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SDSU SEC Minutes

April 20, 2021
2:00 to 4:30 pm

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

Land Acknowledgement: Chair Weston 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: Chair Weston reads principles statement

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

2. Approval of Agenda (Preciado)

Preciado/Marx moved approval of agenda with the addition to action agenda- 5.12 to include University Senate in the development of Diversity Plan – DEI (Gloria Rhodes)

Motion was approved without objection.

3. Officers Report

3.1. Senate Chair Report- (Weston)

- a. April 27, 2021 University Senate Caucus –Chair Weston reported the scheduling of the University Senate Caucus to prepare a slate of senate officers and at-large members of the SEC. A google calendar invite is to be sent to all continuing and new senators for a zoom meeting.
- b. May 3, 2021, Town Hall on Repopulation- Chair Weston reported on campus repopulation town hall schedule for May 3. Details will follow through campus-wide email.
- c. Because of the number of items on the SEC agenda, Chair Weston expects the need for a two-session meeting on May 4 and May 6 to have time to complete senate business.

3.2. Referrals Chart (Butler-Byrd).....4

Vice Chair Butler-Byrd indicated that the referral chart continues to be full and that every effort (without support from senate analyst) is being made to take items off the chart.

3.3. Senate Budget Update (Fuller)

Treasurer Fuller reported that there has been no new information provided to her since a communication in November with VP Agnes Wong Nickerson regarding the request for base budget for the University Senate. ASCSU Csomay inquired about campus budgets related to actions at the State level. Treasurer Fuller indicated that is part of our inquiry with PBAC and URP as a Senate.

3.4. SEC Minutes (Preciado) - SEC Minutes from March 16, 2021 ([see link](#))

Secretary Preciado/Fuller moved approval of March 16, 2021, SEC minutes. Motion was approved without objection.

3.5. Senate Election Results CCE (David Marx).....9

CCE Chair Marx thanked everyone for support during election. A roster of elected senators is included in the SEC agenda packet. A number of remaining vacancies resulted from not having enough nominated members, so the next step is to check on write-in candidates in terms of their willingness to serve and fill the remaining vacancies by the May 4 meeting.

4. Academic Affairs Report

4.1. Provost’s Report (Provost Ochoa)

Vice Provost Tong (for Ochoa) reported summer enrollment efforts and Fall 21 class schedule development.



Vice Provost Tong and AVP Hyman are monitoring enrollment that is projected to meet targets. This work is coordinated with the associate deans to offer high demand courses and also involves Financial Aid. A high number of state university grants are available to support summer student enrollment.

The class schedule is going through another pivot as public health orders are relaxing social distancing requirements in the classroom. This is impacting the fall schedule as more classrooms are now suitable for in-person instruction.

4.2. Budget Update (VP Agnes Wong-Nickerson)

VP Wong Nickerson – no change to the 2020-21 AY Budget. For the 2021-22 preliminary letter from CSU confirming that the state will restore cuts and CSU has also agreed to return the cuts in the way they were taken. PBAC allocation planning is underway. URP and PBAC presentation cycle will begin in mid-April. Senate budget proposal is included in the presentation.

VP Wong Nickerson described plans for the savings of \$19 million (savings from hiring chill, and early exit, etc.). \$3 million will go to cover mandatory costs unfunded this year 20-21. \$6 million must fund faculty promotion; \$2 million fund strategic faculty and staff needs. For example, Academic Affairs and Student Affairs will use \$2.7 million in advising and related student services. HEERF funding has provided an opportunity to use federal funds in lieu of base dollars. That is a one-year opportunity. Faculty and staff positions will be funded with base in 2022-23 year. As such, \$5 million in base funds has been set aside to cover those ongoing commitments. The campus is expecting a decline in 2021-22 in non-resident enrollment that will place pressure on the budget and the planning process.

ASCSU Senator Csomay inquired about \$ 1,000 compensation issue for CFA members to reimburse for expenses incurred while telecommuting from campus based HEERF funding. VP Wong Nickerson responded that all compensation negotiations are managed at CSU level.

4.3. Diversity Report (VP Luke Woods)

Report will be provided in writing to save time. VP Wood will highlight number of resolutions.

5. Senate Actions (Weston)

- 5.1. Senate Resolution in Response to the Escalating Anti-Asian Hate in the United States. (Virginia Loh-Hagan) **Time Certain 3:15**.....12

Dr. Loh-Hagan provided context for the need to present Anti-Asian Hate resolution. SDSU is not immune to behaviors going on in the United States. The resolution will be added to the agenda without objection.

5.2. DEI Adopt additional common item for teaching evaluations (Gloria Rhodes).....20

Chair Rhodes moves adding language to teacher evaluations as noted in agenda packet. Aim is to provide a space for students to offer feedback through teacher evaluations. Chair Rhodes indicated that the item was shared with Faculty Affairs, VP Wood and AVP Imazeki. The item was added to the agenda without objection.

5.3. Graduate Council (Steven Gill) **Time Certain 3:30pm**.....22

Curriculum items added to agenda without objection.

