



THE PRESIDENT

MEMORANDUM

February 16, 2017

To: Marcie Bober-Michel, Chair
SDSU Senate

From: Elliot Hirshman, President *EH*

I approve the corrections made to item 7.3 of the already-approved action memo (originally approved: January 27, 2017) for the December 6, 2016 Senate meeting.

Item 7.1 Academic Calendars for 2018/19 and 2019/20

The Senate approved Academic Calendars for 2018/19 and 2019/20. In addition, Shultz offered to develop a document that covers the many rules, algorithms, and principles that guide the calendaring process. Once reviewed/approved by SEC and the Senate, Shultz and her staff can independently proceed with this work, involving the Senate only when there are exceptional circumstances to consider.

Item 7.2 Report of the Committee on Committees and Elections

The Senate approved various appointments or reappointments to Senate Committees. In addition, Chair Green sought advice for 5 (non-standing) Committees that have been inactive for quite some time. The matter will be referred to CBL—where members will review the role each plays in shared governance before recommending reconstitution or elimination.

Item 7.3 Report of the Faculty Honors and Awards Committee

The Senate approved two separate reports for emeritus status:

Report dated November 14:

Kathryn Thorbjarnarson – Geological Sciences / 25 years

Sheldon X. Zhang – Sociology / 15 years

Report dated October 13 (inadvertently omitted from the October Senate agenda)

Richard W. Bizzoco – Biology / 39 years

Annette C. Easton – Management Information Systems / 29 years

Ramamohan Lal Tummala – Electrical and Computer Engineering / 14 years

Joanne Ferraro – History / 32 years

Ronald Kline – Mechanical Engineering / 39 years

Item 7.4 Report of the General Education Committee

The Senate approved a new course (GEN S 290: Introduction to Undergraduate Research) that satisfies a GE requirement for *social and behavioral sciences* (II: Foundations of Learning).

Item 7.5 Report of Graduate Council

The Senate approved two new master's programs: *Computational Science/Concentration in Data Science* (MS) and *Big Data Analytics* (MS)—a transdisciplinary degree (business, engineering, science, social science, technology).

Item 7.6 Report of the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee

The Senate approved an array of actions:

- Elevation of emphasis to major: Islamic and Arabic Studies
- New minor: Somatic Studies
- Deactivation of emphasis: Environmental Sciences

Item 7.7 Report from Enrollment Services

The Senate approved the list of degree candidates (both undergraduate and graduate) who had applied late and thus did not appear on the initial list sent out for faculty review and approval.