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SDSU Senate Minutes

April 6, 2021

2:00 to 4:30 pm

Attig, Reeder, Vaughn, Adams, Kressler O'Brien, Cappello, Chie, Blomgren, Schulze, Abel Mills, Miles (formerly Poor), Nguyen, Abdel-Samad, Nedjat-Haiem, Lenoue, Brown, Csomay, Gill, Atterton, Lach, Lindemann, Love, Bernerth, Smigel, Wong Nickerson, Wheeler, Seshan, Gates, Bliss, Abarbanell, Quick, Sabol, Espinosa, Urzua Beltran, Interlando, Atkins, Purse, Harrison, Orosz, Penrose Jr., Greiner, Gates, Wills, Record, Alkebulan, Tang, Morsi, Corlett, MacKenzie, Richeson, Crawford, Duesbery, Sasidharan, Hentschel, Zona, Silva, Balsdon, Samraj, Wood, Hopkins, Brandon, Papin, Marx, Werry, McCall, Juan, Barfuss, Ahsan, Holt, Catano, Brooks, Stoskopf, Sharma, Abdel-Nour, Swanson, Fuller, Abusham, Casper, McDaniels-Davidson, Barbone, Krivogorsky, Hardrick III, Sanchez, Krivogorsky, Brown Sanchez, Gibbons, Preciado, Weston, Ochoa,

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

Land Acknowledgement: Chair Weston read SDSU 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 Weston read the shared governance 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/Marx moved to approve the agenda with the noted time-certain items. The agenda was approved without objection.

3. Officers Report

3.1. Teaching Excellence Award (Anderson) **Time Certain 2:15pm**.....4

Faculty Honors and Awards Committee Chair Anderson introduced the 2020-21 Senate Award for Teaching Excellence.

Excerpt from Committee letter:

“...After careful deliberations, the committee is pleased to recommend Dr. Chris Harrison from the Department of Chemistry in the College of Sciences for this prestigious award.

Dr. Harrison represents the best of San Diego State University as an outstanding teacher and scholar. His dedication to his students over the course of his 14-year career is clearly demonstrated by his breadth of classroom teaching, his teaching innovations, his instructional design, his international reputation, and his student mentoring. Even during the pandemic, students remarked on his ability to continue educating with humanity:

Overall, Dr. Harrison was one of my best professors this semester who seems to genuinely care about the well-being of students and doesn't expect them to compromise their mental health for the sake of academics, as it seems some professors do. Thank you, professor! Your students are grateful for your efforts and understanding this semester.

He has introduced or championed several teaching innovations, including: promotion of Supplemental Instruction in chemistry, creation of novel YouTube videos, introduction of the Swivl technology to ITS, flipping his classroom, and teaching to Georgian students. He also serves as the Associate Editor for the Analytical Sciences Digital Library and is considered “one of the foremost experts on the use of technology in the teaching of analytical chemistry.” On top of all that, he has continued to be an outstanding scholar and mentor to over 70 undergraduate and graduate students.

Consistent with the highest objectives of the university, he clearly demonstrates the superlative record of teaching that this award merits. The committee would like to congratulate Dr. Harrison on this well-deserved recognition.”

Chair Weston indicated that a program will be scheduled in September 2021 so that Dr. Harrison can have an opportunity to address the University Senate in a special lecture and reception in his honor.

3.2. Referrals Chart (Butler-Byrd).....6

Chair Weston provided a brief report on behalf of the Vice Chair noting some progress and new items on the Senate tracking document.

3.3. Senate Budget Update (Fuller)

Treasurer Fuller noted that an update on the budget is forthcoming.

3.4. Approval of Senate Minutes for February 2, 2021 and March 2, 2021 (Preciado)

Please review minutes for the University Senate meetings of February 2, 2021 and March 2, 2021 at this link: <https://senate.sdsu.edu/agendas-minutes>



Preciado/Fuller moved to approve the University Senate Minutes for February 2, 2021 and March 2, 2021, respectively. The minutes were approved without objection.

4. Academic Affairs Report

4.1. Provost’s Report (Ochoa)

Provost Ochoa acknowledged the work of the associate deans and the enrollment services team in developing the Fall 2020 schedule with the emerging exigencies of mitigating for the COVID-19 pandemic in terms of space and instructional modality.

University Library Dean Scott Walter introduced the Center for Research Libraries, a global data and digital library consortium, that will be available to SDSU faculty starting this fall ([see link for detailed information](#)). Information about these new library materials will be provided at upcoming town halls for the Arts, Humanities, Social Sciences and Area Studies scholars on April 29 and May 5 for STEM and Health Sciences scholars.

Vice President Wood indicated that the CSU System has advised the campus regarding the naming of a building for Dr. Shirley Weber. A letter was transmitted. The letter included a reference to CSU Trustee policy expressly prohibiting the naming of facilities and property after a seated elected or appointed official. VP Wood also discussed ethics laws that prohibit officials from receiving gifts over a specific amount set by the Secretary of State’s Office and the Fair Political Practices Commission. He provided a brief description of appropriate recognition for such officials while in office-- such as plaques and certificates.

5. Senate Actions (Weston)

5.1. AP&P Consideration of Emergency Situations in Making Decisions Regarding Promotion and Tenure for Faculty (DJ Hopkins).....10

The committee moved to adopt the new policy file language for the RTP process that support faculty career development and the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. Motion was approved without objection.

