

# San Diego State University Senate Minutes

May 7, 2013

AL 101

2:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m.

The Senate was called to order at 2:02 p.m.

Members present:

**Academic Senators (CSU):** Eadie, Ornatowski. [Absent: Wheeler.]

**Arts & Letters:** Abdel-Nour, Balsdon, Biggs, Bordelon, Borgstrom, Csomay, Donadey, Kamper, Osman, Putman. [Absent: Blanco, Del Castillo, Esbenshade, Mattingly.]

**Business:** Ely, Fleming, Plice, Zheng. [Absent: Chan.]

**Coach:** Van Wyk.

**Education:** Alvarado, Butler-Byrd, Graves, Wang. [Absent: Alfaro, Bezuk.]

**Engineering:** Beyene, Valdes, Venkataraman, Walsh.

**Health & Human Services:** Fields, Love-Geffen, Mathiesen, Pruitt-Lord, Rasmussen. [Absent: Chowdhury.]

**IVC:** Cordero.

**Lecturers:** Aste, Goehring.

**Library:** Rhodes. [Absent: Salem.]

**MPP I & II:** Richeson.

**PSFA:** Alter, Geist-Martin, Lindemann, Schreiber, Snavely, Spilde. [Absent: Cirino.]

**Sciences:** Beck, Deutschman, Nickerson, O'Sullivan. [Absent: Bergdahl, Dunster, Matt, Papin.]

**Staff:** Bojorquez, Preciado, Sanborn-Chen. [Absent: Baxter.]

**University Services:** Rivera.

**Administration:** Chase, Kitchen, Marlin, Welter.

**Emeritus:** Shackelford.

**Associated Students:** Cecil, Chan, Kim.

**California Faculty Association:** Toombs.

**Guests:** ARP Chair LaMaster, Roush, Rollins.

## 1. Agenda (Bordelon)

**MSP** Approved agenda for May 7, 2013.

## 2. Minutes (Bordelon)

**MSP** Approved corrected minutes of April 9, 2013.

## 3. Announcements (Eadie)

President Hirshman received the Active Transportation Task Force Policy File changes and is holding the revisions, pending consultation with various collective-bargaining units. In addition, he is holding the smoking policy revisions to see if there are union meet-and-confer requirements. The President did approve the recent action items from the Faculty Affairs Committee concerning written evaluation of student teaching effectiveness and the revisions to page 98 of the Policy File.

### Elections Results:

#### Academic Senate

Bill Eadie

#### Coach

Kathy Van Wyk

#### College of Arts and Letters

Anne Donadey

Glen McClish  
Rebecca Moore  
Ghada Osman

**College of Business Administration**

David Ely  
Robert Plice

**College of Education**

Luke Duesbury

**College of Engineering**

Asfaw Beyene  
Kenneth Walsh

**College of Health and Human Services**

Ignatius Nip  
Mitchell Rau  
Larry Verity

**College of Professional Studies and Fine Arts**

Greg Durbin  
Kurt Lindemann  
Mark Testa

**College of Sciences**

Cathie Atkins  
Leland Beck  
Janet Bowers  
Doug Deutschman  
Stephen Schellenberg  
Roland Wolcowicz

**Lecturers**

Paul Justice  
Julie Williams

**Library**

Gloria Rhodes

**MPP**

Debbie Richeson

**SDSU-IV Staff**

Norma Aguilar

**Staff**

Barbara Evans  
Lisa Thurn

**4. Academic Affairs (Marlin)**

**Discussion:**

The Provost provided a review of recent University searches. The search for Vice President for Business and Financial Affairs was recently completed, and Tom McCarren, currently the Vice President of Administration and Finance and CFO at California State Northridge, will join SDSU beginning July 1. Senate representatives on the search committee included Kathy LaMaster, chair of the Academic Resources and Planning Committee, and Senator David Ely. She praised them for their service, noting that Senator Ely chaired the search committee. Despite the fine efforts of the search committee, the College of Education Dean search was unsuccessful. The current Dean is retiring June 30, and the University is now in the process of appointing an acting dean. In addition, the position of Associate Dean for Undergraduate Studies, which had been vacant for some time, was filled. Stephen Schellenberg, Associate Professor in the Department of Geological Sciences, will be the new Associate Dean.

In terms of faculty searches, proposals consistent with and supportive of the Strategic Plan initiatives are now being reviewed. One of the research initiatives emerging from the strategic planning process was the idea of areas of excellence or cluster hires. The Provost said the process of reviewing these proposals is close to completion. Stephen Welter, Vice President for Research and Dean of the Graduate Division, will announce these hires. She noted, however, that the proposals would still go through the President's Budget Advisory Committee as part of the normal budget process.

