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SDSU SEC Minutes

January 19, 2021

2:00 to 4:30 pm

Members Present: Hopkins, Gontz, Wills, Weston, Preciado, Marx, Balsdon, Espinosa, Holt, Barbone, Atterton, Csomay, Wheeler, Brooks, Abdel-Samad, Ryan, Butler-Byrd, Fuller, Ochoa, Rhodes, Reeder

Guests: Eyal Oren, Monica Casper, Adela De la Torre, Agnes Wong-Nickerson, Adrienne Vargas, Greg Wilson, Stephen Gil, Andy Bohanok, Radhika Seshan, Jong Mon Win

Senate Analyst/Parliamentarian: Hoog, Eadie

1. Call to Order, Land Acknowledgement, and Principles of Shared Governance:

Land Acknowledgement: Senate Chair reads SDSU land acknowledgement statement.

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 shared governance 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)

Moved by Preciado/Butler-Byrd- Approval of agenda as presented with noted time certain. The agenda is approved without objection.

Senate Chair welcomes new CFA President Mounah Abdel-Samad as a non-voting member of the University Senate and the Senate Executive Committee.

3. Officers Report

3.1. Referrals Chart (Butler-Byrd)

Vice Chair Butler Byrd indicated that there are 43 items on the tracking document. She welcomed everyone back from winter break and noted the January 6 events in Washington D.C.

3.2. Senate Budget Update (Fuller)

2020-21 Budget request was presented to President De la Torre. We are seeking base funding.

3.3. SEC Minutes [November 17th Minutes](#) (Preciado)

Preciado/Marx moved approval of SEC Minutes for November 17. Minutes were approved without objection.

4. Academic Affairs Report

4.1. Provost's Report (Ochoa)

Provost Ochoa gave update on internal searches for AVP of International Affairs, the dean of the College of Graduate Studies, and Vice Provost for Academic Affairs. The PSFA faculty rep. Randy Reinholz was replaced on the search with another PSFA Rep. Niyi Coker.

EEP has impacted Sciences, CAL, and the Honors College with regard to Spring instructional costs. PBAC process has started and Academic Affairs will continue practice to bring together deans, AVPs, senate officers, and URP representatives from units in Academic Affairs to a budget retreat. A process to prioritize budget requests and review must- fund expenses will be presented at retreat.

EEP, Temporary Employees and Hiring Chill processes created staff vacancies. Provost is meeting with deans and AVPs on how to prioritize and fund positions for July 1,



2021 based on available funds. Provost indicated Academic Affairs EPP lost 67 faculty and staff to EEP. College of Sciences lost 8 staff, Enrollment Services lost 7. Provost is working with unit managers to make best decisions on filling staff positions. Interim VP BFA Agnes Wong-Nickerson expanded remarks on EEP. A final count is available of the 130 employees.

Implementation of the ethnic studies graduation requirement is under way for Fall 2021. The Dean of CAL---Monica Casper shared details of town hall planned for February 3, 2021. Dean Casper is meeting with stakeholders including ethnic studies chairs, associate deans, representative from Faculty Diversity (SA+CD), on implementing the new graduation requirement and its implications on area F of the GE Program. Involvement of AVP Schellenberg (CAA) will follow to comply with curricular process needs. Provost thanked Chair Weston and Vice Chair Butler-Byrd for their support through this complex process. Academic Senator Csomay inquired about options to offer courses by other departments as long as the course earns the designated Ethnic Studies prefix from one of the four departments. Senator Csomay presented inquiry as this question is under review by System-level GE Advisory Committee that advises the CSU Office of the Chancellor.

4.2. President comments (de la Torre)

President De la Torre offered remarks about the new calendar year and budget outlook for State California. Economy has positive indicators. Governor's initial budget proposal for CSU in 2021-22 began with no cuts, but no action to restore this year's budget cuts that impacted SDSU with a base budget cut of \$ 35.3 million. President de la Torre is working with CSU Chancellor Castro to address the disproportionate impact of CSU budget cuts on SDSU. She indicated that no fee increases are expected for undergraduate students for the coming 2021-22. The positive news from Governor is preliminary as it is in the beginning of the budget process for the State of California; the budget process will end in June 2021 with adoption of budget act. \$45 Million is now available in federal funds from December 26. \$15 million will be provided to students as financial aid. SDSU is waiting for approval to serve as vaccination site. More details to follow about access for SDSU faculty, staff and students.

SDSU is committed to not using layoffs or furloughs as strategies to address budget gaps. The University is strained in many areas of staffing. Looking to PBAC and the budget process to help us determine how to move forward with staff hiring.

Vice Chair Butler-Byrd inquired about responding to January 6, 2021 events in Washington, D.C. President De la Torre indicated that she is consulting with her leadership team and wants to respond to issue in context of strategic plan, in partnership with faculty, staff and students, and with the intent of having meaningful impact with a



broad institutional approach. She indicated that Mission Valley and SDSU Imperially will be key. She discussed how the housing element in Mission Valley offers an opportunity to create diverse residential community that interacts with each other.

5. Senate Actions (Weston)

5.1. Academic Policy & Planning (Hopkins)

- a. Retroactive withdrawal policy revision
- b. Term Credit Limits
- c. Federal Title IV Compliance
- d. Documentation on Admissions Exceptions Policies
- e. Priority Registration for ROTC Students

Chair Hopkins introduced five action items to the University Senate agenda of February 2, 2021. Without objection all items were advanced to the upcoming agenda.

