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## SDSU Senate Minutes

Oct 5th, 2021  
2:00 to 4:30 pm

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Putman, Nedjat-Haiem, Smigel, Blomgren, Lach, Vaughn, Reeder, Adams, Barfuss, Canary, Sharma, Mahar, Gates, Mladenov, Hentschel, J.Love, Cappello, Kelley, Schmitz Weiss, Manley, Sasidharan, Gibbons, Schuermann, Urada, Catano, Rehfus, Atkins, Abdel-Samad, Fitch, Wilson, MacKenzie, Czech, Purse, Horton, Martinez, Marx, Preminger, Ponomarenko, Silkes, Garibay, Orosz, Schulze, Mohammed, Bernerth, Papin, Schenkenfelder, Abdel-Nour, Foral, Borgstrom, Kraemer, Record, Wilson, Brooks, Juan Johnson, Baljon, Moore, O'Brien, Abarbanell, Clo, Wills, Sobo, Ahsan, Ornatowski, Interlando, Espinoza An, Miles (Poor), Abman, Alkebulan, Maluf, Richeson, Cordero, Skupin, Corlett, Preciado, Bani Younes, Kamper, Crawford, Brandon, Krivogorsky, Vasquez, Abman, Crawford, Ryan, Tejada, Barbone, Hopkins DeBoskey, Wheeler, Lindemann, Ochoa, Wood, Tang, Stoskopf, O'Sullivan, Fuller, Kamper, Ozturk, Donyanavard, Werry, McCall, Morsi, Weston, Wong Nickerson,

Guests- Dean Tracy Love, AVP Christina Alfaro, VP Jerry Sheehan, Chair Gloria Rhodes, Chair Steve Barbone, AVP Eric Hanson

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

Land Acknowledgement: 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: Chair reads principles of 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)

The agenda was adopted without objection noting a time certain item.

3. Officers Report

3.1. Referrals Chart (Butler-Byrd)

Vice Chair Butler-Byrd presented the updated referral chart. Invited questions from the body and announced that updates to the policy file are underway.

3.2. Senate Budget Update (Fuller)

No update on Senate budget.

3.3. Chairs Report

a) Ad hoc Committee (formation/membership/charge) (Weston)

Charge: Investigate and report back to the Senate on Master student financial issues in all Colleges across campus; specifically examining the support that graduate students receive through Teaching Assistantship. Also, investigate any potential policy, organizational, or fiscal obstacles that need to be addressed in order to meet a paucity in Master student support. Please report back, before the end of Spring 2022.

Chair Weston invited interested senators to email him directly about joining the committee on TA/GA compensation. The chair will form the work group to include representatives from all the colleges and related units. Non senators can participate.

b) Formal recognition and thanks to FIT Center/Flex Institute.

Chair Weston (via Senator MacKenzie) requested that the body acknowledge the important contributions to the campus community of the FIT Center/Flex Institute in supporting the campus community with the transitions to online, Canvas and related faculty supports during the period of the pandemic and as we move forward.

3.4. Senate Minutes Sept. 9th, 2021 (Preciado) <https://senate.sdsu.edu/agendas-minutes>

Motion to adopt September 9, 2021, with additions and edits was accepted without objection.

3.5. Announcement: New Guidelines for Meetings (introduction) and pilot testing voting through Qualtrics. (Weston)



Chair Weston shared a series of new practices including voting using survey software. CCE chair Marx will assist voting process. Senator Tejada inquired about voting software. Senator Vaughn described accountability measures that exist with CCE managing the voting process through Qualtrics. Issues related to proxy representatives were discussed.

A test vote was carried out to workout any immediate challenges to the new process including missing emails. Chair Marx shared how the results will be presented after a vote.

#### 4. Academic Affairs Report

##### 4.1. President's remarks (de la Torre)

President de la Torre updated the Senate on recent achievements of the University in managing COVID 19 Pandemic, grant productivity, NIH FUERTE grant generating 11 new faculty members ---grant is for Latinx health disparities. President de la Torre noted Filipino Heritage Month and our new campus designation as an Asian American Native American Pacific Islander-Serving Institution (AANAPISI) institution— “an aspirational goal of the strategic plan.”

