



SAN DIEGO STATE
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SDSU Senate Minutes

March 1, 2022

2:00 to 4:30 pm

Senators and Guests: Fuller, Preciado, Lach, Adams, Cappello, Love, Martinez, Juan, Bliss, McCall, Bani, Younes, Crawford, Schulze, Gates, Smigel, Nedjat-Haiem, May-Newman, Corlett, Csomay, Fitch, Love, Wilson, Hentschel, Bailund, Abel Mills, Ponomarenko, Urada, Vasquez, Weston, Mahar, Baljon, Marx, Johnson, Vaughn, Oduro, Sasidharan, Tejada, Brown, Schmitz Weiss, Ponce, Quezada, Luo, Putman, Brown, Zona, Walls, Atkins, Purse, Preminger, Espinoza, Asante, Jackson, Orosz, De Santiago, Brandon, Sobo, Wilson, Esquivel, Exantus, Lam, Samraj, Alkebulan, Meyer, Kraemer, Branch, Papin, Ritter, Meyers, Dion, Rich, Wills, Herrick, Wood, Strohauer, Bernerth, Akpenyi, Hopkins, Ryan, Leon, Canary, Werry, Wheeler, Tang, Rehfuss, Jeffery, Sharma, Moore, Stoskopf, Barbone, Nowicki, O'Sullivan, Reeder, Barfuss, Barcenas, Astorga, Mladenov, Kim, Czech, Drew, Foral, Laurie, Cordero, Chilcote, Wellenstein, Myers-Bowman, Williamson, Tiller, Miles, Schellenberg, Abdel-Nour, Gaines, Ahmed, Schuermann, Wong Nickerson, Valdez, Jarman, Gates, Eissa, Denny, Brown, Sabino, Hutchings, McDaniels-Davidson, Gubellini, Nyema, Horton, Brooks, Casper, BeuMaher, Adé, Rhodes, Interlando, Kim, Salazar, Jones, Black, Anderson, Abman, Ulloa, Kelley, Gibbons, Lindemann, Abdel-Samad, Roberts, Bland, Morsi, Hanselman, Regan, Gonzalez, Abman

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

Land Acknowledgement: Senate chair reads 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 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)

Butler-Byrd/Alkebulan moved to amend the agenda to include items 2.1 and 2.3. 48 yes, 1 no, 17 abstentions. Motion to amend the agenda is approved (2/3s requirement met).

Motion to approve the amended agenda by Preciado and Fuller. Agenda is approved without objection.

2.1. Submission to Senate Floor to add to agenda: “*Reaffirming Shared Governance in the Consideration of Significant Gifts, Including The John Coltrane Memorial Black Music Archive.*” pending approval by 2/3’s vote to add. Page 4

Senator Alkebulan provided a summary of recent communications and varied donor engagement efforts related to *The John Coltrane Memorial Black Music Archive*. He noted that he was no longer convinced that the cost to maintain the “archive” was the key concern that led to the formal rescission of the agreement to add the archive to the SDSU Library-Special Collections. Senator Alkebulan characterized the rescission as an act of anti-Blackness and specified that the rescission contradicted the adoption of the recent [10-point plan](#) to support the SDSU Black Community that emerged in response to the national unrest following the George Floyd incident.

Editorial amendments to the first *resolved clause* were offered by Senator Tejada and Senator Rehfuss to add by “students voice” and “staff voice” (... faculty, staff, and student voice) were accepted. Senators shared their perspective on the value of the “archive” to the campus community. The central administration, the SDSU Library administration and Special Collections librarians (via written statement) provided their point of view on the opportunity to honor the contract with archive donors and receive it as originally envisioned (as a bequest -in 10 years or more) and with the emerging expectations for the archive.

Motion by Senators Hentschel/Marx to eliminate 1st resolve clause. Arguments were presented to explain the impact of leaving or removing the first resolve clause in terms of the practicality of involving a shared governance committee to reviewing or considering “all” academic gifts to the University. It was noted that no such committee or structure exists as this time and as such the resolved clause that is adopted should initiate or form such a committee or start a consultation process about such a committee. The motion to eliminate the first clause fails-- **10 yes, 39 no, and 7 abstentions**. A friendly amendment to remove the “re” prefix from the word re-establish in the first resolved clause was accepted.