Commencement starts at Imperial Valley Campus next Thursday and continues at SDSU on Friday through Sunday. The Provost said one of the highlights for her in terms of student accomplishments was the number of students who were awarded Fulbright grants this year—eleven, with a few still pending. The Provost said last year there were only thirty-nine universities in the nation that had ten or more awardees. She said the University was attaining “an elite level” in garnering this number of Fulbright awards. The Provost thanked the many faculty members involved in this process, as well as Pat Huckle, SDSU Fulbright adviser.

The governor's revised budget comes out Friday. State revenues are up, so the University expects full funding of the governor's budget. The Provost said there was a call from the CSU for “performance-based funding,” which she said she was unsure exactly what this meant. She also mentioned ongoing issues related to SB 1440, which could undermine faculty control of the curriculum in significant ways.

The Provost concluded by thanking senators for their service, particularly the outgoing ones.

**Discussion**

**Senator Putman** asked if a representative from the Athletic Department served on the VP for Finance and Business Affairs search committee. **The Provost** responded there was no one from the department on the search committee, but she said questions related to athletics were raised during the interview process. **Senator Shackelford** said the CSU actions related to the 120-unit unit limit placed restrictions on creating majors. In addition, the 60-unit transfer from community colleges related to SB 1440 put pressure on the other side. He asked if the CSU has considered reviewing the General Education (GE) unit requirements. **The Provost** answered that there was a proposal last year to eliminate upper-division GE, which was defeated. She said this was the only CSU GE initiative of which she was aware. **Senator Shackelford** commented that the pressure on the upper-division content of some majors was getting strained. **Senator Osman** asked about the criteria used to select the proposals that moved forward for the areas of excellence. **Senator Welter** said three criteria were listed on the call for proposals. He said the goals were to build on areas of strength but also areas where additions had the potential to make transformative effects. In addition, he said there was an interdisciplinary component.

**5. SEC Report (Valdes)**

The Vice Chair stated that there was no referral chart because all referrals have been addressed.

**MP** To adopt the calendar for next year.

**5.1 Senate Calendar****Action:**

2013-2014 Calendar for Senate Executive Committee and Senate Meetings

Senate Executive Committee Meetings

Time: 2:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Place: MH 3318

August 20, 2013

September 17, 2013

October 15, 2013

November 19, 2013

January 21, 2014

February 18, 2014

March 18, 2014

April 22, 2014

Senate Meetings

Time: 2:00pm – 4:30pm

Place: AL 101

September 3, 2013

October 1, 2013

November 5, 2013

December 3, 2013

February 4, 2014

March 4, 2014

April 8, 2014

May 6, 2014

**6. New Business: Action Items****6.1 Enrollment Services (Lieu)****Action:**

In accordance with Senate policy, lists of baccalaureate degree candidates for May and August 2013 graduation have been distributed.

Lists of candidates for advanced degrees, as approved by the Graduate Council, have also been distributed. Each faculty member has been given the opportunity to approve or disapprove the candidates by ballot: a total of twenty-four ballots were received.

The following students applied late and do not appear on any list:

Monica Anna Banach	BS	Recreation Administration-Outdoor Resource Management
James Hogan Bowers	BS	Criminal Justice
Jesus Caballero	BS	Computer Science
John Thomas Cassidy	BA	Economics
Julio Adrian Contreras	BA	Economics
James Christopher Crush	BS	Business Administration-Marketing
Danne G. Diaz	BS	Criminal Justice
Anthony Espinoza	BS	Business Administration-Real Estate
Hillary Jean Hanson	BA	English
Alexander William Hays	BA	International Business-Spanish and Latin America
Deok Ho Kim	BS	Kinesiology-Fitness Specialist
Forrest Beall Knowland	BS	Television, Film, and New Media-Critical Studies
Claudia Moreno	BA	Psychology
Andrew K. Nakase	BS	Business Administration-Management
Eun Hee Park	BM	Music-Performance
Nicole Denise Premus	BS	Child Development
Pamela Gail Santos	BA	Biology
Michael Neil Smith	BA	International Security and Conflict Resolution-Global Systems
Victor Solares	BA	Urban Studies-Public Administration
Patricia Mae Vaughan	BA	Women's Studies
Brandon Michael Deilgat	MS	Business Administration-Marketing
Linda Ellen Wegley Kelly	PhD	Biology
Sarah Elizabeth Stachura Kienle	MS	Biology-Evolutionary Biology
William Buckley Mellman	MA	Educational Leadership-PreK-12
Amy Elizabeth Pace	PhD	Language and Communicative Disorders
Janelle Santos Perez	MA	Sociology
Nicole Stadnick	MPH	Public Health-Epidemiology

It is requested that the Senate, subject to completion of degree requirements, approve all candidates for baccalaureate and advanced degrees.

