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SDSU SEC Minutes

September 21st, 2021

2:00 to 4:30 pm

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

Guests- Wilson, McCall, 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/Marx move approval of the agenda with the withdrawal of item 3.3.

3. Officers Report

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

There are currently 16 items on the referral chart, and some additional items will be added.

3.2. Senate Budget Update (Fuller)

There are no current expenditures, and the Senate is in good financial standing.

3.3. SEC Minutes August 19 (Preciado) <https://senate.sdsu.edu/sec-agendas-minutes>

Withdrawn from the agenda.

3.4. DISCUSSION: Proposal Moving Senate Meetings to a Webinar Format with all Senators as Panelists. October meeting with feedback.

The proposal would change the October 2021 meeting to a Zoom Webinar format, and it would serve as a possible pilot for future meetings.

Discussion included comments (1) that a change in the meeting format towards a webinar would not appear transparent from a student perspective and (2) that a meeting format change is necessary given the manner that past meetings have operated, and (3) perhaps it would be better to have a pilot during an SEC meeting. There were questions/comments raised about how a Zoom Webinar functions differently and the ramifications on the voting procedure and senator/constituent relationships. Finally, there were comments about wanting to return to in-person meetings as well as the need to be accommodating for individuals who cannot return to campus.

An announcement of the decision will be forthcoming.

4. Academic Affairs Report

4.1. Provost's Report (Ochoa)

Provost Ochoa is currently in the process of deciding on faculty hires and has recently met with the Deans and members of the TTP Committee. Provost Ochoa is also visiting departments this Fall semester to understand their concerns and the direction of each department. Additionally, SDSU hired 20 new advisors and is now enrolling every freshman in a GEN S 100 seminar.

4.2. Senate Curriculum reports format. (AVP McCall)

The Curriculum Committee is looking at current reporting processes with the goal of removing inefficiencies, including the format of information. Recommended changes will be forthcoming.

5. Senate Actions (Weston)

5.1. Academic Policy and Planning Committee (AP&P) (Lach)

a) Course Forgiveness Policy ... PAGE 5

Changes policy by removing the restriction that no more than one upper-division class can be taken for course forgiveness. This is to address equity gaps as well as GI 2025.

The item will be added to the agenda- without objection.

b) Term Credit Limits ... PAGE 6

Changes policy by stating that no more than 18 units can be earned during a single Summer term. Waivers will be available for students seeking to take more than 18 units.

The item will be added to the agenda- without objection.

5.2. General Education (Wilson) ... PAGE 7

GE Committee has approved two new proposals in the upper-division social and behavioral science category. The first is from HHS and the second is from REL S.

The item will be added to the agenda- without objection.

5.3. Graduate Council (Love/Wells)

Graduate Council Committee has approved a number of new courses. Additionally, there was a review of the revised “good standing” criteria for graduate students (originally introduced during the August meeting).

The item will be added to the agenda- without objection.

5.4. Committee on Committees and Elections. Committee Appointments (Marx) PAGE 8

There are open chairships due to turnover and changes.

The item will be added to the agenda- without objection.

6. Committee Reports

6.1. ASCSU report (Ornatowski) ... PAGE 10

Passed five resolutions: four were recommendations, and one was regarding accommodations during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The report will be added to the agenda- without objection.

6.2. Graduate Council (Love/Wells)

Approved changes in a variety of programs. The discussion noted that there are a number of specializations that are out of compliance and need to be resolved by April 2024.

The report will be added to the agenda- without objection.

6.3. Academic Policy and Planning Committee (AP&P) Information Item: Academic Policy Changes. (Lach) ... PAGE 14

Several academic policies require adjustments based on recent Executive Orders. The transition to PeopleSoft will help to keep SDSU in compliance with the Executive Orders.

The report will be added to the agenda- without objection.

6.4. URAD Report (Vargas/Swanson) **TIME CERTAIN 3:30PM** ... PAGE 15

Last year was a positive year for fundraising, and everyone will receive an impact report highlighting the dollars raised, the number of donors, and the number of endowments.

The report will be added to the agenda- without objection.

7. Announcements (Weston)

8. URAD Naming Proposal (Voting SEC Members) **TIME CERTAIN 4:00PM**

The meeting moved into executive session.

9. Adjourn.