Proposed revision to first resolved clause authored by Treasurer Fuller: RESOLVED, that a referral to appropriate University Senate committees is made to assess the related

Senate policies governing academic-related gifts to the university to improve shared governance, inclusive of faculty, staff and student voice, related to the acceptance and rescission of such gifts. The language was accepted by Chair as a friendly amendment to replace the first resolved clause.

The amended resolution is adopted with the following vote: 48 yes, 3 no, 23 abstain-

- 2.2. Special Collections Letter..... Page 7
The letter was presented on screen and was part of the discussion to adopt “*Reaffirming Shared Governance in the Consideration of Significant Gifts, Including The John Coltrane Memorial Black Music Archive.*”

3. Officers Report

- 3.1. Referrals Chart (Butler-Byrd)..... Page 10
Vice Chair Butler-Byrd provided a summary of the status of the referrals chart (52 items) and thanked committees and committee chairs for their efforts. Vice Chair reported that Senate Analyst Saldaña sent reminder notices to each committee about pending business items.

- 3.2. Senate Budget Update (Fuller)
Treasurer Fuller shared that the 2022-23 University Senate budget request had been transmitted the budget to PBAC via the Office of the Vice President Business and Financial Affairs.

3.3. Senate Minutes (Preciado)

Minutes - February 1, 2022

Preciado/Fuller moved approval of minutes for February 1, 2022 meeting. Minutes were approved without objection.

Minutes - November 2, 2021 (*Missed approval in December*)

Preciado/Butler Byrd moved approval of the November 2, 2021 meeting minutes. Motion was approved without objection.

4. Academic Affairs Report

- 4.1. Provost’s Report (Ochoa)
Provost shared his concerns over the unfolding events in Europe and expressed that the campus community’s thoughts were with all impacted by these developments.

The provost reported the following:

1. Spring Enrollment is 32,674 students and represents 99.6% of target
2. Retention rates (continuation from first to second semester) of first-year students for the Fall 21 semester is 96%.
3. Continuation rates for first semester transfer students is also high at 95%.
4. Letters of admission will be sent out later in March; we had a record year for undergraduate admissions applications for Fall 2022.
5. RTP season is underway with 34 3rd Year reviews completed and two library faculty cases completed. 73 RTP cases are with the University Committee and will be transmitted to me in later this month. Provost made special mention of the

resiliency of the faculty even when impacted by this recent period of COVID-19 pandemic.

- 6. 87 searches were approved for the 2022-23 cycle--with 15 completed contracts, 6 acceptance letters pending, 11 under negotiation and 55 searches remain fully active. The provost expressed his appreciation to the all faculty involved in this important recruitment and he looks forward welcoming 87 new colleagues to campus.

5. Senate Action Items

- 5.1. Senate Actions of no confidence in Chancellor Joseph Castro’s Leadership. (Weston)..... Page 15

Senator Adams suggested an editorial change to remove the first resolved clause as Chancellor Castro resigned since the SEC meeting. Motion by Vaughn/Butler-Byrd to adopt the resolution- Motion to adopt the amended resolution passed without objection.

- 5.2. ACTION: Changing policy File Language regarding Land Acknowledgement (Per FIRE Letter and CSU OGC recommendations). (Weston).Page 19

Tribal Liaison Waipuk read a statement by Michael Connolly Miskwish addressing the significance of the Kumeyaay Land acknowledgement in the context of the proposed policy file update to remove the mandatory requirement for all syllabi—including the land acknowledgement would now be optional.

February 22, 2022
To: San Diego State University Senate
by way of the SDSU Tribal Liaison

Howka. The San Diego State region has many layers of identification. It is California, San Diego, San Diego County, the Pacific Rim, the San Diego-Tijuana Metropolitan area among many more identities. One aspect of regional identity that has been overlooked or, at times, intentionally omitted, has been the identity as Kumeyaay Lands. But land is more than a tangible thing in the traditional beliefs of the Kumeyaay. It has a relationship with spiritual connections that go beyond the physical. Most of the people of the San Diego State University region don’t come close to the Kumeyaay history in the region, yet many of them feel some of that connection and closeness that brings us all together in a unique way. For others, perhaps they too can be inspired to find that commonality in their own unique ways and belief systems.

In helping to draft the Land Acknowledgement I sought to highlight the elements of our common humanity that I found most evident. It was presented as a gift, and, as such should only be willingly accepted. To profess acceptance falsely or under duress, make it a platitude. This was never the intent.

