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SDSU Senate Minutes

February 1, 2022

2:00 to 4:30 pm

Members Present: Marx, Adams, Urada, Abel Mills, Cappello, Vaughn, Mahar, Preminger, Johnson, Smigel, Nedjat-Haiem, Putman, Gibbons, Love, Lach, Gates, Blomgren, Bliss, MacKenzie, Abdel-Nour, Samraj, Degeneffe, Bernerth, Ponomarenko, Tang, Kraemer, Schuermann, Love, Martinez, Schmitz, Weiss, Lindemann, Csomay, Weston, Barbone, Crawford, Richeson, Purse, Hentschel, Werry, Sobo, Fitch, McCall, Juan, Borgstrom, Orosz, Corlett, Wills, Kelley, Wang, Papin, Ornatowski, Jeffery, Alkebulan, Hopkins, Preciado, Gates, Asante, Espinoza, Brandon, Barfuss, Reeder, Ponce, Mladenov, Ryan, Baljon, Schulze, O'Sullivan, Gates, Cordero, Eissa, Tejada, Wheeler, Fuller, Sasidharan, Wood, Stoskopf, Gubellini, Luo, Atkins, Foral, McDaniels-Davidson, Horton, Reh fuss, Brooks, Czech, Vasquez, Miles (Poor), Canary, Chizhik, Sharma, Wong Nickerson, Kim, Kamper, Donyanavard

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 of shared governance**

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. Principles of Community Statement and Chair Comments/Announcement (Weston)

Senate chair reads the new SDSU Principles of Community Statement. He then offers a statement with labor statistics from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics confirming inequality among members of society and specifically from women, people of color and individuals with varying abilities.

3. Approval of Agenda (Preciado)

Preciado/Fuller move approval of agenda without objection.

4. Officers Report

4.1. Referrals Chart (Butler-Byrd)

Vice Chair Butler-Byrd offers a brief discussion on the referral chart. The items on the chart are in process and will come

4.2. Senate Budget Update (Fuller)

4.3. Senate Minutes Dec. 7th (Preciado) https://senate.sdsu.edu/_agendas_minutes_action-memos

Preciado/Adams move approval of the minutes for December 7, 2021. Minutes are approved without objection.

5. Academic Affairs Report

5.1. Provost's Report (Ochoa)

Provost Ochoa noted that enrollment is on target. College of Education, Fowler College of Business and College of PSFA exceeded their targets. RTP process is with the university committee. 109 faculty are in the RTP pipeline (3r year review, tenure and promotion and promotion to professor). Faculty searches are underway and the provost thanks departments for their efforts in these inviting new faculty to join the campus. Six additional sabbaticals were funded this cycle.

President Adela de la Torre: Offered remarks welcoming the campus community back to campus on February 7. Retention numbers are reflecting everyone's efforts made by the university community to support student success. President de la Torre commended everyone for complying with COVID-19 safety protocols. She indicated it was a prudent action to delay in-person instruction to February 7 given the positivity rate of 25% during in mid-January. She affirmed the positivity rate is now back to single digits. CSU Trustee budget request for 2022-23 operating budget and the Governor's budget are not aligned. Efforts by SDSU community and CSU are underway to pursue funding from State that matches the CSU Trustee budget request. President de la Torre described efforts by Dean Love and Provost Ochoa to improve student scholarships and support faculty research (mitigate teaching load burden). Carnegie rating is expected later in February. SDSU earned \$110 million in external funding. Geography faculty hired a national academy member. NSF career awards for Engineering faculty. Priority to improve graduate student funding model--GAships and TAships. Faculty led exploration of doctoral program and renegotiating JDPs. Prioritize support for doctoral students. SDSU committed \$3 million to support new stem facility at Brawley Campus; developments in



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nursing education; SDSU Mission Valley is self-funded; 125 Anniversary celebration for SDSU to begin in March.

Senators' questions- SDSU West housing elements and access to housing.

Sabbaticals questions: in terms of backlog what is process to resolve? a forthcoming matrix on faculty success in applying in earning sabbaticals. 12 percent of eligible faculty are to be awarded. Funds are distributed based on number of faculty or pro-rated.

