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SDSU Senate Minutes

May 3, 2022
2:00 to 4:30 pm

Senate Members, New Members and Guests: Garci-Navarrete, Peter, Barbone, Alkebulan, Sarkar, Mladenov, Werry, Peraza, Brandon, Stoskopf, Skupin, Urada, Miles, Kelley, Rehfuss, Rhodes, Hernandez, Delgado, Smigel, Horton. Reeder, Tang, Canary, Castro, Asante, Johnson, Liu, Schulze, Tong, Sharma, Sasidharan, Carter-Curtis, Bernerth, Chizhik, Atkins, Schellenberg, O'Sullivan, Lauer, Johnson, Gibbons, Putman, Csomay, MacKenzie, Baek, May-Newman, Tejada, Xie, Dykstra-DeVette, Fitch, Samraj, Lange, Rothenberger, Lenoue, Papin, Richeson, Jeffery, Jacobs, Schmitz Weiss, Maloney, Eissa, Borgstrom, Morrison, Ozturk, Abman, Marx, Purse, Foral, Walls, McDaniels-Davidson, Montero-Adams, Moore, Preciado, Gates, McCall, Brooks, Lachance, Attiq, Juan, Schuermann, Tucker, Abel Mills, Jancsics, Nedjat-Haiem, Holvoet, Vasquez, Kraemer, Vaughn, Hopkins, Hentschel, Wills, Ponce, Ponomarenko, Lindemann, Wood, Abdel-Nour, Sobo, Baljon, Love, Bliss, Mahar, Madanat, Bani Younes, Orosz, Love, Adams, Lach, Weston, de la Torre, Ochoa,

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

Senate chair call the meeting to the order and welcomed newly elected senators to the meeting.

Chair Weston also announced the 2021-22 University Senate Teaching Excellence Award recipient: Shirin Hooshmand, Ph.D., Professor School of Exercise and Nutritional Sciences.

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) (NOTE: There are 2 late adds from APP Items: 6.8 b & c)

Butler-Byrd/Preciado move to waive the four-day rule for AP&P items 6.8b and 6.8c. Motion was approved without objection (2/3 standard is met to waive 4 Day rule).

Preciado/Butler-Byrd move the amended agenda with time certain. Motion is accepted without objection.

3. Officers Report

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

Vice Chair Butler-Byrd provided an update on referral chart. Four new items will be added to the referral chart for the incoming school year. She indicated that the summer will serve to get items off the referral chart. A new format will be developed for the Fall semester to track referral items.

Vice Chair Butler-Byrd provided a commendation to University Senate Chair Weston for service to the campus community for two years of service as chair of the University Senate for two years (during pandemic). Additional letters and comments recognizing Dr. Weston's efforts were provided by campus leaders and senators.

3.2. Senate Budget Update (Fuller)

No report by Treasurer Fuller.

3.3. Senate Minutes (Preciado)

Preciado/Fuller moved approval of April 2005 University Senate meeting minutes with two requested edits. Motion is approved without objection.

4. Academic Affairs Report

4.1. President's Update (de la Torre)

President de la Torre provided the following remarks – See link [here](#).



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President de la Torre and members of her leadership team responded to questions about her presentation, the We Rise/We Defy Strategic plan, university facilities (Library and Life Sciences building), campus information systems (related to students, curriculum, scholarships) faculty, staff and student mental health, university budget, research facilities and their maintenance. A campus town hall will be schedule to review budget.

4.2. Provost's Report (Ochoa)

Provost Ochoa reported that letters for promotion and tenure will be mailed shortly. 109 cases were reviewed. 74 for promotion and tenure, 35 for reappointment and 2 library faculty. Tenure and promotion lunches were held recently. New faculty with a campus star party hosted by FASS and Joanna Brooks. Graduate student funding for Teaching Associates pilot. Provost commended Dean Love, AVP Kremicki and AVP Stewart.

Concerns were expressed about the graduate student orientation program fee and how students can opt-in instead of opt-out. President Tejada and Senator Schuerman described some benefits of the program (social gatherings/Padre's Game/workshops).