SDSU Imperial Valley shuttle service between the two campuses was started this month.

A strategic plan fair will be held on October 26, 2021.

Senators shared concerns about organizational changes and a perception of constant change beyond the Strategic Plan. Senators expressed not feeling appreciated as reflected by faculty compensation proposal by CSU.

##### 4.2. Provost's Report (Ochoa) (delayed til 2:20pm)

1. SDSU met its enrollment goals for Fall 21.
2. Academic advisors 20 fulltime staff – distributed across the colleges. Assignment process involved consultations and balancing with units that have faculty on assigned time and full-time staff advising. Major advisors in the colleges have student loads now that range from 270 to 330. The NACADA standard is 1 to 300.
3. Faculty lines – 81 to 85 lines launched for hire starting Fall 22.

The breakdown of the lines is as follows: 3 lines continued from last year; six ethnic studies lines funded by the state legislature and CSU; 29 college funded lines and 32 to 35 centrally funded lines. Among the lines funded are included the 11 NIH FUERTE

Grant lines. SDSU was one of five institutions that received this important award. The other institutions are Cornell, Florida State University, the University Alabama with HBCU Tuskegee, Mount Sinai Medical School. The focus of this NIH grant is on environmental health, cancer disparities, nutrition and obesity. Of the eleven lines, nine are grant funded and two lines are funded by campus. Three of the lines will be assigned to SDSU Imperial Valley.

Senators raised questions about new advising resources and use of staff and faculty advisors. They also inquired about the about NIH FUERTE grant and distribution of faculty lines. Provost provided additional details about the FUERTE cross college, trans-disciplinary cluster hiring effort and initiate.

#### 4.3. SDSU 125th Anniversary (Seth Mallios)

Dr. Seth Mallios presented plans for 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of SDSU celebrations that will begin in March 2022 and continue for 16 months.

### 5. Senate Actions (Weston)

#### 5.1. Annual Agenda (Weston)

Chair Weston presented the proposal for the 2021-22 annual agenda. The agenda was accepted without objection.

#### 5.2. Emeritus Status (missed vote Feb 2021) (Weston)

Chair Weston presented list of professors from a missed action item February 2021 to be awarded emeritus status upon retirement from SDSU. Motion was accepted without objection.

#### 5.3. Graduate Council (Love)

- a) ACTION (3A-09-21.500) New Course & Certificates
- b) ACTION (3A-09-21) New Course & Certificates
  
- c) ACTION Graduate student good standing criteria

*On May 6, the Graduate Council unanimously recommended that the following proposal go forward to the Senate Executive Committee/Senate:*

*Graduate students are considered to be in Good Standing with the College of Graduate Studies if they:*

1. *Maintain good academic standing with the university (based on cumulative GPA),*



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2. *Are in good judicial standing (as defined by the Center for Student Rights and Responsibilities),*
3. *make continued good progress toward the degree each semester (as defined by the graduate program),*
4. *maintain matriculation (enroll in classes or file Leave of Absence, each Fall and Spring semester).*

*Appeals may be submitted in writing to the Graduate Dean to reinstate Good Standing with the College of Graduate Studies. The consequences for loss of Good Standing may also be appealed in writing to the Graduate Dean.*

**Graduate Council motion was accepted without objection.**

5.4. Committee on Committees and Elections. Committee Appointments (Marx)

**Chair Marx presents new appointments and reappointments. Committee motion to approve is accepted without objection.**

5.5. General Education (Wilson)

**Co-Chair Wilson presented new courses. Committee motion to add new courses is accepted without objection.**

5.6. Undergraduate Committee (Barbone)

**Chair Barbone introduces new programs and related courses. Committee motion is accepted without objection.**

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

a) Course Forgiveness Policy

**ACTION:** In alignment with the University's shift to the PeopleSoft Student Information Session and in tandem with other forthcoming changes to academic grading policies, the Academic Policy & Planning Committee (AP&P) moves that the Senate adjust the following policy regarding course forgiveness:

*A student who receives a grade of C– or lower (fewer than 2.0 grade points per unit) may request that the course repeat policy for grade forgiveness be applied to that course. Students may request up to a limit of 16 units for course forgiveness, with the constraint that no more than one course may be an upper division course. The course repeat policy shall be*

*applied to courses taken at San Diego State University, except where enrollment is restricted, or the student no longer qualifies for admission to a course.*

Chair Lach presented policy update on course forgiveness. Committee motion was accepted without objection.

b) Term Credit Limits

**ACTION:** The Academic Policy & Planning Committee (AP&P) moves that the Senate adopt the following policy regarding summer registration limits effective for Summer 2022.

*SDSU will establish registration limits in its Summer Sessions whereby students may enroll in no more than 18 units in total during summer. Students will be permitted to enroll in no more than 9 units in each Summer Session (S1 and S2), and up to 18 units in the 13-week session T1 (if they are not taking classes during Sessions 1 and 2). Any exceptions to these maximums will require approval by an academic advisor and administrator in Enrollment Services.*

Chair Lach presented new policy proposal on registration limits with the Summer 2022 session. The committee's motion was accepted without objection.

6. Committee Reports

6.1. ASCSU report (Ornatowski)

Academic Senator Ornatowski referred senators to the agenda packet for his report. He noted continued discussion on accommodations, COVID-19, and faculty flexibility related to teaching modalities. Additional resolutions related to faculty rights will occur at upcoming meeting. Report was accepted without objection.

6.2. CFA Report (Abdel-Samad)

CFA President Abdel-Samad discussed ongoing faculty union efforts to bargain for new contract. He noted impasse after over 23 sessions without progress. He described a lack of fairness in working with faculty union in the bargaining process. The next steps may include concerted efforts. Campus CFA President Abdel-Samad described historic investments in the CSU by the State of California and the federal government. The CSU position is not acceptable with a limited and "salary" offer that does not match the language used to praise faculty (in fact a pay cut if one includes parking proposals). Once impasse is established the formal next step is process is good faith mediation. That will be followed by fact finding with a ten-day cool-off period. Management may, at this time, impose a contract. At that time the union can begin concerted actions including and up to strike actions. CSU presidents and administrators raises were discussed. New parking fees was also discussed. An example of new CSU proposal is to reduce FERP benefit to 3 years vs the existing 5 years.



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A meet and confer request was presented to administration regarding application of new policy related to academic freedom. The matter related to posting of cartoon resulting in disciplinary action.

6.3. Academic Policy and Planning Committee (AP&P) Information Item: Academic Policy Changes. (Lach)

Chair Lach presented 3 policies (incomplete grades, course repeats, probation and disqualification) that are needed as part of the implementation of PeopleSoft adoption.

6.4. Graduate Council (Love)

- a) INFORMATION (3I-09-21) Change in Programs
- b) INFORMATION (3I-09-21.500) Change in Prerequisites and Course deactivation.

Associated Dean Bohonak presented Graduate Council curriculum reports. The reports were accepted without objection.

6.5. Undergraduate Curriculum Committee (Barbone)

Chair Barbone presented extensive UCC curriculum report. The report was accepted without objection.

6.6. URAD Report (Weston)

URAD report was accepted without objection.

6.7. Report of Traffic and Parking Changes (Deborah Richeson, Cynthia Cervantes, and Kara Bauer) **Time Certain 4:15pm**

Debbie Richeson discussed adoption of new traffic pattern connected to lot East Campus Drive and adjacent lots was established to improve student safety. She announced reinstatement of two-way traffic pattern and continued focus on student and pedestrian safety. Eric Hanson affirmed the need for student safety in this area. He announced the development of path of travel (sidewalk) for students. Senators offered additional input about congested parking lot and significant time delays is exiting lots and accessing SDSU Children's Center. RHA and students will continue to have a voice in this traffic planning process.

7. Announcements (Weston)

No announcements.

8. Adjourn.

Butler-Byrd and Marx moved to adjourn.