**MP** To approve all candidates for baccalaureate and advanced degrees.

## **6.2 Committees and Elections (Ulloa)**

### *Senate Elections and Caucus*

Emilio Ulloa, as Chair of the Committee on Committees and Elections, conducted elections for the 2013-14 Senate Officers and at-large members of the Senate Executive Committee. The following individuals were elected:

Chair –Bill Eadie  
Vice Chair –Ghada Osman  
Secretary –Chuck Goehring

SEC – At-large senators of SEC:  
Glen McClish  
David Ely  
Julio Valdes

Research Foundation Board  
Robert Zeller

*Committee on Committees and Elections Caucus*

Per the Senate Bylaws, Senators from each major academic unit caucused to appoint one or more members from that unit to the Committee on Committees and Elections. The newly appointed committee then met to select a chair. The following are the results of that process:

Chair, – Gloria Rhodes, Library  
BUS – Concong Zheng  
CAL – David Kamper and Rebecca Moore  
EDU – Nadine Bezuk  
ENG – Satchi Venkataraman  
HHS – Lucinda Rasmussen  
IVC – Elizabeth Cordero  
PSFA – Greg Durbin and Patricia Geist-Martin  
SCI – Emilio Ulloa and Rowland Wolkowicz  
Staff – TBD

**6.3 Resolutions of Appreciation and Recognition of Outgoing Senators**

**Action Item #1:**

**Resolution of Appreciation:  
Vice President for Student Affairs James R. Kitchen  
May 7, 2013**

**Whereas** James R. Kitchen, Vice President for Student Affairs, will retire after thirteen years of outstanding service to San Diego State University (SDSU); and

**Whereas** Dr. Kitchen came to SDSU after distinguished service (including as a basketball coach) at the University of Kansas, the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, and St. Cloud State University; and

**Whereas** SDSU President Elliot Hirshman has praised Dr. Kitchen not only for his commitment to students, but also for his dedication to making SDSU a premier institution; and

**Whereas** Dr. Kitchen has nurtured students and played a key role in developing and implementing strategies that encourage student success; and

**Whereas** Dr. Kitchen has tirelessly advocated for diversity at SDSU and has in particular encouraged young African American men to succeed at SDSU and beyond; and

**Whereas** Dr. Kitchen has served as an effective *ex-officio* member of the University Senate throughout his tenure at SDSU; and

**Whereas** Dr. Kitchen has served his profession through his active participation in the American College Personnel Association, the American Association of State Colleges and Universities, the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators, the National Academic Advising Association, and the National Association of Athletic Academic Advisors; and

**Whereas** Dr. Kitchen is a U. S. Army veteran who was awarded a Purple Heart during the Vietnam War. Dr. Kitchen has also frequently received leadership awards for his service to students and the university, including more than one that has been named for him; and

**Whereas** Dr. Kitchen will retire from SDSU this summer but plans to stay involved with the university through work with athletics, student leadership and other strategic initiatives.

**Therefore be it resolved,** that the University Senate of San Diego State University hereby expresses its sincere and grateful appreciation for James R. Kitchen's dedicated service to SDSU and congratulates him on his well-earned retirement.

**Action Item #2:**

**Resolution of Appreciation:**

**Vice President for Business and Financial Affairs Sally Roush**

**May 7, 2013**

**Whereas** Sally Roush, Vice President for Business and Financial Affairs, will retire after thirty-one years of outstanding service to San Diego State University (SDSU); and

**Whereas** Sally Roush started at SDSU as the Director of Personnel Services in 1982 and advanced to Vice President for Business and Financial Affairs in 1994; and

**Whereas** as an individual, Sally Roush has been recognized for her "rare combination of intelligence, knowledge, level-headedness, compassion and humor" by SDSU President Elliot Hirshman; and

**Whereas** as Vice President for Business and Financial Affairs, Sally Roush's leadership abilities and skill at managing resources have been vital to SDSU during these tough economic times; and

**Whereas** Sally Roush has played a key role in helping senators to understand budget and finance issues. In fact, her adept ability at translating complicated budget mumbo jumbo for administrators, faculty, staff, and students is legendary; and

**Whereas** Sally Roush's business know-how has led to progress in several areas, including academics, athletics, and SDSU expansion projects. Just this year, she co-chaired the SDSU strategic planning process, which will be critical to the University's future growth and development; and

**Whereas** Sally Roush has been an active member of SDSU's broader community. She is a member of the board of directors of the SDSU Research Foundation and of Aztec Shops. She also was the President of the Western Association of College and University Business Officers and served on the board of directors of the College Area Community Council and of the National Association of College and University Business Officers.

