



THE PRESIDENT

MEMORANDUM

December 5, 2017

To: Marcie Bober-Michel, Chair
SDSU Senate

From: Sally Roush, President

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

1. Item 7.1 Report of the Committee on Committees and Elections

The Senate approved various appointments or reappointments to Senate Committees, Councils, etc.

2. Item 7.3 Report of the General Education Committee

The Senate approved *reconsideration* of two courses inadvertently approved in October:

- AE 460A: Aerospace Engineering Applications (addition of existing course to GE/IV: Explorations of the Human Experience—B. Social and Behavioral Sciences)
- ME 490A: Engineering Design: Senior Project (addition of existing course to GE and change to course description and grading method/IV: Explorations of the Human Experience—B. Social and Behavioral Sciences)

The Senate approved *postponing consideration* of one course detailed in the report:

- CIV E 495: Capstone Design Project (IV: Explorations of the Human Experience/B. Social and Behavioral Sciences)—so that all five Engineering courses could be discussed as a package (*ultimately, not approved*).

The Senate approved the following *new* requests in the report:

- SOC 335: Sociology of Popular Culture (IV: Explorations of the Human Experience—B. Social and Behavioral Sciences -- change to description and title)
- HUM 410: Studies in Popular Culture¹ (IV: Explorations of the Human Experience—C. Humanities – new course)
- HUM 411: Evil (IV: Explorations of the Human Experience—C. Humanities – new course)²

¹ Previously reported at the August 19, 2017 SEC meeting.

² Cultural diversity course; same course as REL S 411

- REL S 406: God, Gold and Glory—Religion and Colonial Encounter in the Americas (IV: Explorations of the Human Experience—C. Humanities – new course)³
- REL S 411: Evil (IV: Explorations of the Human Experience—C. Humanities – new course)⁴

3. Item 7.4 Report of the (Faculty) Honors and Awards Committee

The Senate approved the following requests for emeritus status:

- Karen Cadiero-Kaplan, Professor of Dual Language and English Learner Education; September 30, 2017; 16 years
- Ronald W. Evans, Professor of Teacher Education; December 30, 2017; 28 years
- Jim McBride, Lecturer in the School of Journalism & Media Studies; 29

I note the following item from the Senate meeting on November 7, 2017.

4. Item 7.2 Report of the Committee on Diversity, Equity, and Outreach

Via a paper ballot, the Senate approved a resolution to eliminate the mascot and form a task force to investigate the Aztec identity.

In noting this item, I commit to initiating a comprehensive, inclusive discussion that will provide me additional information to consider in 1) making a decision on the mascot, and 2) reaching conclusions and determining actions regarding the Aztec Identity in general.

I will immediately seek nominations of seven faculty and staff to be nominated by the Senate; seven individuals to be nominated by the Alumni Association; and seven students to be nominated by the Associated Students. I will select four from each group to serve on a Task Force to make recommendations both as to the Mascot and as to the Aztec Identity issue. Additionally, I will appoint a fifth member to each group and two members at large, for a total of seventeen task force members.

It is my intent that the Task Force will complete its work by the end of April so that I can make my final determinations prior to the end of the current academic year.

³ Cultural diversity course

⁴ Cultural diversity course; same course as HUM 411