



SAN DIEGO STATE
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SDSU SEC Minutes

Oct 19th, 2021

Online via [Zoom](#)

2:00 to 4:30 pm

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

Staff and Guests- Saldana, Wilson, Canary, McCall

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/Butler Byrd move approval with one correction to committee names. Agenda approved without objection.

3. Officers Report

3.1. Referrals Chart (Butler-Byrd)

Vice Chair Butler-Byrd reported that there are 21 items on the referral chart. She also reported that with the work underway to update policy file that the Senate should expect a flurry of referrals to cleanup and correct relevant sections of the file.

3.2. Senate Budget Update (Fuller)

Treasurer Fuller reported that the PBAC request for the Senate budget will be presented as part of the budget cycle for 22-23 AY.

3.3. SEC Minutes Sept 21st (Preciado) <https://senate.sdsu.edu/sec-agendas-minutes>

Secretary Preciado reported technical problems with the recording for the September 21 SEC meeting. Minutes will be forthcoming.

4. Academic Affairs Report

4.1. Provost's Report (Ochoa)

Provost Ochoa provided details on 3 items.

1. 83 faculty searches with some pending...The most searches since the 2014-15 academic year. 11 FUERTE grant, 9 assistant professor and 2 senior faculty with 3 of 11 will be part of the SDSU Imperial Valley Campus.
2. First year retention rates 89.6 first year retention rate with a slight difference between men and woman rates. Transfer first year retention was impacted by COVID-19 pandemic created a decline in retention rates. A plan is underway to reach out to first year and transfer rates. Graduation rates 4-year graduation rates improved from 53.5% to 56.5% met CSU goal G-25 Goal of 54 % 4-year graduation rate. Erin will be working with campus stakeholders.
3. New Federal and California rule regarding creating an inventory of artifacts and related materials for possible return to the indigenous peoples of California.

5. Senate Actions

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

- a) Expedited process for updating concentrations to stand alone programs in response to EO 1071

Clarification was made about where the policy will rest in terms of the policy file. A footnote will be included in the policy file. It was moved to present the policy for Senate consideration. Motion was approved without objection.



b) Approval of Graduation Candidates

It was moved to present the policy for Senate consideration with suggested language related to SEC review of appeals in executive session. Motion was approved without objection.

c) Undergraduate Advising Policy Updates

It was moved to present policy file update for Senate consideration with the following concerns addressed- a. need for policy to be included in policy file, reference to 4-year degree and 4-year plan, clarification of assistant dean position, removing references to College of Graduate Studies.... Motion is approved without objection.

d) Waitlist Policy

Discussion ensued about the impact of updating the waitlist policy in response to upcoming transition to Peoplesoft student software. Concerns were expressed about returning to a discretionary (for the course instructor) process related to waitlist management. The new practice would enable course instructors to add students instead of the present practice to use an algorithm that prioritizes student additions to course sections from the waitlist based on policy priorities (graduating senior, student in major vs. non-major etc.) It was moved to present policy change to Senate for consideration. With an objection, the Senate chair called for vote- Motion was approved with 13 yes, 1 no, 4 abstentions.

5.2. Constitution and Bylaws (CBL) Order of Business (Agenda) (Baljon)

First reading of bylaw update to clarify senate order business. Concerns were addressed related to intent of language update. Motion to present to Senate was made. Motion approved without objection.

Committee Reports

5.3. Undergraduate Curriculum Committee: New Course Information (Barbone)

Chair Barbone presented curriculum items for the Senate's information. Chair Lach inquired about order of process to present new curriculum (new or modification). The UCC moves to present information report to Senate. Motion is approved without objection.

5.4. Undergraduate Council: Review of outcomes from student success efforts during academic year 2020 -2021. (Brooks)

The Undergraduate Council moves to present information item to Senate. Motion is approved without objection.

5.5. General Education General Education Information (Wilson)

The GE Committee moves to present information item to Senate. Motion is approved without objection.

5.6. URAD Report (Vargas/Swanson)

Information report from URAD is moved to be presented at Senate. The motion is approved without objection.

5.7. URP Report (Ryan)

Treasurer Fuller reported on committee's work to extend budget engagement and transparency to all academic units. URP moves to present information report to Senate. Motion is approved without objection.

6. Announcements (Weston)

7. Adjourn.