5.4. Item presented by Asst. Deans Policy File Update (Section 9.0 – 9.2 of Academic policies on Grades) (Karey Sabol) **Time Certain 3:35**.....24

Senator and CAL Assistant Dean Sabol, PSFA Assistant Dean Lockwood and SDSU Registrar Stephanie Anderson presented on a new withdrawal policy impacting all schedule changes past the established change of schedule period. The new policy is under consideration by APP. The item will be presented at Senate.

5.5. Proposing Global Learning (GL) Designation and Approval Process. International Affairs Council (Cristina Alfaro) **Time Certain 3:45**.....28

AVP Alfaro described the development of global learning outcomes. She provided background of the University’s position as top 10 in the nation for study abroad. The opportunity is to support student learning in all forms of study abroad or global learning. A brief discussion on where the new goals would be placed. The aim is to have them mirror the development of service-learning goals and their implementation through office of CAA (AVP Schellenberg). Action item is added to agenda without objection.

5.6. General Education Curriculum and Assessment Committee (Heather Canary & Gregory Wilson).....31

GE Committee co-chair Wilson, 13 course proposals. 10 were actual new courses and 3 modifications. The item was added to Senate agenda without objection.

5.7. Policy File Update (Section 4.2 of Facilities policies on Parking and Traffic) Alternative Transportation Committee (Chris Harrison & Debbie Richeson) **Time Certain 3:55**.....34

Senator Harrison presented on the opportunity for new policy for “micro mobility” transportation given the development of new technology and contracts that will mitigate past challenges. The policy file update is added to the agenda of the Senate without objection.



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- 5.8. Senate Resolution of the University Senate in Support of Open Access Publishing for Faculty Publications (Laurel Bliss, Pam Lach, Kate Holvoet, & Scott Walter) **Time Certain 4:00**.....35

Librarians Pam Lach and Kate Holvoet provided a rationale for the expanded use of open resources materials. Resolution was added to the senate agenda without objection.

- 5.9. Senate Resolution to Eliminate the Mascot and Form a Task Force to Investigate the Aztec Identity (Gloria Rhodes, David Kamper).....38

Senator Kamper presented a resolution that seeks a new approach to the continuing debate of the SDSU mascot and use of human representation of Native Americans. A number of speakers provided perspective of the development of mascot imagery since the President Roush decisions to continue the practice, but develop an Aztec Identity and Education task force to pursue additional initiatives. The resolution will be added the senate agenda without objection.

- 5.10. Senate Resolution on Smudging (Gloria Rhodes- DEI)

Chair Rhodes introduced Smudging Resolution and welcomed SDSU Tribal Liaison Jacob Alvarado Waipuk to discuss the need for the resolution. The resolution seeks direction from President de la Torre for the Environment and Safety Committee, Public Safety, and the Tribal Liaison and other units to develop a process and designate spaces to use sage and other natural flora for traditional ceremonies-smudging. The item was added to the agenda without objection.

- 5.11. CBL Addition of Imperial Valley AS Representatives (Peter Atterton)

Chair Atterton introduced second reading of bylaw amendment to add ex-officio voting representatives from the SDSU Imperial Valley Associated Students.

- 5.12. DEI proposal to include University Senate in Diversity Planning (Rhodes)

VP Woods introduced addition to policy file to include University Senate in the Diversity Planning process. VP Wood stated that there was no specific concern related the University Senate. The policy file change was added to the senate agenda without objection.

6. Committee Reports

- 6.1. Item on master’s student compensation (Scott Kelly) **Time Certain 3:00**.....42

Senator Kelley introduced graduate student economic/student aid concerns for graduate students. He described challenges that are causing impacts to students' ability to continue their programs. Some graduate students are so disappointed they are discouraging new students from attending SDSU. Seeking campus consensus and solutions. Senator Kelley focused on need to find more resources for Biology graduate students. Other senators added information. Senator Kelley's presentation was added to senate agenda without objection.

- 6.2. FA, DEI, & TTPC Item regarding diversity statements for faculty candidates. (Allen Gontz, Gloria Rhodes, Wil Weston).....50
Chair Weston introduced item and welcomed DEI Chair Rhodes and FA Chair Gontz to offer additional comments.
- 6.3. ASCSU Report (Cezar Ornatowski, Nola Butler-Byrd, Eniko Csomay).....51
Report was added to agenda without objection.
- 6.4. SDSU Academic/Holiday Calendar 2022-2023/2023-2024 (Joanna Brooks & Stefan Hyman).....57
Added to agenda without objection.
- 6.5. Academic Policy & Planning. Mirror Programs. (DJ Hopkins) (Continued from April 6, 2021 University Senate Meeting).....61
Added to agenda without objection.
- 6.6. UR&P Shared Governance Strategies & Guiding Principles for Budget (Sherry Ryan) (Continued from April 6, 2021 University Senate Meeting).....64
Added to agenda without objection.
- 6.7. URAD Report (Adrienne Vargas) **Time Certain 4:15**.....86

SEC moved into executive session without objection to consider a development opportunity.

7. Announcements (Weston)

8. Adjourn.