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THE PRESIDENT

MEMORANDUM

October 26, 2016

To: Marcie Bober-Michel, Chair
SDSU Senate

From: Elliot Hirshman, President *EH*

I approve the following actions from the Senate meeting on October 4, 2016.

Item 7.1 Report of the Academic Planning and Policy Committee (AP&P)

The Senate approved changes in the course/grade forgiveness policy that will reduce the number of students unnecessarily placed on academic probation or academically disqualified. Specifically, the repeat policy for grade forgiveness will be applied automatically unless the student notifies the Registrar's Office before the end of the change of program period. A student shall have the right to define which courses receive grade forgiveness in cases where he or she has exceeded the number of grade forgiveness options.

Item 7.2 Report of the Committee on Committees and Elections

The Senate approved various appointments or reappointments to Senate Committees. This report also includes a list of Senators yet to select the Committees on which they will serve this academic year.

Item 7.3 Report of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee

The Senate approved a change in membership for the Committee on Diversity, Equity, and Outreach (DEO) to include the Director of Student Disability Services (SDS) or his/her designee.

Item 7.4 Report of the Graduate Council

The Senate approved a new master's program: *Learning Design and Technology*. This is an elevation of an existing master's program in education (with a concentration in learning design and technology) to a stand-alone master's in the same area. Two specializations are eliminated: educational computing and workforce education and lifelong learning. Approval is the final "step" in the program's move in 2014 from the College of Education to the College of Professional Studies and Fine Arts / School of Journalism and Media Studies.

Item 7.5 Report of the Staff Affairs Committee

The Senate approved the report, which recognizes retiring staff and thanks them for their contributions to the University.

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