**Whereas** Sally Roush's work at SDSU has frequently been honored. Most recently, she received the Cesar E. Chavez Lifetime Service Award and the CFO of the Year in Education award from *San Diego Business Journal*. In 2010 she received the SDSU Alumni Association's Monty Award for Distinguished University Service, and in 2004 she was selected by the California State University Board of Trustees to receive the Wang Family Excellence Award for exemplary contributions and achievements; and

**Whereas** Sally Roush will retire from SDSU once the search for a new Vice President for Business and Financial Affairs is completed.

**Therefore be it resolved**, that the University Senate of San Diego State University hereby expresses its sincere and grateful appreciation for Sally Roush's dedicated service to SDSU and congratulates her on her well-earned retirement.

**MP** In the University Senate by acclamation this seventh day of May 2013.

**6.4 Constitution and Bylaws (Csomay)**

**Action:**

**Current Policy File Language:**

*Student Affairs Committee*

*1.0 Membership (13): five faculty, one to chair; Vice President of Student Affairs, Dean of Undergraduate Studies, Dean of the Graduate Division, Director of Financial Aid, Associated Students President, one staff member, four students.*

*2.0 Functions: The Committee*

*a. Shall review items of mutual interest to faculty and students,*

*b. Shall recommend to the Vice President for Student Affairs when administrative responsibilities for a program or policy lie with Student Affairs,*

*c. Shall recommend to the Dean of Undergraduate Studies or to the Dean of the Graduate Division when administrative responsibilities for a program or policy lie with Academic Affairs,*

*d. Shall recommend policies and procedures for the administration of financial aid programs and to ensure that policies conform to legal requirements of agencies granting financial aid,*

*e. Shall advise the Director of Financial Aid regarding students whose situations warrant special consideration;*

*f. Shall promote university wide understanding of and assistance with the financial aid program, particularly through the assistant deans for student affairs.*

**Suggested Changes (underlined):**

Student Affairs Committee

1.0 Membership (15): five faculty, one to chair; Vice President of Student Affairs or designee, Dean of Undergraduate Studies or designee, Dean of the Graduate Division or designee, Director of Financial Aid or designee, Associated Students President or designee, one staff member, and four students.

2.0 Functions: The Committee

a. The Committee shall set an agenda for the academic year and report regularly to the University Senate. *Shall review items of mutual interest to faculty and students,*

b. The Committee shall review student services related issues of interest to the campus community.



- c. Shall recommend to the Vice President for Student Affairs when administrative responsibilities for a program or policy lie with Student Affairs,
- d. Shall recommend to the Dean of Undergraduate Studies or to the Dean of the Graduate Division when administrative responsibilities for a program or policy lie with Academic Affairs,
- e. Shall recommend policies and procedures for the administration of financial aid programs and to ensure that policies conform to legal requirements of agencies granting financial aid,
- f. Shall advise the Director of Financial Aid regarding students whose situations warrant special consideration;
- g. Shall promote university wide understanding of and assistance with the financial aid program, particularly through the assistant deans for student affairs.

**Rationale for changes:**

To complete over two years of review and consultation, the Constitution and Bylaws Committee proposes changes to the University Policy File updating the Student Affairs Committee's charter. These changes are primarily editorial in nature, and bring the language in the Policy file consistent other Senate-appointed committees.

Changes:

1. Change membership committee number from 13 to 15. The original number is incorrect of we add up the current members listed.
2. Addition of designees. All of the ex-officio members of the committee have extensive demands on their time. It is a common practice to allow these administrative leaders to assign designees to represent their respective interests. Current policy file language for the Student Affairs Committee does not allow designees to be assigned.
3. Although it is common practice that Senate and Senate-appointed committees report to the Senate, the current Policy file does not specify to whom the Student Affairs Committee reports. The new bullet "a" of the charter clarifies the committee's reporting responsibility.
4. Bullet "b" updates the committee's primary function from reviewing "issues of interest to faculty and students" to a current conception of the University Senate including all members "Review.... issues of interest to campus community."

No additional changes would be considered until the committee meets and requests assistance in updating its charge, membership, and/or functions.

**Discussion:**

**Senator Snavelly** asked why have four administrators on the committee since some had expressed a desire not to serve on the committee. **Senator Csomay** explained that the language on committee membership was not changed. Instead, designees were added. To approve the revisions to the Policy File concerning the Student Affairs Committee.

MP

**6.5 Faculty Honors and Awards (Anderson)**

**Action:**

The Faculty Affairs Committee recommends emeritus status upon the following faculty members:

Donna Beshgetoor, Associate Professor of Exercise and Nutritional Sciences, August 18,

2013, 17 years

Deborah G. Chaffin, Associate Professor of Philosophy, June 30, 2012, 28 years

Jesse T. Dixon, Professor of Hospitality and Tourism Management, June 1, 2013, 34 years

Tunc Geveci, Professor of Mathematics and Statistics, May 22, 2013, 28 years

Jacques Perrault, Professor of Biology, August 18, 2013, 29 years

Thomas Scott, Professor of Psychology, August 17, 2013, 13 years

Linda D. Smith, SSPAR III in Counseling and Psychological Services, May 27, 2013, 17 years

**MP** To approve emeritus status upon retirement for the above individuals.

## **6.5 Sustainability (Honea)**

### **Action:**

Pass a resolution recommending to President Hirshman that San Diego State University become an American College and University Presidents' Climate Commitment (ACUPCC) signatory.

