



SAN DIEGO STATE
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SDSU SEC Minutes

Nov. 17th, 2020

[Online via Zoom](#)

2:00 to 4:30 pm

Members Present - **Wills, Mattingly, Wheeler, Marx, Gontz, Rhodes, Reeder, Weston, Alkebulan, Preciado, Hopkins, Balsdon, Atterton, Espinosa, Ochoa, Ryan, Fuller, Holt, Brooks, Ornatowski**

Senate Guests- **McDaniels-Davidson, Madanat, Wood, Santos-Derieg, Csomay, Oren, Shaffer, Kakoz, Magraner, Satybaldiyeva, Csomay**

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

Land Acknowledgement: **Senate Chair reads land acknowledgement.**

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

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

Eyay e'Hunn My heart is good.

Michael Miskwish – Kumeyaay

Principles of Shared Governance: **Senate Chair reads principles statement.**

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

2. Approval of Agenda (José Preciado)

Secretary Preciado/Espinosa moved approval of the agenda with the following changes- report by VP of Research and Innovation Madanat is removed and agenda Item 6.5 ASCSU report is added; with four time-certain items. Motion was approved without objection.

3. Officers Report

3.1. Referrals Chart (Nola Butler-Byrd).....3

Secretary Preciado reported on the maintenance of the referrals chart. He indicated on behalf of Vice Chair Butler-Byrd that items on the chart remain beyond the time a committee or the University Senate acts on them. There are other steps beyond University Senate action that include the action letter from Office of the President approving items, possible elections, updating the actual policy file and/or Senate website. An example of pending items in the approval via ballot by the all the full-time faculty of adding a second Manager Senator (MPP I or II) to the membership of the University Senate as a change to the Constitution. That consultation has not taken place. Chair Marx indicated he would be happy to help carry out the ballot question.

3.2. Senate Budget Update (Amanda Fuller)

Treasurer Fuller noted the development of the 2021/22 University Senate budget by the officers. Secretary Preciado inquired about notice from the Administration regarding deadlines to submit the request.

3.3. SEC Minutes (José Preciado)

3.3.1 Minutes for October 20, 2020 https://senate.sdsu.edu/sec-agendas-minutes/documents/2020_minutes_sec_oct20_.pdf

The minutes were moved by Preciado/Marx for approval and they were approved without objection.

4. Academic Affairs Report

4.1. Provost’s Report (Provost Ochoa)

Provost Ochoa reported on his work with the University Senate Tenure/Tenure Track Planning committee. Additional meetings are needed and the opportunity is to move forward with “college-funded” lines. Group is meeting again on Friday, November 20, 2020.

5. Senate Actions (Wil Weston)

5.1. Committee on Committees and Elections (David Marx).....20



Chair Marx announced to additions to the committees- Donna Ross (EDU) for Intercollegiate Athletic Council and Magdalena Altamirano (SDSU Imp Valley) for the Library Committee. Chair Marx noted that his action items would be presented using a new format for future meetings. Item will be on Senate Agenda for action.

- 5.2. Undergraduate Council: Writing Placement Assessment (WPA) waiver for Covid-19 impacted semesters (Joanna Brooks) [20/21_13].....27

UC Chair Brooks presented item as a continuation of the Spring 20 COVID-19 pandemic adjustments to support student success and their progress to degree completion. The Test Office has new capacity to offer WPA in online format to interested students seeking to waive requirement. All others enroll in writing courses to meet graduation requirement. Item will be on Senate Agenda for action.

- 5.3. Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee- Policy File Update- Department Diversity Councils (Gloria Rhodes)28

Chair Rhodes indicated policy file language update was needed to support ongoing efforts with the new campus diversity plans for each unit. Item will be on Senate Agenda for action.

- 5.4. Proposed Emergency Change to SPRING 2021 Academic Calendar (Joanna Brooks, Eyal Oren) **Time Certain 3:15pm**.....30

AVP Brooks presented a new approach to implement the Spring 2021 academic calendar in a manner that supports public health concerns related to COVID-19 pandemic. The new Spring 21 academic calendar format incorporates input and concerns regarding the need for rest-breaks and general mental health. Vice President Wood reiterated his commitment to supporting the campus community’s mental health concerns and to balance those concerns with public health implications that may arise from not implementing the traditional spring break (nine consecutive days that include two weekends and holiday). The approach introduces non-instructional days.

