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SDSU Senate Agenda

September 1, 2020

Online via Zoom

2:00 to 4:30 pm

Czech, Lindeman, Espinosa, Atterton, Mahar, Attiq, Interlando, Miles (Poor), Degeneffe, Sabol, Wills, Corlett, Greiner, Bliss, An, Gill, Seshan, O'Brien, Abel Mills, Gontz, Gubellini, Krivogorsky, Lach, Rhodes, Abarbanell, Putman, Lenoue, Ahsan, Chizhik, Abusham, Chie, Maluf, Harrison, Vaughn, Mattingly, Urzúa Beltrán, Gates, Purse, Marx, Samraj, Cappello, Quick, MacKenzie, Ornatowski, May-Newman, Juan, Alkebulan, Orosz, Brandon, Ochoa, Blomgren, McDaniels-Davidson, Adams, Schulze, Kelley, Baljon, Mladenov, Love, Canary, Hopkins, Holt, Wood, Hentschel, Gates, Smigel, Record, Bernerth, Kraemer, Crawford, Richeson, Wheeler, Tang, Sharma, Penrose Jr, Brooks, Nedjat-Haiem, Sasidharan, Stoskopf, Abdel-Nour, Gibbons, Bani Younes, Duesbery, Kressler, Showghi, Weston, Preciado, Fuller, Butler-Byrd

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 share governance principles.

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 (Weston) 1

Moved and Seconded by Preciado/Marx to adopt minutes of the May 28, 2020 meeting; Motion passes with no objections.

3. Officers Report

3.1. SEC Report (Weston)

3.1.1. Actions in summer by the SEC on behalf of the Senate.

Senate Chair reported on summer actions including: approved late graduation for undergraduate and graduate students because of pandemic issues; change to graduate admissions for two semesters because of pandemic; resolution on June 4 in response to the systemic and persistent violence against Black Americans in the U.S.; and Appointed 14 faculty to International Affairs Council.

3.1.2. Standards for Study Time per Unit (Hyman) **Time Certain 3:30pm**

AVP for Enrollment Management Hyman presented a series of slides that informed the body about the concern of having students take to “too many” units. The data presented localized the issue to a small group of students. The College of Engineering is looking at the issue. The Senate Chair thanked AVP Hyman for the report.

3.2. Senate Town Hall Report (Weston)

Report on Senate Town Hall of August 13 by Senate Chair. He thanked campus leadership including- De la Torre, Ochoa, Wong-Nickerson, Skiles, Dooley, Frazee, Brooks- for their participation in the meeting that covered issues related to the budget, health and safety, anti-racism, and the shift to online education. Please see the link for video recording- [zoom recording link](#).

3.3. Referrals Chart (Butler-Byrd) 3

Vice Chair Butler-Byrd reported that there are 28 items on the referral chart with new items to be added. Items that remain are on the list to ensure that all actions related to them are resolved. The list will be updated for the following meeting.

3.4. Senate Budget Update (Fuller) 6

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Treasurer presented Senate budgets for AY 2020-21 and AY 2019-20. Both were recently approved by the PBAC and the President De la Torre. Secretary Preciado noted that the budgets provide detail of the senate operational budget including course release resources for officers and senate committee chairs.

3.5. Approval of [May 28, 2020 Senate Minutes](#) (Preciado)

Moved and Seconded by Preciado/Marx to adopt minutes of the May 28, 2020 meeting. Motion passes with no objections.

4. Academic Affairs Report

4.1. President's Report (de la Torre)

President expressed her support for the University Senate and signaled the need for the campus community to be served by the body during this period of challenge. A \$35 million base-budget cut will need to be resolved and the President pointed to the strategic plan as an element that will influence the consultative process to move the University forward. The budget gap was filled with one-time funds this year. That provides time for \$ 35 Million base shortfall to be mitigated with cuts or new income. The President is going to be meeting with department chairs (school directors) to broaden conversation about budget. Asking colleges (all units) to look at everything we do to continue to serve our students with the strategic plan priorities in mind.

COVID-19: The President expressed appreciation to the many contributors that support the campus and the region with the COVID-19 pandemic health and safety issues (VPs Madanat and Wood, and Director Skiles, and AS President Holt were recognized). She appreciated campus efforts by students, faculty and staff to comply with policies and procedures related to COVID-19. She noted the utility of SDSU's Flex Plan and the relative success of the first week of school.

Concerns were raised about student conduct and compliance efforts in the College Area community. Community residents are concerned about parties, lack of compliance with social distancing, not wearing masks and other challenges, President noted that a security company had been hired to support College Area community monitoring. Rachel Greg, director for Community and Government Relations and VP Wood described efforts to work with College Area Community. A phone number was provided for area neighbors to report concerns – 619-594-9393. VP Wood described efforts by his Student Affairs team to work with students to comply with campus policies.

An inquiry was made about triggers or criteria to shut down campus operations in case COVID-19 spikes or conditions that become similar to Chico State. Additionally,

faculty asked for details about processes that would be used related to any effort to shut-down face-to-face courses in response to a rise in COVID-19 infections. VP Madanat indicated that criteria have been established for such a reality. President de la Torre indicated that less than 8% of campus courses for Fall 2020 are offered in face-to-face formats. She described the experience at Chico State as unlike SDSU because Chico had challenges in their campus managed student dorms facilities. SDSU supports any student to transition to virtual learning to address emerging issues with pandemic.