### **Rationale:**

The American College and University Presidents' Climate Commitment (ACUPCC) is a visible institutional commitment to create a planning process and eliminate net greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from campus operations, to promote research, curricular, and co-curricular efforts to prepare our students and communities to address climate change and to build a more sustainable world. As of January 2013 more than 660 institutions in North America including CSU Bakersfield, CSU Chico, CSU Fullerton, CSU Long Beach, CSU Monterey Bay, and CSU Pomona; and the University of California system have signed the ACUPCC.

### **Introduction:**

In 2011 President Hirshman charged the Senate Sustainability Committee (SSC) with developing a recommendation on whether to sign the ACUPCC. In addition, San Diego Associated Students has signed the ACUPCC and requested the SSC bring a forward a resolution to Senate that endorses the University sign the ACUPCC. To inform our recommendation the SSC has reviewed the impact of signing the ACUPCC at other institutions, the structure of the commitment these institutions developed, and identified best practices in climate action plan development. Based on two years of research to develop the recommendations offered to the President, and at the request of the Senate Executive Committee the SSC presents this resolution regarding signing the ACUPCC.

**Be it resolved** that the Senate Recommend that President Eliot Hirshman sign the American College and University Presidents' Climate Commitment and in so doing San Diego State University will **become a signatory to** the American College and University Presidents' Climate Commitment.

### **Discussion:**

**Sustainability Committee Chair Honea** provided background on the resolution recommendation and reiterated the key reasons why the President should sign the

commitment. **Senate Chair Eadie** explained that about three months ago, the President asked for consultation with the Senate concerning the signing of the commitment. In response, the Committee on Academic Resources and Planning (ARP) was asked to develop potential cost estimates related to the commitment, which were included in the agenda packet. He clarified that the Senate action today would not change the Policy File but would merely be a recommendation. **Senator Shackelford** asked what the University spends annually on natural gas, given that SDSU's co-generation plant allows SDSU to co-generate most of its own energy twice as efficiently as utility energy. **Chair Honea** said she didn't know the specific cost. **Senator Shackelford** asked whether the chair of ARP might know. **ARP Chair LaMaster** responded negatively. **Glen Brandenburg**, director of Facilities and Sustainability for the Associated Students, said the campus uses about 72 million-kilowatt hours per year. The cost is about 10 cents per-kilowatt hour. He said about 80 percent of that cost is natural gas. **Senator Shackelford** asked whether that amounted to \$6 million annually. **Mr. Brandenburg** stated that was the general amount. **Senator Beyene** commented that SDSU has anywhere from 8 megawatts to 12 megawatts hours per year, and to say that this could be reduced to zero carbon dioxide use would be impossible to achieve in two years. However, he said if the co-generator were considered as a green source, then it could be done. **Senator Cordero** asked whether Imperial Valley Campus was included in discussions of the commitment. **Chair Honea** said the campus hadn't been specifically addressed; however, she explained that representatives from Imperial Valley Campus could be involved in developing the climate action plan. **Senator Csomay** asked who would be involved in creating the plan. **Chair Honea** explained that based on best practices at other campuses, the committee had included a potential structure in recommendations to the President. **Senate Chair Eadie** noted that today's vote concerned only whether the President should sign the commitment, not implementation. He asked about potential revisions, but no amendments were suggested.

**Chair Honea** said based on the analysis and potential positive impacts, the Sustainability Committee brought forth this resolution to the Senate. **Senate Chair Eadie** asked whether anyone would like to speak against it. **Senator Shackelford** said, "it gets progressively harder to do more when you already have done a lot." He said the comment as to whether the co-generator was a green source was significant. The Senator then explained how the co-generation plant worked. He said natural gas was run in combustion turbines, which generated electricity. Then high-grade heat was taken from the exhaust and run through a steam turbine to make more, which is called combined cycle. The waste heat was used during the winter to heat the campus and during the summer to provide much of the air conditioning. The University has been able to achieve efficiencies in the 70 to 75 percent area, which he said, "was astonishing in real life." He said one of the problems is that when additional efficiencies are discussed, if the co-generator plant is not regarded as green, then "we are displacing that investment to find what?" He said the estimates from ARP related to the commitment amounted to a cost of \$12.5 million per year for a 20-year period. The Senator stated that it cost about \$100,000 to hire a professor—the \$12.5 million per year amounted to 125 professors. He added, "In a fixed pie of resources that are finite, you either decide to have 25 percent less faculty or you proceed not to hire." With limited resources, he said he worried greatly about committing to another important social need but one that diverted from the University's fundamental mission. **Senator Cecil** yielded time to **Morgan Chan**, the incoming Associated Students' Vice President of University Affairs. She said that Associated Students supported the recommendation, and that they were asking for faculty support. Noting that Dean Chase was the resident sustainability expert, **Senator Donadey** asked for his opinion on the recommendation. **Senator Chase** responded that he was mindful of the challenge of making this commitment, particularly since cost and time requirements were unknown factors. However, he said we do know that the global climate is changing, and that in fifty years we are facing "significant sea-level rise, less clean water, less prosperity, loss of species, and ocean acidification." He said making this commitment was "paying it forward, thinking about the generations that come after us." He said whether we can meet the goal of

