



THE PRESIDENT

MEMORANDUM

Date: April 17, 2017
To: Marcie Bober-Michel, Chair
SDSU Senate
From: Elliot Hirshman, President *E.H.*

I approve the following actions from the Senate meeting on February 7, 2017.

1. Item 7.1 COIA/Revised Bylaws

The Senate approved revised Bylaws for the Coalition on Collegiate Athletics (COIA); the changes are an attempt to ensure the organization remains relevant in the ever-changing athletics “space.” COIA representative John Putman had to vote (on SDSU’s behalf) via email, since the conference was held in North Carolina (where travel by state employees is banned).

2. 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 reiterated how the shared Google drive helps to ensure Committee rosters are always current and readily accessible.

3. Item 7.3 Report of the Faculty Honors and Awards Committee

The Senate approved the following requests for emeritus status:

- Swaminathan G. Badrinath, Professor / Finance – December 31, 2016, 16 years
- Elizabeth Klonoff, Professor / Psychology – October 2, 2016, 16 years
- John M. Penrose, Management – Professor / Management Information Systems, December 30, 2016, 28 years
- Ellen Quandahl, Associate Professor / Rhetoric and Writing Studies – December 31, 2016, 22 years

4. Item 7.4 Report of the General Education Committee

The Senate approved two new General Education courses:

- Engineering 250/Introduction to Renewable Energy (offered only at IVC)
Foundations of Learning / National Sciences and Quantitative Reasoning / Physical Sciences
- Sociology 330/Culture and History of Surfing
Explorations of Human Experience / Social and Behavioral Sciences

5. 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).

The Senate approved discontinuation of the Master of Arts in Television, Film, and Media Production is discontinued; it is replaced with the MFA. No new students will be admitted to the MA, and all current students are grandfathered in.

6. Item 7.6 Staff Affairs Committee

The Senate approved recognition of the contributions of several retired staff members; their years of service range from five to 40 years.

7. Item 7.7 Undergraduate Curriculum Committee

The Senate approved two new minors: Cultural Proficiency Minor (College of Education) and Minor in Analytics (Linguistics). Chair Verity noted that courses for the minor *in addition to the ones noted in the report* will likely be identified over time; students should work with their advisors as they make course choices.