4.2. Provost's Report (Ochoa)

Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs offered a report on several issues related to the academic program. 892 faculty participated in the summer institute led by AVP James Frazee. During the first week of classes the ITS unit has responded to an average of 200 faculty inquiries a day.

About 8% of our classes are face-to-face. We are working with public safety to support implementing social distancing. We are installing a kiosk to take temperature readings. More kiosks will be in place later in the week.

Impact of COVID-19 on faculty. Extend probationary time clock. Approved 118 extensions as of September 1, 2020. Impact is specific to the individual faculty related to research, teaching and other concerns—some faculty have indicated they may need to change their research agenda.

The Provost expressed his appreciation to former VP for Research Welter and AVP Eric Hansen for Business Operations for their support to accommodate faculty research activity that could not be delayed. Provost Ochoa has reviewed over 280 faculty request (from among all the colleges) requests since March 16. All have been approved to resume their campus research activities with new COVID-19 protocols and procedures. Graduate student requests to complete their thesis projects have also been approved to return to campus. Some units have been granted permission to repopulate campus offices. Requests for repopulation begin at with department chairs/school director level are first reviewed by the office of the dean; those requests receive final approval from Office of the Provost.

Additional Data points or announcements.

1. Summer enrollment increased by 34%-- a positive impact on the budget.
2. SDSU has a 67 Million operating deficit for the 2020-21 Academic year.
3. Enrollment is on target or slightly over for instate students.
4. Enrollment is slightly under for international and out-of-state; some of these students have elected to defer their admissions for a semester or a year.
5. Transfer students and others on waiting lists were used to supplement enrollment after the May 1 intent to enroll deadline. This help meet targets in all colleges (CAL, PSFA and HHS).
6. National Search for College of Business dean vacancy will begin shortly.



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- 7. Campus search for dean of Graduate Affairs and AVP for international Affairs.
- 8. Provost has appointed a taskforce to look at issues related to RTP. Policy recommendations that emerge will be presented to the University Senate through the Faculty Affairs Committee.
- 9. Provost convened a “*professors of practice*” task force. This is to support clinical instructional needs of several colleges—HHS and Education.

5. Senate Actions (Weston)

- 5.1. Second Reading: Motion to Approve New Policy File Language for Membership on DEI (DEI; Rhodes) 15

DEI presented for second reading the addition of HSI Administrator and the Tribal Liaison as voting members of the DEI.

Moved by DEI committee- Motion was approved without objection meeting the 2/3 requirement for bylaw amendment.

- 5.2. Emeritus Status Conferral (FHAC; Anderson) **Time Certain: 3:00pm**

Anderson read the names of our colleagues to be considered for conferral of Emeritus Status. Moved by the committee to confer emeritus status to listed faculty. Motion requires no second. Motion was approved without objection.

- 5.3. General Education Curriculum and Assessment Committee (GE; Canary/Wilson) 17

GECAC moves approval of 9 courses listed in the agenda. Motion is approved without objection.

- 5.4. Undergraduate Curriculum Committee (UCC; Verity) 19

Undergraduate Curriculum Committee moves approval of the action agenda item. Motion is approved without objection.

- 5.5 Committee on Committees and Elections (CCE; Marx) 29

Chair Marx acknowledged Past Chair Vaughn for her efforts as past chair. He indicated the work of the committee to nominate as many senators and college representatives as possible. Lists are being updated daily. Chair Marx maintains the official roster. The website is not updated daily and has not been updated for Fall 2020. The committee

moves approval of its nominations as presented. Motion was approved without objection.

6. Committee Reports

6.1. URAD (Swanson) 37

No representative attended.

6.2. Editorial Changes to Policy File Due to University Administrative Reorganization (Preciado) 43

Secretary Preciado presented a list of updates to the policy file that represent recent campus and Division of Academic Affairs administrative changes. These changes were deemed editorial by the Senate Officers in consultation with the Parliamentarian and not requiring the regular bylaw or policy update process.

6.3. Undergraduate Curriculum Committee (Verity) 45

Information report. No action needed.

7. Committee of the Whole

7.1. Discussion of University Senate 2020-21 Priorities (Weston)

The Committee of the Whole was used to collect input to develop a survey that would be used for all senators to help shape the agenda of the University Senate for the 2020-21 academic year. After collecting input during the session, Senators were advised that a survey link would be sent to them via the Senate listserv.

- 1) COVID19 Physical and Mental Health Issues
- 2) AY20-21 and Future Budget Scenarios
- 3) Anti-Blackness and Racism--The Way Forward
- 4) Strategic Plan of SDSU "We Rise We Defy"
- 5) Faculty Advancement Issues
- 6) SDSU Mission/Imperial Valley Entrepreneurship (\$30,000,000 intra-campus loan)
- 7) Update Policy File on Administrative Review Process of University Administrators
- 8) Diversity Plans: How do we know their impact? When will we know?
- 9) Hiring Pause of Chill of Faculty or Staff Lines
- 10) Policing and Replacing Policing with Other Systems of Public Safety
- 11) Community Relations with College Area/Good Neighbor Efforts

8. Announcements (Weston)



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No announcements.

9. Adjourn.

Move to adjourn by Senator Chie and Seconded by Vice-Chair Butler-Byrd.