becoming climate neutral in the coming years was something we won't know unless we commit to doing it. In addition, signing the commitment made it very public. SDSU would be able to share data nationally and internationally with other institutions. Ultimately, he said it was a moral as much as a practical argument. **Senator Donadey** asked whether the co-generation plant would be included as part of SDSU's efforts. **Mr. Brandenburg** said it already was included in the sense that the plant was twice as efficient as the electricity that we would purchase from a utility company. When we do a greenhouse-gas inventory, he said we would get credit for being twice as efficient as if we were buying it from a utility. **Senator Biggs** said the plan would not only examine power generation on campus, but "a whole suite of opportunities" for reducing carbon dioxide. **Senator Shackelford** said the co-generation plant was a \$22 million investment. He said if it couldn't be included as part of SDSU's efforts, we would still be paying the debt for it.

**MPS** To adopt the resolution (with a few nays and five abstentions).

**7. New Business: Consent Calendar (Committee Reports)**

**MSP** To receive the reports on the Consent Calendar.

**7.1 Academic Policy and Planning (Schellenberg)**

**Information:**

Please see report posted on the Senate website.

**Discussion:**

**Senator Preciado** commended the committee for its work on graduate enrollments, but he said first-year and transfer-student enrollments should be monitored.

**7.2 Academic Resources and Planning (LaMaster)**

**Information:**

**1. Referral Item - American College and University Presidents' Climate Commitment**

The Senate officers issued a referral to the Academic Resources and Planning Committee, asking the committee to consider the proposal of the sustainability committee on signing the American College and University Presidents' Climate Commitment and to report on the resource implications for SDSU should the president agree to take such an action. The officers ask AR&P to provide its best estimate of the effects of signing onto the commitment for campus budgeting processes (for example, could anticipated costs be absorbed by careful budgeting or by spreading out payments over a number of years, or would the cost have to be put ahead of other spending priorities that SDSU might have). If possible, the officers ask AR&P to advise the Senate on the advantages and disadvantages of agreeing to the commitment so that senators will have an adequate background for making a decision on this matter.

AR&P invited Dean Geoff Chase and Robert Schulz, Associate Vice President for Operations, to the March 12, 2013 meeting to provide input on the components of the report and associated costs. We were informed that the initial costs (year 1 & 2) would be minimal and would include \$4000 to join the organization, staff support and small internal costs. However, full implementation for our campus would be at least \$250 Million over 20 or so years. With such a wide range of numbers and variables, AR&P does not believe actual costs can be determined with the available information.

Our committee identified the advantage to signing the document as a public statement for the campus acknowledging the importance of climate change and the need for a campus plan. The disadvantage was identified as a commitment to an organization that would involve an unknown fiscal commitment by the campus. In summary, AR&P would recommend that the campus develop a preliminary plan that has specific goals and associated costs prior to committing to this initiative.

### 7.3 California Faculty Association (Toombs)

#### Information:

CFA Report:

#### Online Education

CFA hosted a lunch-time program about Online Education on April 15, in Love Library 430. The presentation was on the different forms of Online Education already in place in the CSU and the new types being proposed -- from MOOCs to CSU Online and everything in between.

CFA's Statewide Director of Representation, Kathy Sheffield, was the guest speaker for an overview of the Online Education landscape. She answered questions on "What is the role of faculty members in the move toward offering more courses online?" and "What are the implications in areas like intellectual property, workload, and privatization?"

CFA is a sponsor of Assembly Bill (AB) 895, which is authored by Assemblymember Anthony Rendon. This bill seeks to evaluate the usage of online tools in public higher education and was passed by the Assembly Higher Education Committee last week. (AB) 895 would establish the California Postsecondary Online Education Task Force. This task force would be composed of stakeholders from the three public segments of higher education, including faculty, staff, administrators and students. The Task Force would evaluate the status of postsecondary online education in California, identify best practices for implementing online education programs, examine the impact of online education on students and faculty, and establish guidelines to ensure quality online education. "It is imperative that we deliver education based on sound practices and principles and follow a successful vetting process that has proven effective for our students," said CFA President Lillian Taiz, a professor of history at Cal State Los Angeles.

