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SDSU SEC Minutes

August 24th, 2021

2:00 to 4:30 pm

Members- Lach, Tejada, Fuller, Preciado, Adams, Barbone, Jeffery, Marx, Abarbanell, Weston, Abdel-Samad, Ornatowski, Ochoa, Butler-Byrd, Atterton, Csomay, Love, Wills, Rhodes, Brooks, Brandon, Ryan

Staff and Guests- Saldana, Wilson, Canary, McCall, Bohonak, Hyman, Santos-Derieg, Csomay

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/Fuller move approval of the agenda with the elimination of item 5.1. Tejada asks about agenda item procedure, and various Senate Members review existing procedure. Motion is approved without objection.

3. Officers Report

3.1. Referrals Chart (Butler-Byrd)

Vice Chair Butler-Byrd reported that the referral chart has been reduced and updated. Atterton notes that the referral item pertaining to the Constitution & Bylaw committee should be removed. Any future questions/changes should be referred to Vice Chair Butler-Byrd.

3.2. Senate Budget Update (Fuller)

Treasurer Fuller has no updates apart from reminding everyone that there is an established budget for the 2021-2022 AY and roll-forwarded funds will be used, in part, to cover some of the expenses in the budget.

3.3. SEC Minutes <https://senate.sdsu.edu/sec-agendas-minutes> (Preciado)

Secretary Preciado moved approval for the April 20, 2021 minutes. Treasurer Fuller seconded the motion. Motion was approved without objection.

3.4. Discussion: Tenure Track Planning (TTP) Committee: Referral to TTP to explore adjusting membership to be more representative, review and make suggestions to Academic Affairs worksheet, and make recommendation on moving away from a centralized faculty hiring process. (Weston)

Chair Weston notes recent concerns and announces that in the interim Vice Chair Nola Butler-Byrd will serve in place of Chair Wil Weston and Chair of FA Kevin Jeffery will have Senator Satish Sharma as their designated representative. Referral will be made by Chair Weston to TTP Committee regarding (1) representation from across the different colleges (2) the form that is currently used by the Deans to provide input on faculty positions, and (3) the current centralized funding hiring process.

Provost Ochoa also discusses the form that is used by the deans and contextualizes how this new version of the form came to be.

Secretary Preciado recommended to (1) provide the complete form (2) explain the purpose and the timeline of the TTP committee, and (3) explain how there are five members of

TTP committee which can create difficulties for college representation.

Provost Ochoa follows with an explanation of what the TTP Committee does and the timeline.

3.5. Discussion: Review names of Senate committees. (Fuller)

There were updates to the policy file regarding the naming of committees. Treasurer Fuller opens the floor for comments on the policy file.

Secretary Preciado notes that TTP Committee is not listed and states that he will send Treasurer Fuller the information.

Vice Chair Butler-Byrd reminds everyone that there is no Senate analyst.

No further comments.

3.6. Naming Task Force: Senate appointees (Weston) Still seeking additional nominations.

The Naming Task Force is seeking 3 committee member.

Chair Weston nominates Johnny Brown to serve on the committee.

Senator Barbone nominates himself to serve on the task force.

Santos-Derieg provides clarification of the purpose of the task force.

Senator Adams nominates Chair Weston.

Chair Weston, Senator Brown, and Senator Barbone will all serve on the task force.

4. Academic Affairs Report

4.1. Provost's Report (Ochoa)

Update on classes: About 81% of classes are face-to-face for the Fall 2021 semester, about 5% of classes hybrid, and about 14.4% are online only. The headcount is 35,369 students which is 385 more than the previous year at this point. FTE is at exactly 32,500 students which is 408 more than last year. Campuses across the CSU experienced decreased enrollment, although this was not the case for SDSU. The College of Business had the highest yield rate (107% ~ 7% above target). Currently, the university is at 98.1% of the target enrollment. As it pertains to GI 2025, 98.76% of freshmen are currently fulltime. Finally, 48 of 51 Faculty lines that opened last year were filled. This included 9 African American cluster lines. The three lines that were not successful will continue this academic year.

5. Senate Actions (Weston)

5.1. Summer Graduates (SEC Action $\frac{2}{3}$ vote needed) (Weston)

Eliminated in Approval of Agenda section

5.2. Appointments, reappointments, or replacements to committees CCE (Marx)

List will be going to the Senate for approval. If there are any errors, please contact Chair Marx.

5.3. Graduate Council (Tracy Love)

Andrew Bohonak provides an update from the Graduate Council. First, the GRE and GMAT had been temporarily suspended, and the Graduate Council now recommends that this policy be made permanent. Second, the Graduate Council recommends eliminating the “300+1” GPA requirement. Third, the Graduate Council recommends a definition for “Good Standing” for graduate students.

The items will be added to the next Senate agenda- without objection.

5.4. General Education (Canary/Wilson)

After the last SEC meeting in Spring, the G.E. committee approved six proposals for lower division courses. One was a modification and five were for new courses.

The items will be added to the next Senate agenda- without objection.

5.5. Resolution: Allowing Faculty Discretion in the choice in instructional modality for the FALL 2021 semester. (Ornatowski)

Resolution read to attendees and discussion followed. Concerns that were raised included the importance of in-person education for students, the lack of language regarding staff members in the resolution, and that the resolution is not representative of all of the Faculty. Support for the resolution was grounded in rising COVID-19 cases, including among the vaccinated population.

Resolution will be added to the next Senate agenda meeting (10 in-favor, 4 against, 4 abstentions).

6. Committee Reports

6.1. ASCSU report (Ornatowski)

No questions on report. Will be added to the agenda.

6.2. Announcement: URP (Ryan)

URP Committee would like to make an announcement in the future on recent work and the goals of URP for this upcoming year.

6.3. URAD Report (Vargas/Swanson) **TIME CERTAIN 3:30PM**

URAD had a good fundraising year.

7. Announcements (Weston)

8. Naming Presentation (Vargas/Swanson) SEC Voting Members only

The meeting moved into executive session.

9. Adjourn.