AVP McCall presented information about the curriculum approval process and some revisions or software updates for the Curriculog system. AVP McCall commented on the curriculum approval process that is at the center of some of the delays and redundancies.

A request to increase staffing levels in Enrollment Services to support admissions functions.

5. AS Report (Tejada/Moore)

President Tejada congratulated Senator Moore and the incoming AS-President for the 202-23 Academic Year. President Tejada described activities related the Mission Valley Campus advisory committee. A new policy is under consideration for new murals for the student activity center. Dr. Lisa Gates was recognized by Associated Students at a recent ceremony.

6. Senate Action Items

6.1. ACTION: Committee on Committees & Elections (CCE) Elections (Marx)

Elections of officers, SEC-at-large members and

Chair- Nola Butler-Byrd

Vice Chair- Marissa Vasquez

Secretary- Amanda Fuller

Treasurer- Satish Sharma

SEC-at-large members:

David Kamper (College of Arts and Letters)

Yusuf Ozturk (College of Engineering)

Stephen Schellenberg (College of Sciences)

SDSU Research Foundation, Board of Directors

Ming-Hsiang Tsou, Professor of Geography (new term)

6.2. ACTION: Approval of Graduation Candidates (Tam Lieu) **TIME CERTAIN 2:45PM**

Chair Weston/Preciado moved approval all candidates for May 22 and August 22 graduation upon meeting all requirements for their respective degrees. Motion was accepted without objection.

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

- a. Deans defined as Update of “Faculty Definitions”; Requests for Additional Ex-Officio Senate Members (**second reading**).....Page 10
- b. Amend Membership of the Committee on Committees and Elections (**second reading**).....Page 15
- c. FAC membership (**second reading**).....Page 16
- d. Amend Senate Executive Committee (SEC) Membership Policy to Reflect Parliamentarian & Senate Analyst (**second reading**).....Page 18
- e. Changes to the Senate policy file (Constitution) -Votes (**second reading**)..Page 20

Baljon requested to delay the presentation of items (a-d) above to the continued meeting on May 5, 2022. There were no objections. Below are notes from the initial discussion related to item (e).

- Making difficult numbers into percentages (ex. 15% instead of 10 senators)
- President, VP, lecturers, staff, students on senate
- Some senate member feel like they cannot vote
- Anonymous ballot represents vulnerable people (consultative body)
- VP Wood: 6.5.4: votes are representative of colleges and universities (strike with second motion)
- VP Shawki Moore: senate to be transparent
- Morsi: Secrecy says that we do not trust senator judgment and capability to make the right choices
- AS Student President says that 15% is not large enough to represent the majority
- Abdul-Nour: is against striking or amending the required vote.

Agenda item (e) discussion continued to May 5, 2022 without objection.

6.4. ACTION: Freedom of Express Committee (FE)

Amend Article 8 & Appendix B of SDSU’s Building & Grounds Regulations regarding amplified sound rules (Finch).....Page 24



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An update to serve the campus community with increased hours allotted for amplified free speech was presented by the Freedom of Expression Committee. Issues related to Hepner Hall and class time in general were presented.

A motion to amend the proposal to two hours instead for 4 hours: failed.

Freedom of Expression Committee moves adoption of the new policy expanding hours of amplified free speech. Motion was approved--- 36 yes, 11 no, 13 abstentions.

6.5. ACTION: Faculty Honors and Awards Committee (FHAC) Emeritus Status (Levitt).....Page 25

The FHAC moves conferral of emeritus status for faculty listed in senate agenda. Motion was approved without objection.

6.6. ACTION: Staff Affairs Committee (SA) Staff Emeritus Requests (Rehfuss).....Page 26

The Staff Affairs Committee moves conferral of emeritus status for staff listed in senate agenda. Motion was approved without objection.

Senator Csomay asked about the process for staff to gain the privileges that come with emeritus status. Chair Rehfuss provided an update on the process.