5.2. GE, General Education Program changes (Wilson & Canary)

Co-Chair Wilson presented three new courses that are proposed for action. Agenda items item moves to February 2, 2021 without objection.

5.3. Late Graduation Candidate - Undergraduate student (Weston) (Time Sensitive, vote on behalf of Senate)

Raul Caleb Perez is considered for late graduation for December 2020. It was moved and approved by 2/3s 19 yes and 1 no vote. The Senate Executive Committee acts on behalf of the Senate to approve the graduation of Mr. Perez upon completion of all degree requirements.

5.4. CCE Sustainability Committee appointment (Marx)

Otto De la Cruz is proposed for appointment to Sustainability Committee. Item moves to Feb. 2 Meeting without objection.

5.5. Mirrored graduate programs at Global Campus (Weston) **Time Certain 3:00pm**

- a. *Mirrored grad programs in Master's of Public Health - Epidemiology (Oren)*
- b. *Mirrored grad programs in Master's of Social Work (Min)*

Senate Chair Weston introduced item. He indicated that he has referred the approval of the two programs for budget considerations to the UR&P. Chair of UR&P Ryan will be considering the item at their upcoming meeting and report to the Senate. Director of



the School of Public Health Oren reintroduced the benefits and need for mirrored MPH program to be offered by the Global Campus. ASCSU Csomay inquired about how fees were established. Director Oren provided details about the cost associated with offering the program. Global Campus Dean Radhikah Seshan provided details about the targeted students---industry professionals (adult-learners) seeking to “uptrain” with the MPH program. She also indicated that the mirrored degree proposals are presented after extensive market research about serving these targeted “students” and as part of a national or international market review to understand the need and competitiveness of the program. Director of the School of Social Work Jong Won Min introduced the MSW mirrored program proposal and stressed the importance of offering a high quality and accredited program to Global Campus students.

Chair Gontz inquired about pricing model regarding how the two programs have different unit costs. Dean Seshan indicated that the programs are different in terms of units and in terms of the cost to implement because of the MSW’s practicum and faculty supervision components. Chair Gontz also wanted clarity on how the University is reimbursed when tenured and tenure-track or State funded faculty participate in the mirrored program? Director Min indicated that there is a firewall between program resources for the mirrored program and the state funded program. AVP Brooks indicated that there are established procedures that provide spaces for faculty to participate and for the university to be made whole.

Associate Dean Andrew Bohonak – Graduate Studies supported the need for predictability in future review process of all new mirrored programs. He also wanted to affirm that the Graduate Council supports new programs with the expectation that all standards: in admissions, teaching, research requirements will be maintained. He commented that, in rare circumstances and through a strict justification process, students from the two programs may need to cross enroll in a course. AD Bohonak also indicated that we need to establish: 1. What is the role of University Senate in approving Global Campus degree programs; 2. How Senate reviews new programs from Global Campus that are not mirrored.; and 3. How do we review and approve mirrored programs moving forward? He also offered a rationale for mirrored programs as a matter of access to academic degrees not available to students through the State-funded program as they may not be offered fully online.

CFA President asked questions about faculty intellectual rights. Dean Seshan indicated that payment for developing curriculum is made through a mutually non-exclusive agreement. The curriculum is owned by University and the academic department. No accreditation exceptions to any program. We will offer the programs of the same quality fully accredited or not at all.



Agreement was reached to develop a memo that serves as Q and A document for the main concerns that have been raised today and at the December 1, 2020 meeting of the University Senate. These items will be on the University Senate agenda for February 2, 2020. The new informational document should address 1. Funding and fees; faculty roles and ownership of curriculum; and accreditation.

5.6 Feedback to ASCSU on the proposals from Legislative Analyst Office (LAO).
(Butler-Byrd)

Vice-Chair Butler-Byrd requested input from the University Senate to provide an SDSU perspective to the Academic Senate of the CSU related to the new proposals introduced in the Governor's budget. These included: increasing the share of online courses by 10 percent; 2. Offering a new dual admission program in collaboration with community colleges; and 3. the use of \$10 million dollars to support faculty professional development. The Senate Office will email senators to collect input this week.

5.7 UCC BA in Math added to IVC program offerings (Barbone) **Time Certain 3:45pm**
Chair Barbone, welcomed Dean Gregorio Ponce to present a proposal to offer a Bachelors of Mathematics at SDSU Imperial Valley. The program is supported by the College of Sciences and the Department of Mathematics. The item will advance to the University Senate meeting of February 2.

6. Committee Reports

6.1. Academic Policy & Planning (Hopkins)

Information item to be presented to Senate. Report proceeds to Senate without objection.

6.2. Graduate Council (Gill) **Time Certain 3:30pm**

Added to Senate Agenda without objection.

6.3. URAD Report (Vargas) **Time Certain 4:00pm**

Vice President Vargas introduces report. Report is accepted without objection.

6.4. UCC 2022-2023 General Catalog (Barbone)

Report included mostly housing keeping changes to the curriculum. The report is accepted for presentation at the University Senate on February 2.



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6.5. CCE Change in search committee for Vice Provost for Academic Affair (Marx)

Change in search committee representative from PSFA from Randy Rinholz with Niyi Coker.

7. Announcements (Weston)

8. Adjourn.