

ENDANCE: Adé (Vice Chair), Baljon (CBL), Brooks (UGC), Butler-Byrd (Chair), Carter-Curtis (Staff Affairs), Cornelis, Fuller (Secretary), Hentschel (URP), K. Hernandez (A.S. President), R. Hernández (DEI), Jeffery (FA), Kanaan (Senator-at-Large), Lach (APP), LaChance (UCC), Love-Geffen (GC), Rhodes (CFA), ~~Schellenberg (Senator-at-Large)~~, Schuermann (LEC AFF), Seshagiri (Treasurer), Tong (Interim Provost), Vasquez (Senator-at-Large), Walls (CCE), Weston (ASCSU).

GUESTS: Noel Bezette-Flores, Hung Chan, Adela de la Torre (President), Stefan Hyman (Enrollment Services), Jennifer Imazeki (CIE), Kevin Krick (ITS), Chris Manning (VP SACD), Madhavi McCall (AVP CAA), Gail Mendez (HR), Jose Preciado (FASS), Sonja Pruitt-Lord (Provost Office), Mario Saldaña (Senate Analyst), Brittany Santos-Derieg (Chief-of-Staff), Christal Sohl, Norah Shultz (Parliamentarian), Brenda Wills.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Secretary Fuller announced we have a quorum and **Chair Butler Byrd** called the meeting to order at 2:04pm.

1.1. Land Acknowledgement (Adé)

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 Nation*

Vice Chair Adé read the Land Acknowledgement.

1.2. [SDSU University Senate Resolution on Principles of Shared Governance, April 9, 2019](#)

WHEREAS: Shared governance is a system of partnership, equity, accountability, and ownership that forms a culturally sensitive, inclusive, and empowering framework for

developing and implementing sustainable and accountability-based decisions in service to all members of our campus and broader communities; and...

WHEREAS: Shared governance is an ongoing process in which faculty, staff, students, and administrators actively engage to share responsibility for 1) identifying and pursuing an aligned set of mission-driven sustainable outcomes and priorities and 2) active monitoring and evaluating of shared governance successes and pitfalls in service to continual improvement and the embodiment of a learning organization; and...

WHEREAS: A shared practice of, and shared commitment to, respect, communication, and responsibility will promote and support the growth and sustainment of trustworthiness within our University community...

Chair Butler Byrd asked members to read, review and honor the Senate Shared Governance Resolution.

1.3. Welcome (Butler-Byrd)

Chair Butler Byrd welcomed the members of SEC.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA (Fuller)

Secretary Fuller noted several late corrections to today's agenda:

- Approval of SEC meeting minutes from 12/12/24 removed from today's agenda.
- A report by Disability Services Director Jonathan Ramirez has been pushed to a future date.
- Addition of Action Item 4.4.1. "Revisions to Advisory Committee on Honorary Degrees Charter."

Motion (**Fuller**) to approve today's agenda with the changes noted above passed by unanimous consent.

While the report from Student Disability Services (SDS) Report was initially stricken from the agenda because the presenter reported they would not be available, Noel Bezette-Flores, Chief Wellness & Compliance Officer, SACD was able to join the meeting, and therefore, the report was added back into the agenda. Senate leaders were not made aware of the substitution in advance.

3. APPROVAL OF SEC MEETING MINUTES (Fuller)

3.1. SEC meeting Minutes for [12/12/2024](#) and [1/21/2025](#)

Secretary Fuller noted that the SEC meeting minutes from 12/12/24 were already approved as amended at the 1/21/25 SEC meeting, and therefore the approval of these minutes is not on today's agenda.

Motion (**Fuller**) to approve the SEC Meeting Minutes from 1/21/25 passed by unanimous consent.

4. ACTION ITEMS

4.1. Committee on Constitution & ByLaws (CBL)(Baljon)

4.1.1. Bylaws 3.1 - CBL membership - [First Reading](#).....Page 04

After discussion, motion (**Baljon**) to add item to the March 4, 2025 Senate Agenda passed by unanimous consent.

4.2. Staff Affairs Committee (SAC)(Walls)

4.2.1. Staff Emeritus Nominations.....Page 06

After discussion, motion (**Walls**) to add item to the March 4, 2025 Senate Agenda passed by unanimous consent.

4.3. Faculty Affairs Committee (FAC)(Jeffery)

4.3.1. Update to Policy Language Regarding Grades.....Page 07

After discussion, motion (**Jeffery**) to add item to the March 4, 2025 Senate Agenda passed by unanimous consent.

4.4. Honorary Degrees Advisory Committee (HDAC)(Tong)

4.4.1. Revisions to Advisory Committee on Honorary Degrees Charter.....Page 08

After discussion, motion (**Tong**) to add item to the March 4, 2025 Senate Agenda passed by unanimous consent.

5. RESOLUTIONS

5.1. Resolution in Support of the San Diego State University Library and SDSU-IV Library (Lach/Adé).....Page

After discussion led by **Lach** and **Adé**, it is noted that this Resolution will be placed on the March 4, 2025 Senate Agenda because it has the required five Senator signatories.

5.2. Resolution Reaffirming Our Campus Commitment to Equity and Inclusion in Everything We Do (Hernández).....Page

After discussion led by **R. Hernández**, it is noted that this Resolution will be placed on the March 4, 2025 Senate Agenda because it has the required five Senator signatories. There was a clarification that the authors could add signatories in advance of the Senate meeting in March.

6. INFORMATION ITEMS

Motion (**Butler Byrd**) for all new information items are added to the March 4, 2025 Senate Agenda by unanimous consent.

6.1. Academic Policy and Planning (AP&P)(Lach)

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6.2. Faculty Affairs Committee (FAC)(Jeffery)

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7. REPORTS

CONTENT OF REPORTS WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE IN VIDEO FORM, POSTED AFTER THE SENATE MEETING THAT FOLLOWS THIS SEC MEETING (POSTED TO SENATE WEBSITE). IF THERE ARE SPECIFIC REQUESTS MADE OR ACTIONS TAKEN DURING REPORTS, THEY ARE NOTED BELOW. TO ACCESS VIDEO OF REPORTS: https://senate.sdsu.edu/_pages_senate

- 7.1. SEC Report (Butler-Byrd)**
- 7.2. President's Report (de la Torre) [TIME CERTAIN 2:15pm]**
 - 7.2.1. Attempt to tie Federal Funding to DEI and Higher Education

President de la Torre provided an update concerning the 2/14/25 Department of Education Letter to all educational institutions.

- 7.3. Interim Provost Report (Tong)**
 - 7.3.1. Enrollment Update - given by Stefan Hyman, AVP Enrollment Services
 - 7.3.2. AY 2024/25 Faculty Hiring
 - 7.3.3. ~~Honorary Degrees Advisory Committee Recommendations~~ - this item was moved to Action Item 4.4.1., as it contains updated policy file language.
- 7.4. Associated Students President Report (AS)(Hernandez) - A.S. President Hernandez was not able to join the SEC to present today.**

7.5. Cozen O'Connor and Title IX Updates (Mendez)

7.6. Student Disability Services (SDS) Report (Bezette-Flores)

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7.7. Young Men of Color (Brooks/Preciado)

8. ADJOURN

Motion (**Adé/Shultz**) to adjourn at 4:28pm passed by unanimous consent.