CFA opposes Senate Bill (SB) 520, which is authored by Senate Pro Tem Darrell Steinberg. A strong letter of opposition was sent April 18 to the bill's author by a coalition including CFA, the California Teachers Association, the California Federation of Teachers, the California School Employees Association, the Community College Association and the Faculty Association of California Community Colleges. The coalition points out that this flawed bill creates more problems than it solves as targeting lower-division courses for online delivery puts at-risk students at even greater risk. The California Legislative Analyst's Office has found that community college students, for example, have lower course completion rates when they take them online. (SB) 520 will lead to the contracting out of instruction to private companies by shifting public dollars needed to support faculty and staff providing instruction and mentoring – face-to-face interaction, hybrid classes, blended learning, computer labs for students without high speed Internet at home, and academic advising – to new administrative costs and private corporations that are seeking a revenue model for their online products. CFA is also keeping watch on several other online bills as they move through the legislative process.

#### Lobby Days

Seventy-five faculty members – representing 21 of the 23 CSU campuses – converged on Sacramento on April 2-3, for CFA's annual Lobby Days event at the State Capitol. Union members logged 82 meetings with legislators to support the Governor's proposed increase in funding for the CSU and to discuss the problems associated with some of his budget policy proposals, including changes to CSU employee health care. Faculty members also discussed their on-the-ground experiences with the pros and cons of online education.

**CFA Spring Assembly**

The Spring Assembly was held in the Bay Area, April 26-28. Important discussions at the Assembly included a workshop presenting research on online learning, another in which participants worked on talking publicly and effectively about the online phenomenon as well as a discussion of how to build this union's strength by increasing membership.

Two SDSU faculty members were elected to the Board of Directors. Charles Toombs was elected Associate Vice President, South, and Angela McIntosh was elected Council of Affirmative Action Representative.

**CFA Contact Information**

Please feel free to contact our campus California Faculty Association office at any time if we can provide assistance, whether on a contract rights issue or other matter. Our campus CFA chapter has a Faculty Rights Committee, composed of faculty volunteers, and we are available to talk with faculty colleagues about individual situations and assist in resolving issues. We can be reached at [cfa@mail.sdsu.edu](mailto:cfa@mail.sdsu.edu) or x42775.

**7.4 Coalition on Intercollegiate Athletics (Snavey)**

Please see report posted on the Senate website.

**7.5 Constitution and Bylaws (Csomay)****Information:**

Senate Chair, Bill Eadie, asked the Constitution and Bylaws Committee to review the proposal below, which he had received from the Chair of Diversity, Equity and Outreach, Nola Butler-Byrd. After consultation, the CBL committee decided that given the short time-frame, we did not have sufficient time to give this proposal appropriate consideration. CBL would be happy to continue deliberations at its next meeting, if the proposers so wish.

**Current Policy File Language:***Tenure-Track Planning Committee*


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1.0 Membership (5): Provost, Chair of the Senate, Chair of Academic Policy and Planning, Chair of Academic Resources and Planning, Chair of Faculty Affairs.

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2.0 Function: The Committee shall annually consider programming initiatives and recommend to the Provost the allocation of new and vacated tenure-track faculty positions.

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**Suggested Changes (underlined):**

1.0 Membership (7): Provost, Chair of the Senate, Chair of Academic Policy and Planning, Chair of Academic Resources and Planning, Chair of Faculty Affairs, Chair of Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, Chair of Diversity, Equity and Outreach Committee.

**Rationale for change:**

The Tenure-Track Planning Committee plays an important role at SDSU, because it advises the Provost regarding which tenure-track requests to approve through the regular tenure-track process. This year, they are involved in judging the Areas of Excellence proposals as well.

In the composition of the current committee membership, only two colleges are represented on this committee. To expand the possibility of representation from other colleges on campus, DEO proposed to include two more members whom they thought were most relevant to this committee, and whom they selected from the Standing Committees of the Senate.

Proposed changes:

1. Change the committee membership from 5 to 7.
2. Add two more members selected from the Standing Committees of the Senate, namely, the Chair of Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, and the Chair of Diversity, Equity and Outreach Committee.

## 7.6 Environment and Safety (Quintana)

### Information:

The committee investigated the issues with leaf blowers on campus through the following avenues: meetings with Facilities Services, affected faculty/staff, Environmental Safety and Health, and others.

