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## SDSU Senate Minutes

April 5, 2022

Online via [Zoom](#)

2:00 to 4:30 pm

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Senate Members and Guests: Fuller, Lach, Ponomarenko, Vaughn, Love, Walls, Canary, Schmitz Weiss, MacKenzie, Nedjat-Haiem, McDaniels-Davidson, Zona, Samraj, Adams, Smigel, Reeder, Preciado, Preminger, Sharma, Bernerth, Sheehan, Orosz, Corlett, Marx, Purse, Fitch, Schulze, Juan, Gates, Gibbons, Mahar, Borgstrom, Lindemann, Gubellini, Stoskopf, Love, McCall, Sasidharan, Czech, Atkins, Foral, Barfuss, Brandon, Hentschel, Eissa, Abel Mills, Putman, Barbone, Peraza, Wills, Cappello, Vasquez, Kim, Rehfuss, Richeson, Jeffery, Bani Younes, Abdel-Nour, Weston, O'Sullivan, Baljon, Madanat, Ponce, Schuermann, Johnson, Ozturk, An, Chizhik, Finch, l Alfaró, Csomay, Laurie, Tejada, Asante, Miles, Brooks, Urada, Kelley, Espinoza, Cordero, Papin, Cota, Castro, Abdel-Samad, Crawford, Moore, Myers-Bowman, Abman, Wheeler, Tang, Sobo, Love, Alkebulan, May-Newman, Mladenov, Brown Krivogorsky, Wood, Luo, Wong Nickerson, Morsi, Culbertson

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

#### Land Acknowledgement: Senate Chair read the 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 read the 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)

Preciado/Butler-Byrd move approval of the agenda with the noted time certain at 4 pm. The agenda is approved without objection.

3. Officers Report

3.1. Referrals Chart (Butler-Byrd).....Page 4

Vice Chair Butler-Byrd expressed her appreciation for committees working through 60 referrals as we approach the end of the academic year. An inquiry was made regarding a resolved clause from the past meeting. There is no referral on this item pending action by President de La Torre on the resolution.

3.2. Senate Budget Update (Fuller)

Treasurer Fuller provided a report on the status of the AY 2022-23 University Senate budget request. Treasurer Fuller indicated that an agreement had been reached between VP Wong Nickerson and Chief Staff Santos-Derieg and Senate leadership regarding using existing University Senate reserves (carryover) to meet the funding needs of the University Senate for the AY 2022-23. A new base budget request to fund the University Senate is invited as part of the AY 2023-24 budget planning cycle. A broader discussion ensued regarding the budget planning cycle, the role of the administration and what impact URP and PBAC have in advising the administration as part of the shared governance process when item do not reach these committees.

3.3. Senate Minutes (Preciado)

Preciado/Butler-Byrd moved approval of March 1, 2022 University Senate Meeting Minutes. Minutes were accepted without objection.

4. Academic Affairs Report

4.1. Provost's Report (Ochoa)

Provost Ochoa provided updates on the following items.

- a. There are 88 faculty searches underway for this cycle. 36 faculty positions have been filled. 6 faculty hires are about to complete the process- we are waiting for final signature. 11 additional positions are in the negotiation phase. That leaves 34 position that are in the recruitment or interview phases (a good number are part of FUERTE Grant.)

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- b. My office is reviewing 109 Total Files as part of the faculty RTP process. There were 34 3<sup>rd</sup> year reviews; complete library faculty rPT. There are 73 faculty files and the provost is making progress to complete those reviews. On a related matter, congratulatory dinners for faculty who have earned tenure/promotion for Fall 2020 on April 18 and for faculty that earned tenure/promotion for Fall 2021 on April 20. COVID prevented the campus from honoring these colleagues for their achievements.
- c. Two dean searches are underway. For the Fowler College of Business Administration, the campus is hosting four finalist and those visits that will conclude this week. For the SDSU Imperial Valley campus there are five finalists have been invited to campus in the coming two weeks. The list of candidates will be announced shortly pending final approval from candidates to announce their applications.
- d. Summer enrollment is tracking at the same trend as last Summer 2021. This is very good, and we will adjust the summer schedule to accommodate student demand.
- e. Explore SDSU will take place this coming weekend. Fall 2022 admissions letters are going to be sent out in middle of March. As you all know we have had another record year with applications. Enrollment management will be busy making sure we meet our goals through the May 1- Intent to Enroll date.

