experiences be available for all incoming first-year students (i.e., in addition to those in Multiple Measures Placement Categories III and IV); as well as recommends that students participating in such programs should earn credit towards graduation.

**AS-3485-21/FGA SUPPORT FOR ACTIONS TAKEN TO REDUCE CLIMATE CHANGE AND TO PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT**

Asserts ASCSU's support for bills introduced during spring 2021 by the California Legislature concerning actions taken to curb global warming (climate change) or to preserve our environment, and recommends that California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) evaluate the efficacy of reducing their current fossil fuel investment portfolio with the goal of working towards a total investment portfolio which protects the long-term health of the environment.

**AS-3486-21/APEP CONCERNS REGARDING ETHNIC STUDIES AND IGETC IMPLEMENTATION**

Urges the ASCSU to acknowledge the rapid evolution of standards, criteria, and implementation of AB 1460 (Weber) in the CSU, and asks the ASCSU to recognize the desirability of aligning the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) with the CSU General Education Area F requirements (Ethnic Studies) when considering potential changes to IGETC.

One resolution was refused a first reading waiver and was referred back to committee:

**AS-3487-21/AEDI ASCSU Ad Hoc COMMITTEE TO ADVANCE EQUITY, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION (AEDI) RECOMMENDATIONS**

Urges the ASCSU to reaffirm AS-3404-19/EX (Rev) *Creation of an Ad Hoc Committee to Advance Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Within the ASCSU* with its overarching mission to identify ways in which the ASCSU might advance its equity, diversity and inclusion goals, and recommends that the ASCSU:

1. Establish the Advancing Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee as a standing committee of the ASCSU effective June 2021;
2. Solicit and allocate funding, time, and resources for annual ASCSU learning opportunities to support the advancement of equity, diversity, and inclusion goals;
3. Request that the Chancellor's Office hold a personnel census every five years to update demographic information, identify trends in the diversity of campus personnel, and better understand cultural taxation experienced on campuses;
4. Encourage campus senates to employ and share inclusive strategies in recruiting and selecting senators and affiliate committees to promote diverse participation;
5. Encourage campus senates to respond to annual data requests from the ASCSU on senate diversity, equity and inclusiveness efforts;
6. Work with campus senates to actively recruit lecturer faculty to serve in the ASCSU and request that campus senates submit annual responses on recruitment and outcomes of lecturer faculty;
7. Establish a system for the formation of dedicated lecturer seats in the annual campus apportionment resolution;
8. Request that the Chancellor's Office provide financial support for new first year ASCSU senators with the full rights (including release time) and responsibilities as established senators; and
9. Establish more explicit descriptions of requirements for the Faculty Trustee position.

Copies of these and other resolutions may be found at <http://www.calstate.edu/AcadSen/Records/Resolutions/>. Faculty are encouraged to provide feedback on the above resolutions (as well as on any other matters of potential concern) to the CSU Academic Senate via the SDSU academic senators: Nola Butler-Byrd ([nbutler@mail.sdsu.edu](mailto:nbutler@mail.sdsu.edu)), Eniko Csomay ([ecsomay@sdsu.edu](mailto:ecsomay@sdsu.edu)), and Cezar Ornatowski ([ornat@mail.sdsu.edu](mailto:ornat@mail.sdsu.edu)).

The ASCSU website (<http://www.calstate.edu/AcadSen/?source=homepage>) includes committee information, approved agendas/minutes, reports, resolutions, and current senator contact information.

*Faculty-to-Faculty*, the ASCSU newsletter, is published approximately two weeks after each Plenary. It includes the ASCSU Chair's report, committee reports, invited articles on current events, and committee recommendations. To have the newsletter delivered automatically via email, subscribe at <http://www.calstate.edu/AcadSen/Newsletter/>.

## SDSU Academic/Holiday Calendar 2022-2023

### ***Summer 2022***

<u><b>Date</b></u>	<u><b>Holiday/Activity</b></u>
Tues, May 24, 2022	First day of Summer term
Tues, May 24, 2022	First day of classes
Mon, May 30 2022	Memorial Day (Campus closed)
Mon, July 4, 2022	Independence Day (Campus closed)
Fri, August 12, 2022	Last day of classes (Final examinations are the last day of classes for each summer session)
Wed, August 17, 2022	Last day of Summer term, grades due from instructors (11 pm deadline)