School of Public Health Interim Director Eyal Orem introduced a new proposal to redistribute the Spring 2021 break during the week of March 30 to April 2 to others points during the semester. The proposal would offer the same instructional days off but not in a grouping with the Cesar E. Chavez that would offer 9 consecutive days off or a traditional spring break. Instead, February 12, March 8, March 30, May 6 would be deemed non-instructional days. Drs. Orem, Shaffer, McDaniels-Davidson and public health students Kakoz, Magraner and Satybaldiyeva offered a public health-based argument of the need to support the health and well-being of the campus community by reorganizing the spring break in the proposed format. ASCSU Senator Csomay

requested that faculty must also be supported to make sure that non-instructional days are honored and that no deadlines, committee meetings or otherwise are required for that day. Chair Gontz requested that the campus be designated “closed-day” instead of non-instructional days. AVP Brooks noted that no-instruction and no-meetings will be reinforced through implementation plan. Secretary Preciado invited flexibility in working with staff as they make adjustments to support their homelife with these changes. Senator Holt reminded the SEC that from his perspective the campus has done really well in protecting the student community. Since the start of the semester, testing, tracking and ongoing communications appear to be working. Senator Holt provided alternative dates to create 4-day weekends in February and April. Vice President Wood offered to meet with AS President Holt to consider options in preparation for December 1, 2020 meeting. Senator Csomay requested that May 6 be reviewed. Senator Gontz requested that May 6 also be examined to create a more distribute “days” off throughout the semester. Revisions to the proposed agenda are expected by the December 1, 2020 meeting. Item moves forward as an action item to December 1, 2020 meeting.

- 5.5. Covid-19 impacted semester proposal: Adjust Policy Passed in Senate Nov.10th to reflect the same Credit/No Credit grading option that was offered in the fall. (Wil Weston) (Action on behalf of the Senate 2/3 vote)38

To continue practice during COVID 19 impacted semesters of offering students the ability to petition the grading basis change for the Golden Four that was not specifically stated at the November 10, 2020 meeting. The Golden Four are RWS 100, RWS 200, COMM 103 and any of the course that meet the quantitative reasoning requirement. Moved Preciado/Weston. Motion carries with 14 yes and 4 abstentions. \

- Proposed SDSU Mission Statement (Luke Wood).....39

Vice President Wood presented the proposed adoption of a new SDSU Mission Statement. He indicated that the mission statement under consideration was developed by the Strategic Planning Executive Committee. In addition, he attributed the development of the mission statement to the 4,000 campus and community contributors to the development of the We Rise/We Defy Strategic Plan. 5 strategic priorities, 54 activities. The strategic planning committee adopted new mission statement unanimously. Past Senate Chair Wheeler offered remarks that supported the development of new mission statement valued its new framing and brevity. Secretary Preciado requested information about the absence of language such as HSI, US Mexico Border, Community Engagement.

A discussion ensued about how to bring the item to the Senate. Senator Espinosa proposed that the task for the Senate should be to be clear as to what input it is seeking from senate body. Senator Atterton proposed that the new mission statement be presented alongside the present mission statement. Chief of Staff Santos-Derieg indicated that the Executive Strategic Planning Committee has support in clarifying the approach used to develop mission or vision statement and compared mission considered mission statement of aspirational institutions.



6. Committee Reports

6.1. Academic Policy & Planning (DJ Hopkins) [19/20_09].....40

Chair Hopkins presented the AP and P report.

6.2. Graduate Council (Steven Gill) **Time Certain 3:30pm**

 a. 2021-2022 *Graduate Bulletin*.....41

 b. 2021-2022 *General Catalog and Graduate Bulletin*.....49

Graduate Council Chair Balsdon described the new changes included in the agenda from the curriculum subcommittee. Items will move forward to the Senate.

6.3 Title IV Compliance and Credit Limits (Stefan Hyman) **Time Certain 3:45pm**.....53

AVP Hyman offered a presentation on term credit limits and compliance with Title IV attendance reporting requirements for campus to avoid program review or fines. AP&P has provided input through the process regarding unit load/credit limits. AP&P was also consulted on the development of TITLE IV (financial aid) compliance mechanisms that do not create faculty workload impacts and addressed large class attendance taking concerns. Multiple processes are under consideration by provost established taskforce.

A presentation will be made to the University Senate on December 1, 2020. Chair Atterton wanted clarification on a possible mis-match between policy file language and Enrollment Services policy related enrolling in 17 or 18 units through the registration process (based on AY 18-19 policy file).

6.4 University Relations and Development (Adrienne Vargas) **Time Certain 4:00pm**....61

Vice President Vargas highlighted one gift by Dr. Elaine Yi Ling Weng and Mr. Tom Malley noting important campus connections. Report will be added to the agenda.

6.5 Academic Senate-CSU Report (ASCSU Senator Ornatowski)

ASCSU Senator Ornatowski two meetings on December 4 next meeting. Contention agenda with two resolutions on extended studies. 1. On acknowledged campus input from Senates opposing CSU System implementation plan and 2. A resolution adopting ethnic studies competencies for the new graduation requirement. ASCSU Csomay expanded on the two resolutions by indicating that other inputs may have been provided to the CSU Office of the Chancellor directly.

7. Announcements (Wil Weston)

Secretary Preciado invited SEC members to provide reports or updates for the December 1, Senate Agenda by Tuesday, 11/ 24 to produce an agenda on time. Because of the non-instructional day on 11/25 and the Thanksgiving holiday 11/26, the Senate will not be able to develop and post the agenda in a manner that meets the 4-day rule.

8. Adjourn.

Senators Espinosa and Holt moved the adjournment of the meeting; without objection.