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#### THE PRESIDENT

#### **MEMORANDUM**

May 30, 2018

To:

Marcie Bober-Michel, Chair

SDSU Senate

From:

Sally Roush, President

I approve the following actions from the Senate meeting on April 3, 2018.

## 1. Item 7.1 Resolution recognizing Dean Monte Mehrabadi

The Senate approved a Resolution honoring Dean Monte Mehrabadi; Associate Dean Eugene Olevsky read it aloud in its entirety. The Officers wish to acknowledge the Engineering faculty who helped us craft this very special document.

## 2. Item 7.2 Report of the Committee on Academic Policy & Planning

The Senate approved the AP&P report written in response to a referral from the Senate Officers in Fall 2017 (and later revised); the Committee was specifically charged with examining the curriculum approval process. Report recommendations are briefly detailed below:

- For the University Senate to constitute a task force to review the current process and then identify/realize opportunities to clarify expectations and workflow.
- Concurrently, for the Provost (as Chief Academic Officer) to:
  - Set an 8-month timeline from course proposal submission to inclusion in the General Catalog or Graduate Bulletin.
  - Move to web-based, fully accessible formats for the General Catalog and Graduate Bulletin.
  - Authorize cost-benefit and fit-gap analyses for improving CurricUNET or migrating to an alternative third-party solution.
  - Resource the development of training and support for proposal originators as well as those involved in the curriculum proposal process.

# 3. Item 7.3 Report of the Committee on Constitution and Bylaws

The Senate approved the CBL report, which was a response to four different referrals.

#### Referrals from Senate Officers

The Senate approved modifications to Section 4.13 of the Bylaws; specifically, the number of balloting business days was reduced from eight to five. A second revision ensured that balloting would be conducted online only; the Senate Office will not accept printouts of a ballot.

The Senate approved a modification to Section 5.3(f) of the Constitution; specifically, it called for removal of the statement that the Senate Secretary supervise the Senate staff. In accordance with that

section of the Policy file, approval was re-confirmed by a vote of the faculty (tenured / tenure-tack) conducted via Qualtrics the following week.

# Consultation referrals with the Division of Academic Engagement and Student Achievement

The Senate approved DAESA's request to re-integrate the Graduation and Retention Subcommittee into Undergraduate Council; by extension, Subcommittee members will become members of the Undergraduate Council.

The Senate approved DEASA's request to replace *Director of Composition* with *Chair of Rhetoric and Writing Studies or designee* as a member of the Undergraduate Writing Subcommittee of the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee (which itself is a subcommittee of Undergraduate Council).

#### 4. Item 7.4 Report of the Committee on Faculty Honors and Awards

The Senate approved emeritus status for the following faculty:

George N. Dionisopoulos, Professor of Communication; August 1, 2018, 33 years

Charles J. Friedrichs, Associate Professor of Music and Dance; June 1, 2018, 35 years

Sue A. Hadley, Associate Professor of Nursing; August 21, 2018; 33 years

Stuart D. Henry, Professor of Public Affairs; August 20, 2018, 11 years

Yoshiko Higurashi, Professor of Linguistics and Asian/Middle Eastern Languages; August 21, 2018, 35 years

Robert F. McGivern, Professor of Psychology; August 1, 2018, 27 years

Brian H. Spitzberg, Professor of Communication; July 1, 2018, 29 years