I was happy to see the University Senate accept the acknowledgement as part of the syllabus template last year. It was one of the positives in a relationship with the

Kumeyaay community that has often been strained. I would like to see the statement continue in the syllabus as a clear statement from the University Senate so that no individual feels they are being coerced to espouse a view they don't agree. However, I would rather see no Land Acknowledgement in the syllabus if the alternative is discord, divisiveness and resentment.

Like the land, I have many layers of identity. I'm a husband, father, grandfather, Kumeyaay, American, Irish, Army Ranger Veteran, engineer, economist, historian and SDSU alumnus. I have found many people, from many backgrounds, whom I have called "Brother or Sister" over my life. I pray that circle will widen even more in the short time of this existence. I trust in the Senate to do what is good and just.

Michael Connolly Miskwish

Treasurer Fuller noted that the policy file question(s) of revising the policy file language regarding all the requirements for course syllabi has been referred to the Faculty Affairs Committee. The question before the University Senate is to remove the requirement of the land acknowledgement in response to the CSU university counsel suggestion and FIRE letter demand. The policy file would now have language that encourages the inclusion of the land acknowledgement as an option for each instructor.

Senators noted the significance and impact to the campus community and San Diego region of both adopting the Kumeyaay Land Acknowledgement and adding the land acknowledgement in all syllabi as a requirement in the relevant section of the University Policy File. Senators were interested in clarifying the guidance received from CSU counsel to update the policy file.

Motion to update the policy file with the changes noted in agenda packet to remove the requirement of the Kumeyaay Land Acknowledgement on all course syllabi. The change removes the requirement and affirms the option to include the land acknowledgement by instructors.

Motion to update file is approved with the following vote- Yes- 40 No-35 Abstentions 7

5.3. ACTION: Amend Membership of Honorary Degrees Advisory Committee (Ochoa)

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HDAC Chair Ochoa introduced the need to update the committee's membership. HDAC committee moves update to the membership in the policy file. Motion is approved without objection.

5.4. ACTION: Emeritus Requests (Levitt). Page 21

The Faculty Honors and Awards Committee moves approval of the conferral of emeritus status of faculty noted in agenda packet. Motion is approved without objection.

5.5 Action: Committee on Committee and Elections (Marx)

- a. Appointment of faculty to senate committees.....Page 22
CCE moves approval of 3 faculty appointments. Motion was approved without objection.
- b. Decommissioning of Senate-Appointed Committees.....Page 23
CCE moves approval to decommission of the DACC and the Student Affairs Committee. Motion was approved without objection.

5.6 ACTION: Constitution and Bylaws (CBL) Senate policy file (Constitution) changes on Meeting, Quorum, and Votes. (Baljon). Page 24

Chair Baljon requested that this item be postponed to the April meeting of the University Senate to have sufficient time for debate. The item was agenzized for today’s meeting as a first reading. Because of the postponement, the item will be placed on the April agenda as a first reading of the proposed bylaw update on meetings, quorum and senate voting procedures.

6. Committee Reports

6.1. Update on the Ad hoc committee on grad student finances (Kelly)
Senator Kelly reported that graduate students will be surveyed on March 7. Senator Kelly encouraged faculty to encourage students to participate.

6.2. INFORMATION: Undergraduate Council Report (AVP Brooks)

a. Undergraduate Council..... Page 26

Chair Brooks provided a brief summary of campus-wide student success activities.

b. Recommendation on elimination of the WPA. Page 28

Chair Brooks requested input on the possible elimination of the WPA. Undergraduate council will be considering the matter again at its upcoming meeting. Main issue is to eliminate high stakes exams and enroll student in upper division writing class.

6.3. INFORMATION: Constitution and Bylaws (CBL) Referred #48: AVP FASS 5-year review. (Baljon).Page 30

Chair Baljon provide a brief discussion about FASS as an organization and the review of its administrator. Report is received without objection.

6.4. INFORMATION: ASCSU Report to Senate (Ornatowski). Page 32
Report is received without objection.

6.5. INFORMATION: Academic Policy and Planning Committee (AP&P) (Lach)

a. Summer terms..... Page 39

Chair Lach discussed new 4-week summer sessions to be introduced by Enrollment Services for Summer 2022. Responding to senator questions, AVP Hyman indicated that students will be offered the same instructional time they would typically expect for each course during other sessions in compliance with accreditation standards. The report was received without objection.

b. Course ModalityPage 40

Chair Lach discussed AP &P considerations about course modalities during emergencies. The report was accepted without objection.

6.6. INFORMATION: URAD Report (Weston)..... Page 43

The report was received without objection.

7. Adjourn.