Provost responded to inquiry about the SDSU Library. Provost Ochoa and VP Wong Nickerson described efforts to meet deferred maintenance of all our major buildings (Library). VP Wong Nickerson provided a brief discussion of how the University Senate budget request did not proceed to URP or PBAC. She indicated that with a high number of requests that far exceed available funds for distribution in the new budget cycle, alternative funding options were considered. In this case the \$ 43,000 base budget request can be met with existing University Senate carryover funds. That is why the budget request did not proceed to URP and PBAC. Secretary Preciado indicated that that the challenge with that process (that avoids shared governance committees) is that there is no record of the budget solution that is recorded in committee minutes for all Senate stakeholders to review. Provost and Dean Love provided information about funding for a pilot project to increase support for graduate students (as Teaching Associates) in response to University Senate, Colleges and department input. Dean Love thanked leadership in Academic Affairs and Business and Financial Affairs for their efforts to support this pilot.

An inquiry was made about continued use of mask-mandate for the Spring 2022 semester. Chief of Staff Santos-Derieg shared that there are seven criteria that are examined by the SDSU Epidemiology team to determine to continued use of masks in all campus settings. Campus is looking at data in this post-spring break period. It is not expected that the

requirement of mask use in classroom or instructional settings will change prior to the end of the Spring 2022 seem

5. AS Report (Tejada)

AS President Tejada reported that CFAC has advised President de la Torre against adopting a new fee. She indicated that a majority of students participating through the alternative consultation process did not support the fee on technology and sustainability. AS President Tejada indicated that they are waiting for final action on the CFAC recommendation by the President de la Torre. President Tejada also reported on two recent statements adopted by the AS Council. First, support for the SDSU Kumeyaay Land Acknowledgement and its continued use on campus in support of the campus community. The second statement was a condemnation of the recent reported actions by Professor Corlett in his courses that impacted students. President Tejada indicated that a subcommittee was formed to advise on the development of the SDSU Mission Valley. And, she concluded her report by announcing the newly elected officers for the SDSU Imperial Valley and for San Diego campuses--- including Jazmin Horton Alvarado as AS President-Elect for SDSU Imperial Valley and Shawki Moore as AS President-Elect for the San Diego campus. Senator Moore shared a few remarks with body about the coming academic year.

6. Senate Action Items

6.1. ACTION: Elections - Search Committee

Committee on Committees and Elections (CCE) (Marx)

Chair Marx conducted an election and after five cycles of voting- Senator Baljon was elected to serve on search committee for PSFA dean vacancy.

6.2. ACTION: Emeritus Requests (Levitt).....Page 10

Committee on Faculty Honors and Awards moves conferral of emeritus status as presented. The motion was accepted without objection.

6.3. ACTION: Constitution and Bylaws (CBL) (Baljon)

a. Changes to the Senate policy file (Constitution) - Votes (**first reading**).....Page 11

Chair Baljon introduced a change to the University Senate Constitution regarding voting. Senator Abdel-Nour provided justification for the changes presented by CBL regarding voting on University Senate matters. Senators from the floor provided input on making two substantive changes to the CBL proposal including: 1. Requiring majority vote of the members of the Senate for secret ballot vs. the small number of senators listed in the current version of the proposal vs. retaining our current practices on secret ballots as permitted by Robert Rules



of Order. 2. Eliminating language giving the Chair of the Senate discretion on calling for secret ballot votes.

Other issues were discussed- A. The impact of secret ballot votes on the body, B. The impact of not having secret ballot votes on members of the body seeking such accommodation, C. The impact of these changes on committee procedures and functions, D. Secret ballots possible impact on the progress of a diversity agenda for the campus.

- b. Deans defined as “tenured and probationary faculty”; Requests for Additional Ex-Officio Senate Members; Clarifies that temporary faculty are not always lecturers **(first reading)**.....Page 14

Chair Baljon introduced a University Senate by-law change updating faculty definitions or descriptions, clarifying which deans can participate as faculty in University Senate business or shared governance activities, and Senate membership for the dean of the College of Graduate Studies (voting) and the VP for Information Technology (non-voting). Chair Baljon was provided with suggestions to improve the bylaw proposal for the second reading.