Senate Chair/Senator Vaughn moved to recess the meeting to May 5, 2022 at 2 pm.

6.7. ACTION: Faculty Affairs (FA) Implementation of a Diversity Statement in RTP Files.....Page 27

6.8. ACTION: Senate Library Committee (SLC) & Faculty Affairs (FA) Revision to Policy File: Reappointment, Tenure, & Promotion: Criteria (Excluding Library Faculty & Student Affairs Faculty) 3.2 Teaching Effectiveness, 3.2 Professional Growth, and Retention and Development 2.2 (Holvoet/Jeffery).....Page 31

6.9. ACTION: Policy & Planning (AP&P) and Faculty Affairs (FA) (Lach/Jeffery) Campus RTP Policy Recommendations for College-level Policy.....Page 34

- Lach: guidelines should not contradict university criteria
- Guidelines need to be specific of acceptable work
- RTP process is respectful of diversity
- Chair Belshan: Questioned contingent faculty, she said contingent meant meant that faculty is not in the RTP process
- MOTION ACCEPTED

MOTION: Academic Policy and Planning Committee (AP&P) (Lach)

a. Tenure Track Planning Committee Policies.....Page 37

- Membership: Chair of the senate, Chair of academic policy and planning, chair of faculty affairs, chair of diversity, equity and inclusion (get rid of any skews in priority of colleges so that all colleges are represented.)
- Function and Process: The committee shall annually consider the senate's tenure policy
- Senator Abdul-Nour: questioned colleges having someone missing, he interpreted the procedures as it not being well fitted for the position
- Lach: There was a concern about deans having too much involvement
- MOTION ACCEPTED

b. CSO-Priority-Registration (Late Add needs 2/3rd).....Page 39

- Priority registration next fall: students that are athletes, as board member, and rotc students
- Senator Papin: questions consistency for students in the priority groups, and units for CSOs, asked about the priority groups needing a certain amount of units (12 or more units)
- Made editorial revisions
- Preciado: asked why there is a requirement to be a full time student for the different groups, “When did part time become an issue for the university?”
- Preciado: Without making the amendment that was presented, there was a second motion
- MOTION ACCEPTED WITH NO OBJECTIONS

c. Academic Waitlist (Late Add needs 2/3rd).....Page 40

- Fully automated enrollment process, faculty issued permission number
- Concerns were raised about management of permission numbers and workload for instruction
- Eliminate permission numbers at all to eliminate bias in the distribution process
- Senator Adams: Opposed, does not like the idea of student being able to miss the first two weeks of the class but able to continue in the class
- Senator Hentschel: Has data of crashing classes suggests students do significantly worse when missing the first few weeks of instruction, they also take away the chance for the waitlisted student that would like to add the class
- Discussion continued to May 5, 2022.



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6.11. CTION: Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee (DEI) Membership (Rhodes) (second reading).....Page 42 A

6.12. CTION: Sustainability Committee (SC) (Rogers) A

- a. Change title in the Sustainability Committee’s roster from “Director: Facilities, Planning, Design and Construction” to “AVP: Real Estate, Planning and Development (or designee)”.....Page 44
b. Add two sections to the Sustainability Policy that cover zero waste and recycled products.....Page 45

7. Committee Reports

AVP Imazeki provided a report on diversity and equity plans at the department level. Please review the report at this link.

Chair Weston requested a motion to receive Committee Reports 7.1, 7.2, 7.4, 7.5. Preciado and Butler Byrd moved to receive reports. Motion was approved without objection.

7.1. INFORMATION: CDC University Senate Annual Report Campus Development Committee (CDC) (Alpiner/Schulz).....Page 48

7.2. INFORMATION: ASCSU Report (Ornatowski).....Page 57

7.3. INFORMATION: Update on the Ad Hoc Committee for GA/TA Compensation (Kelly/Love/Marx)

7.4. INFORMATION: URAD Report (Swanson/Vargas).....Page 64

7.5. INFORMATION: Undergraduate Council Report (UC) (Brooks).....Page 69

8. Adjourn.