5.2. Graduate Council (Ed Balsdon) **Time Certain 3:45pm**11

The council moved to approve new language related to the discontinued use of the GRE and GMAT for admissions through the 2021-22 academic year. Program level admissions review may continue to use these exams as part of their processes. A permanent policy will be proposed in the future. Motion was adopted without objection.

5.3. Undergraduate Curriculum Committee 2022-2023 University Catalog (Steve Barbone).....12

The committee moved to approve a new minor in sports and society (a three-college collaboration) and discontinuation of Humanities subfield in European Humanities. Motion carried without objection.

5.4. GE General Education Committee (Heather Canary & Gregory Wilson).....	14
<p>Co-chair Wilson presented additions and updates to the GE program. A discussion ensued to clarify how a course met the GE Area E Life Long Learning and Development requirements. The co-chair described the committee’s process. Senator Penrose provided a brief description of another course under consideration. The committee’s motion to adopt the new courses was approved with the following vote: 42 Yes, 2 No, and 13 Abstentions.</p>	
5.5. Approval for Emeritus Status for April Senate. (Weston).....	17
<p>Consideration of awarding emeritus status to Kathleen McNamara-Schroeder, Lecturer in the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry. Faculty Honors and Awards Committee’s motion was approved without objection.</p>	
5.6. Registration Sequence (AVP Hyman & AVP Joanna Brooks).....	18
<p>Policy file update related to registration sequence. The update supported a pilot to enhance transfer student enrollment. Motion by Greiner/Vaugh was approved without objection.</p>	
5.7. Referral 2/20212 AS-SDSU Imperial Valley requests voting seats on the Senate (Atterton)....	19
<p>The Constitutional and Bylaws Committee presented a proposed bylaw update as a first reading to add 2 SDSU Imperial Valley students as voting ex-officio members of the University Senate. A number of issues were raised relating to student representation of SDSU Imperial Valley and SDSU Associated Students (main campus). 3 undergraduate and 2 graduate students serve as ex-officio voting members from the main campus. There is no provision for SDSU Imperial Valley student appointment. The SDSU AS President represents all students for SDSU. The item will be presented for a second reading a vote on May 3, 2021.</p>	
6. Committee Reports	
6.1. UR&P Shared Governance Strategies & Guiding Principles for Budget (Sherry Ryan) Time Certain 3:30pm	20
<p>Item continued to May 3, 2021 meeting because of time constraints.</p>	
6.2. CFA Report Collective Bargaining Agreement (Mounah Abdel-Samad).....	42
<p>CFA President Mounah Abdel-Samad reminded the body of the upcoming bargaining period for a new Unit 3 contract.</p>	
6.3. Academic Policy & Planning (DJ Hopkins).....	43
<p>Item continued to May 3, 2021 meeting because of time constraints.</p>	
6.4. Graduate Council 1st Informational Report Time Certain 3:45pm (Steven Gill).....	46
<p>Senator Gil provided information about the first Graduate Council report (details are part of the agenda packet). Report was received without objection.</p>	
6.5. Graduate Council 2nd Informational Report Time Certain 3:45pm (Steven Gill).....	49



Senator Gil provided information about the second Graduate Council report. Report was accepted without objection.

6.6. Diversity Equity and Inclusion Committee (Gloria Rhodes).....60

Report was received without objection.

6.7. Undergraduate Curriculum Committee 2022-2023 University Catalog (Steve Barbone).....61

Chair Barbone presented program modifications from various colleges and one new course in Anthropology. Report was accepted without objection.

6.8. URAD report (Adrienne Vargas).....67

7. New Business

7.1 Resolution from SDSU African American Alumni - Building Naming Proposal (Dr. Damita Myers-Miller, President AAAC) **Time Certain 3:00 pm**.....70

Chair Weston introduced consideration of the SDSU African American Alumni Chapter Resolution to name the College of Arts and Letters Building. He clarified that any action by the University Senate would be advisory to the President De la Torre. A friendly motion was approved by majority vote to update a resolved clause to include the University Senate as a proponent of the naming resolution.

University Senators inquired about the process to consider such a resolution, including CSU policy, campus policy, and consultation with the faculty in the College of Arts and Letters. Senators also provided statements in support of the naming opportunity and about future actions.

Dr. Damita Myers Miller, President of the SDSU African American Alumni Chapter led a team of speakers to introduce the resolution in support of the naming of the Arts and Letters Building in honor of Shirley Weber, Ph.D, Professor Emerita of Africana Studies. Vice President Andrew Pierson read the resolution into the record. Motion to approve resolution carried with the following vote: 33 Yes, 12 No, and 25 Abstentions.

7.2 Resolution from Sustainability Committee (Eddie West, Tyler Rogers) **Time Certain 4:00pm**...78

Senator Love introduced the resolution from the Sustainability Committee with introductory remarks along with other members of the committee. Co-chair Rogers read the SDSU Resolution on Climate Conscious Business Travel into the record.

Resolution was adopted with 48 Yes, 3 No and 4 Abstentions.

8. Announcements (Weston)

Senate Chair Weston announced the upcoming University Senate Caucus to nominate a slate of officers and at-large members of the University Senate.

Past Senate Chair Wheeler announced he would not assume his new position as elected member of the CSU Academic Senate. Past Senate Chair Wheeler received praise and support through the zoom chat for his decision. In accordance with the Policy File, ASCSU Senator Csomay is re-elected to a new 3-year term.

9. Adjourn.