- c. Amend Membership of the Committee on Committees and Elections **(first reading)**.....Page 19

Chair Baljon introduced a bylaw proposal by the CCE to add two new members to the committee as ex-officio members. These representatives would improve communications about vacancies and appointments to committees by the Associated Students and staff.

- d. FAC membership **(first reading)**.....Page 20

Chair Baljon presented a bylaw change that would increase “contingent” counselor faculty representative and update lecturer participation on the committee. This proposal follows extensive consultation with the impacted constituencies.

- e. Amend Senate Executive Committee (SEC) Membership Policy to Reflect Parliamentarian & Senate Analyst **(first reading)**.....Page 22

Chair Baljon presented a bylaw update adding the parliamentarian and the senate analyst as non-voting members of the SEC to support its functions during executive sessions.

- 6.4. ACTION: Senate Library Committee (SLC) & Faculty Affairs (FA) Revision to Policy File: Reappointment, Tenure, and Promotion: Criteria (Excluding Library Faculty and Student Affairs Faculty) 3.2 Teaching Effectiveness, 3.2 Professional Growth, and Retention and Development 2.2 (Holvoet/ Jeffery).....Page 24

Senate Chair Weston/Butler-Byrd moved item 6.4 to the May 3, 2022, meeting. Motion was approved without objection.

- 6.5. ACTION: Freedom of Express Committee (FE) Amend Article 8 and Appendix B of SDSU’s Building and Grounds Regulations regarding amplified sound rules (Finch).....Page 27

Senate Chair Weston/Butler-Byrd moved item 6.5 to the May 3, 2022, meeting. Motion was approved without objection.

- 6.6. ACTION: Academic Policy and Planning Committee (APP) Tenure Track Planning Committee Policies. (Lach).....Page 32

Senate Chair Weston/Butler-Byrd moved item 6.6 to the May 3, 2022, meeting. Motion was approved without objection.

- 6.7. ACTION: Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee (DEI) Membership (Rhodes) (first reading).....Page 34

Chair Rhodes presented an update to the bylaws on the membership of DEI given recent major campus divisional re-organizations.

## 7. Committee Reports

Preciado/ Fuller move to receive information items 7.1 through 7.7. Motion was accepted without objection.

- 7.1. INFORMATION: Undergraduate Council (UC) Activity Report. (AVP Brooks) Page 36

- 7.2. INFORMATION: Faculty Affairs (FA) (Jeffery)

a. Rights, Workloads and Well- Being During Coronavirus.....Page 38

b. Provost’s RTP Task Force Report.....Page 39

- 7.3. INFORMATION: Constitution and Bylaws (CBL) Policy File Interpretation regarding term “tenured faculty”. (Baljon).....Page 42

- 7.4. INFORMATION: Academic Policy and Planning Committee (AP&P) ERG Reporting (Lach).....Page 43

- 7.5. INFORMATION: UR&P Budget Communication Process Pilot Year.....Page 45

- 7.6. INFORMATION: URAD Report (Swanson/Vargas).....Page 82

- 7.7. INFORMATION: Bookstore Update on Equitable Access (Brown)

**TIME CERTAIN 4:00pm**



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The Equitable Access course materials project was introduced as a major initiative for Fall 2022 semester by Aztec Shops- Cathy Brown, Director of Campus Stores. Faculty and undergraduate students will use this new campus service for all course materials. Course materials that are not available as a digital copy will continue with paper-based materials. Equitable Access is a flat rate program, digital access first program, all undergraduate students that participate will pay \$ 22 per unit or \$ 66 for a 3-unit course. These new book costs will be part of financial aid for eligible students. This initiative was launched at UC Davis.

Students will have access to the online or virtual books/materials for 180 days and perpetually for certain titles. Graduate students and Global Campus students will continue to use Immediate Access book/reading materials program.

Print copies can also be sold to students for an addition cost to the \$ 22 per unit cost for the virtual versions.

8. Adjourn.