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## SDSU SEC Minutes

Feb 15th, 2022  
2:00 to 4:30 pm

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Members Present: Weston, Lach, Adams, Love, Marx, Baljon, Csomay, Brandon, Fuller, Ryan, Preciado, Rhodes, Wills, Jeffery, Brooks, Barbone, Ochoa, Abdel-Samad, Tejada, Ponce  
Guests: Skiles, Orosz,

### 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 (Preciado)

Preciado/Butler-Byrd move approval of the agenda with noted time-certain items. The motion includes moving Director Skiles to be part of the administration report and adds an action item related to Honorary Degrees Committee. Motion carries without objection.

### 3. Officers Report

#### 3.1. Referrals Chart (Butler-Byrd)

Vice Chair Butler-Byrd indicated that the referral chart has 52 items. She expressed a process issue in terms of items going to CBL. Only bylaw changes will go to CBL.

#### 3.2. Senate Budget Update (Fuller)

Treasurer Fuller reported the transmittal of the AY 2022-23 University Senate budget request. The request includes a request to bridge base budget gap and a slight increase for course buy-out expenses. The recently signed CBA will increase cost of course replacement. All other expenses remain flat as COVID-19 has prevented travel and other expenses that are typical during non-COVID impacted semesters.

#### 3.3. SEC Minutes Jan. 20th (Preciado)

Preciado/Butler-Byrd moved approval of January 20<sup>th</sup> minutes as presented. Motion carries without objection.

### 4. Academic Affairs Report

#### 4.1. Provost's Report (Ochoa)

Provost Ochoa provided brief remarks on 4 items and answered questions on meeting enrollment demand, enrollment management practices to increase local and commuting students, retention initiatives.

1. 87 searches for tenured and tenure-track lines. 9 filled another 9 are in negotiations. 20% of lines will be filled with these 18 faculty lines. Busy month, provost approves employment offers regularly to help departments complete negotiations.
2. Provost will transmit to Tenure Track Planning Committee, Deans Council and Council of Chairs Tenure Track Planning form. Provost is trying to meet the needs of all constituencies in the revision of the form. The process to approve faculty hiring lines for this year (AY 2022-23) will be start earlier and additional positions will be added as faculty retire or separate.
3. Graduation 2025- Expressed appreciation AVPS Hyman, Brooks and Stronach. New academic planner. Areas of retention are led by Joanna. One program is the reenrollment program for students who may have stopped out who only need 15 units to graduate. Provost office is working with each college to address achievement gaps. AVP Brooks provided additional details regarding the re-enrollment campaign that is prioritizing students with highest financial need. AVP Brooks also provided details about college effort improve retention efforts.



4. RTP season. Thirty 3-year reappointment reviews and two tenure cases in the SDSU Library.

#### 4.2. Discussion: Change is Mask Mandate (Skiles)

Director Skiles reported on developments with regard to mask mandates for the campus with the return to in-person instruction on Monday, February 3.

1. Director Skiles is working closely with SDSU Epidemiology Team for follow data and evidence to create campus policy. The campus community returned to campus on February 3 (9 days ago). Average 7-day case rate for SDSU is down to 2.5% (county would like this rate).
2. Director Skiles acknowledged need to coordinate policy to serve all of the campus and serve unique space with needs that are not in instructional space such as the SDSU Library.
3. Director Skiles responded to the new “normal” in terms of the COVID-19 pandemic moving to endemic phase and also spoke to mental health concerns. There are multiple public health concerns that are being managed within this period of the pandemic.

#### 5. Senate Actions

##### 5.1. ACTION: Update Policy File- Honorary Degree Committee Membership (Ochoa)

Honorary Degree Committee Chair Ochoa discussed need to update policy file related to make-up of the committee given recent reorganizations within Academic Affairs and other campus units. The committee moves to include policy file update for the March meeting of the University Senate. Motion carries without objection.

##### 5.2. ACTION: Resolution on Supporting Independent Investigation. (Weston)

Chair Weston introduces resolution of no-confidence against Chancellor Joseph Castro and a request for independent investigation into the CSU administrative procedures that permitted the actions related to the Fresno State campus with former Vice President Lamas and the specific people he impacted. Moved by Adams/Marx to place resolution of no confidence in Joseph Castro’s leadership on the March agenda (with edits offered by Adams and sponsoring senators Marx, Brandon, Adams, Weston, Butler-Byrd). Motion was approved without objection.

##### 5.3. Action: Faculty Honors and Awards Committee – Faculty Emeritus Awards (Weston)

The Faculty Honors and Awards Committee moves placing action the item on emeritus awards at the March meeting of the Senate. Motion carried without objection.

5.4. ACTION: Committee on Committees and Elections (Marx)

- a. Amend Membership of the Committee on Committees and Elections (ByLaw change)-  
Senate Chair referred proposed membership change to CCE to CBL.
- b. Appointment of faculty to senate committees  
CCE committee moved to place new senator appointments to committee on the March meeting of the University Senate. Motion was approved without objection.
- c. Decommissioning of senate-appointed committees  
CCE moves adding action item to March meeting decommissioning Disability Committee (DACC) and Student Affairs Committee. Motion was approved without objection

5.5. ACTION: Changing policy File Language regarding Land Acknowledgement (Per FIRE Letter and CSU OGC recommendations). (Weston)

Senate Chair presented policy update related to changing requirement of including Kumeyaay land acknowledgement in all course syllabi from required to optional. Specific language update to be included for March University Senate meeting. Preciado/Barbone moves including policy file update in March meeting. Motion is accepted without objection.

5.6. ACTION: Constitution and Bylaws (CBL) Senate policy file (Constitution) changes on Meeting, Quorum, and Votes. (Baljon)

Chair Baljon presented as **first reading** a change to the bylaws of the University Senate regarding voting procedures. After significant discussion and agreement to limit debate at March University Senate, the CBL committee moved adding action item to the meeting. Motion was accepted without objection.

6. Committee Reports

6.1. INFORMATION: Undergraduate Council (UC) Undergraduate Council Report (AVP Brooks)

Undergraduate Council moves to include information report in next agenda of the Senate. Motion was approved without objection.

6.2. INFORMATION: Constitution and Bylaws (CBL) Referred #48: AVP FASS 5-year review. 1st Reading (Baljon)

CBL moves to include information report in next agenda of the Senate. Motion was approved without objection.

6.3. INFORMATION: ASCSU Report to Senate (Csomay)



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SEC moves to include information report in next agenda of the Senate. Motion was approved without objection.

- 6.4. INFORMATION: Academic Policy and Planning Committee (AP&P) (Lach)
- a. Summer terms
  - b. Course Modality

AP&P moves to include information report in next agenda of the Senate. Motion was approved without objection.

- 6.5. INFORMATION and Executive Session for Naming: URAD Report (Vargas/Swanson)  
**TIME CERTAIN 3:30PM**

SEC moves to include information report in next agenda of the Senate. Motion was approved without objection.

SEC moved into Executive Session to consider naming opportunity.

7. Adjourn.