### ***Fall 2022***

<u><b>Date</b></u>	<u><b>Holiday/Activity</b></u>
Thurs, August 18, 2022	First day of Fall semester
Mon, August 22, 2022	First day of classes
Mon, September 5, 2022	Labor Day (Campus closed)
Fri, November 11, 2022	Veterans Day (Campus closed)
Wed, November 23, 2022	No Class (Campus open)
Thu, November 24 - Fri, November 25, 2022	Thanksgiving Break: (Campus closed) 11/24 Thanksgiving Day 11/25 * Admission Day
Mon, December 12, 2022	Last day of classes
Tues, December 13 – Mon, December 19, 2022	Final Examinations
Thurs, December 22 – Tues, December 27, 2022	Winter Break: (Campus closed)

12/22 \* Lincoln's Birthday  
 12/23 \*Washington's Birthday  
 12/26 \* Christmas Day  
 12/27 \* Columbus Day

Fri, December 30, 2022

Last day of Fall semester, grades due from  
 instructors (11 pm Deadline)

### ***Spring 2023***

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Holiday/Activity</u></b>
Mon, January 2, 2023	New Year's Day (Campus closed)
Mon, January 16, 2023 (closed)	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (Campus closed)
Tues, January 17, 2023	First Day of Spring semester
Wed, January 18, 2023	First day of classes
Mon, March 27 – Fri, March 31, 2023	Spring Break
Fri, March 31, 2023	Cesar Chavez Day (Campus closed)
Thurs, May 4, 2023	Last day of classes
Fri, May 5 - Thurs, May 11, 2023	Final Examinations
Thurs, May 11, 2023	IVC Commencement
Fri, May 12 – Sun, May 14, 2023	Commencement – San Diego Campus
Thurs, May 18, 2023	Last day of spring semester, grades due from instructors (11 pm Deadline)

\*= Re-scheduled holiday



## SDSU Academic/Holiday Calendar 2023-2024

### ***Summer 2023***

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Holiday/Activity</u></b>
Mon, May 22, 2023	First day of Summer term
Mon, May 22, 2023	First day of classes
Mon, May 29, 2023	Memorial Day (Campus closed)
Tues, July 4, 2023	Independence Day (Campus closed)
Mon, August 14, 2023	Last day of classes (Final examinations are the last day of classes for each summer session)
Wed, August 16, 2023	Last day of Summer term, grades due from instructors (11 pm deadline)

### ***Fall 2023***

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Holiday/Activity</u></b>
Thurs, August 17, 2023	First day of Fall semester
Mon, August 21, 2023	First day of classes
Mon, September 4, 2023	Labor Day (Campus closed)
Fri, November 10, 2023	* Veterans Day (Campus closed)
Wed, November 22, 2023	No Class (Campus open)
Thu, November 23 - Fri, November 24, 2023	Thanksgiving Break: (Campus closed) 11/23 Thanksgiving Day 11/24 * Admission Day
Mon, December 11, 2023	Last day of classes
Tues, December 12 – Mon, December 18, 2023	Final Examinations

Thurs, December 21 – Tues, December 26, 2023	Winter Break: (Campus closed) 12/21 * Lincoln's Birthday 12/22 *Washington's Birthday 12/25 Christmas Day 12/26 * Columbus Day
Fri, December 29, 2023	Last day of Fall semester, grades due from instructors (11 pm Deadline)

### ***Spring 2024***

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Holiday/Activity</u></b>
Mon, January 1, 2024	New Year's Day (Campus closed)
Mon, January 15, 2024	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (Campus closed)
Tues, January 16, 2024	First Day of Spring semester
Wed, January 17, 2024	First day of classes
Mon, April 1, 2024	* Cesar Chavez Day (Campus closed)
Mon, April 1 - Fri, April 5, 2024	Spring Break
Thurs, May 2, 2024	Last day of classes
Fri, May 3 -Thurs, May 9, 2024	Final Examinations
Thurs, May 9, 2024	IVC Commencement
Fri, May 10 – Sun, May 12, 2024	Commencement – San Diego Campus
Thurs, May 16, 2024	Last day of spring semester, grades due from instructors (11 pm Deadline)
	*= Re-scheduled holiday

TO: SEC/University Senate

FROM: Adrienne D. Vargas, Vice President, University Relations and Development

DATE: April 20, 2021

RE: Information

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### **Philanthropy Report:**

Alumnus Jay Borzi committed to a pledge of \$250,000 to support the Director of The Corky McMillin Center for Real Estate Endowment in the Fowler College of Business.

The Estate of Neva Smith made a gift of \$372,020 to support the Neva and Ralph Smith Honors Scholarship Endowment in the Weber Honors College.