Question is about in-person instruction, students have not been cleared on roster. Choice of Monday, February 7, 2022 to return to campus and bench marking. Date of February 7 is still a date to start in accordance to information by Epidemiology Team.

Libby Skiles provided a brief discussion about how in-person and virtual instruction periods are established. The determinations are made by reviewing factors.

Students who exemptions are returning and will test upon return and will become compliant. The student record will be updated then.

Senator Tejeda responded to question about student data regarding their interest in-person vs online instruction.

6. Senate Actions

6.1. ACTION: Emeritus Requests (Levitt)

Chair Levitt presented the list of faculty nominated for emeritus status by the Committee on Faculty Honors and Awards. List was accepted without objection.

6.2. ACTION: Emeritus Status Appeal for Lecturer (Weston)

Motion by Weston/Preciado made motion to award lecturer emeritus status. Motion is approved with the following vote- 37 yes, 15 no and 26 abstentions

6.3. ACTION: Constitution and Bylaws Committee (CBL) Resolution Bylaw Requirements: Senate Officers received requests that CBL review senate bylaws regarding the submission of resolutions (**second reading**). (Baljon)

Chair Baljon presented second reading of bylaw update regarding resolutions. The CBL moves approval of bylaw update regarding resolutions. 44 yes, 3 no, 24 abstentions. Motion carries.

6.4. ACTION: Academic Policy & Planning Committee (AP&P) Clarify "Early" Tenure Policies and Implementation. (Lach)

Chair Lach presented item. Policy update was accepted without objection.

6.5. ACTION: Rescind Senate Academic Calendar vote of December 7, 2021 (AVP Brooks)

Motion to rescind recent update to the 22-23 academic calendar to include June 20 as a paid holiday. Action to rescind is approved and the posted 2022-23 calendar with no holiday on June 20 is restored.

6.6. ACTION: Graduate Council (GC) (Love)

- a) ACTION: Graduate Council update of membership language for the policy file
Graduate Council moves approval of policy file update to membership of council. Action also clarifies voting and non-voting memberships. Motion was approved without objection.
- b) ACTION: Removal of incorrect language for Graduate Council section in the policy file
Graduate Council moves another update to graduate council policy file language. Motion is accepted without objection.

6.7. ACTION: Committee on Sustainability. (CoS) (Rogers)

- a) ACTION: Resolution, COMMENDATION OF LAURA SHINN
Chair Rogers read resolution commending Laura Shin. Commendation was adopted by acclamation.
- b) ACTION: Request to Add a Representative from the Department of Energy & Sustainability.
Sustainability Committee seeks to include a new non-voting member to the Committee representing Department of Energy and Sustainability membership would grow from 15 to 16. Policy file update is accepted without objection.

6.8. ACTION: Liberal Studies Committee. (LSC) Request to change the composition of the Liberal Studies committee. (Chizhik)

Chair Chizhik moves an update to the Liberal Studies Committee's membership to include new faculty members and an additional student from SDSU campus and one from SDSU Imperial Valley (friendly amendment to policy document). Motion was accepted without objection.

6.9 ACTION: University Research Council (URC) Change membership in policy file—University Research Council (Reed/Madanat)

Vice President Manadat moves approval of policy file update to Research Council charter. The changes update the council's work, voting membership, and functions of the council. The Council advises Vice President of Research. Motion was accepted without objections. Some changes will be made editorially as final clean up.

7. Committee Reports

7.1. INFORMATION: Faculty Affairs Committee (FA) Information: Changes to Faculty Advancement RTP Procedures (Jeffery)



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Faculty Affairs Committee information item is accepted without objection.

7.2. INFORMATION: Academic Policy and Planning Committee (AP&P) Examine the Feasibility and Consequences of Reducing Syllabus Requirements (Lach)

Interest to further reduce the syllabus from the new 4 pages template developed by to a link or other limited

Academic Policy and Planning Committee information report is recieved without objection.

7.3. INFORMATION: URAD Report (Weston)

Chair Weston presented report as information. Report was accepted without objection.

8. Adjourn.

Motion to adjourn was presumed to be accepted without objection.