Phyllis and Daniel Epstein contributed \$390,000 to support the Jack Gard Music Education Endowed Scholarship in the College of Professional Studies and Fine Arts.

The San Diego Foundation Hervey Family Fund at the recommendation of the Hervey Family Fund Advisors made a grant of \$150,000 to support the Guardian Scholars Program in the Division of Student Affairs and Campus Diversity.

Alumnus and Current Parents Thomas Newton and Lisa Hengehold Newton made a pledge of \$165,000 to support the Stadium Excellence Fund and the Director's Cabinet for Basketball, supporting student-athletes in the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics.

The Brenda & Dave Rickey Foundation and Daughters Foundation committed to a pledge of \$100,000 to support the Avery and Grace Endowed Scholarship in the College of Sciences.

Alumni Linda and Tom Lang made a gift of \$80,000 to support the Aztec Cooperative Coordinator Fund in the Division of Graduate and Research Affairs.

The Estate of Henry L. Janssen, Ph.D. made a gift of \$73,124 to support the Janssen Honors Council Endowment in the Weber Honors College.

Stephanie Lo and Benjamin Billings made a gift of \$75,000 to support the S. Lo and B. Billings Global Shark Research and Conservation Project Fund in the College of Sciences.

Susan Bernay contributed a gift in kind valued at \$63,175 to the College of Education.

Alumni Vincent and Betsey Biondo contributed \$115,304 to support the Betsey Love Biondo Student Teacher Endowed Scholarship in the College of Education, and the Vincent F. Biondo, Jr. Endowed Scholarship in the Division of Student Affairs and Campus Diversity.

The Estate of Eldred Mugford contributed \$39,236 to support The Eldred George Mugford Endowed Scholarship in the College of Health and Human Services.

Alumni Charles and Kathy Mendenhall contributed \$81,000 to support the Athletics General Fund, Women's Water Polo Excellence Fund, Stadium Excellence Fund, Guardian Scholars Housing Fund, and the AGC Construction Management Endowed Chair in the College of Engineering.

Vice President J. Luke Wood, Ph.D. and Faculty Member Dr. Idara Essien-Wood committed to a pledge of \$31,579 to support the Black Resource Center, Black Faculty and Staff Association, Black Women in Academia and VP of SACD Alumni Engagement Fund in the Division of Student Affairs and Campus Diversity.

Gill and Mardelle McIntyre committed to a pledge of \$30,000 to support the Stadium Excellence Fund in the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics.

Staff Member Rashmi and Harish Praba committed to a pledge of \$28,000 to support the Srinivasan Praba Memorial Scholarship Endowment in the College of Professional Studies and Fine Arts.

The Property Guys, Glenn Dewyea and Fred Remick, committed to a pledge of \$30,000 to support the Stadium Excellence Fund in the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics.

Lytx, Inc. committed to a pledge of \$25,000 to support the Lytx, Inc. Scholarship in the College of Engineering.

### **Presidential & Special Events:**

The President's Lecture Series/Charles W. Hostler Institute on World Affairs virtual lecture featuring Ambassador Ping Zhang, Consul General of the People's Republic of China, was held on March 17. The lecture was titled "A New Year, A New Vision: China & U.S. Relations". Approximately 240 guests attended the lecture.

Each year, University Relations and Development hosts scholarship donors at the Scholarship Donor Appreciation Luncheon where they have the opportunity to meet their scholarship recipients. This year, in lieu of hosting a virtual event, we sent scholarship donors a Thank You video featuring a diverse group of scholarship recipients. The email was from Vice President Adrienne Vargas and Associated Students President Christian Holt. The recipients included annual scholarship donors from July 1, 2017, and all endowed scholarship stewardees. As of March 30, 888 emails were delivered, 495 recipients opened the email (55.7%) and 23% of those who opened the email, clicked through to the video. This is a higher than average open and view rate for this size of list (between 500-999 individuals). Additionally, as of April 9, the video has 298 views on YouTube. Many donors shared positive comments after viewing the video.

Special Events has been collaborating with University Historian, Dr. Seth Mallios, and SDSU Alumni Executive Director, Jim Herrick, to develop an event strategy for San Diego State's 125th Anniversary. Presentations have been made to several divisions and committees on campus and the initial event concepts have received preliminary approval. An advisory committee is being formed which is co-chaired by Dr. Mallios and Provost Ochoa. A logistical committee is also being formed which will be comprised of colleagues throughout campus.