The committee agrees that leaf blowers pose potential hazards to operators and passersby, primarily through the following mechanisms:

1. Emissions from 2-stroke gasoline/oil engines,
2. Resuspension of particulates from the blowing action,
3. Noise.

The committee was asked to investigate a potential action: the banning of leaf blowers on campus (see appendix).

In consultation with an Environmental Health and Safety representative, the committee has found at this point that a ban on leaf blowers also poses safety and environmental hazards, namely,

1. Increased potential for slip and fall accidents if walkways are not cleared in a timely manner, (especially following events and in the mornings when walkways may be slippery when covered with leaves and trash)
2. Ergonomic concerns for landscapers. Moving to methods other than leaf blowers would significantly increase the time required to do the same work, and electric leaf blowers currently available are heavy, hold a short charge and are unwieldy.

The following steps are currently in place to reduce exposures to leaf blowers on campus: cleanup is expected to take place between 6 and 8 am, except for unusual circumstances, and staff are instructed to shut off blowers when near passersby.

Replacement of current leaf blowers with more advanced models is a potential avenue to reduce emissions associated with two stroke engines. Certain new 4-stroke models are currently available with significantly reduced emissions. Electric models investigated cause ergonomic concerns, but other improved models may be available currently or very soon.

The committee concluded that banning of gas leaf blowers was premature, due to safety concerns about slipping on leaves and trash, especially near busy walkways, and also due to ergonomic concerns for landscapers. The committee however also concluded that the issue required on-going efforts to monitor and reduce exposures. To this end the committee has formed a subcommittee to investigate ways to reduce exposure to leaf blowers on campus.

This subcommittee currently consists of

Penelope (Jenny) Quintana, E and S committee, GSPH, Zohir Chowdhury, E and S committee, GSPH, Kristen Ross, E and S committee, EHS, John Rodriguez, Facilities Services, Peter Anderson, Communications.

Current subcommittee charge is to

1. Investigate hours for leaf blowing, and whether earlier hours (e.g. 6 – 7 am) would be possible,
2. Develop a clear protocol regarding use, including finding an MPH in Environmental Health thesis student to investigate magnitude of emissions, how long emissions stay suspended, and what distance these travel,
3. Continue investigation into alternatives to leaf blowers, both 4-stroke gas/oil models with reduced emissions and electric models,
4. Develop procedure for reporting complaints and providing for a record to be kept of complaints, to be reviewed once a year by the E and S committee.

#### **7.7 Diversity, Equity and Outreach (Butler-Byrd)**

##### **Information:**

The Committee on Diversity, Equity and Outreach expresses its serious concern that recommendations from the Diversity Task Force regarding cultural competency and disability issues are not included anywhere in the final version of the strategic plan. The DEO recommends that cultural competency and disability issues be integrated in the articulation and implementation of the strategic plan.

#### **7.8 Sustainability (Honea)**

See report posted on the Senate website.

#### **7.9 Undergraduate Studies (Chase)**

#### **7.10 University Relations and Development (Carleton)**

##### **Information:**

##### **Campaign Update:**

The Campaign has raised nearly \$395 million in gifts and pledges. \$214 million is dedicated to supporting our faculty through programs, endowments and chairs.

##### **Recent gifts of note:**

Henry Janssen, faculty emeritus, has made an estate gift of \$1 million to support the honors endowment.

A planned gift of nearly \$800,000 from John Jester will establish a scholarship endowment.

Diane Denkler, an alumna in engineering, has made an estate gift of \$750,000, to support an engineering endowment.

Union Bank pledged \$250,000 to support the College of Business and Guardian Scholars.

The College of Arts and Letters has received a gift of \$200,000 for international programs.

To find out more about the gifts being made to support our students, faculty and programs, please visit: <http://campaign.sdsu.edu>.

##### **Marketing, Communications and Alumni Engagement:**



The Campaign is now reaching out across the nation to establish regional councils of alumni. The council members are being asked to support SDSU and hire students for internships and jobs. Councils have been established in San Francisco, Seattle, New York, Orange County and Los Angeles so far.

On May 14, President Hirshman will lead SDSU's delegation to Sacramento for **CSU Legislative Advocacy Day**. This will be in follow up to the visit on March 12<sup>th</sup> and will be one day after the May Revise for the California Budget.

The **Curiosity Team Lecture** was held on April 19th featuring seven of our fantastic alumni who played significant roles in the mission of landing the Curiosity rover on Mars. Jordan Evans ('93), Joey Brown ('05), Doug Clark ('85), Brandon Florow ('05), Mark Ryne ('80), Bonnie Theberge ('86) and Amanda Jeremiah Thomas ('97) described their various roles in the operation and detailed some of the science and engineering behind the mission.

This year's **Montys** were held on April 20th at the Hyatt Aventine and featured the aforementioned Mars Rover group along with: Ron Roberts ('65), Catherine Stiefel ('92), Sherrill Amador ('64), Larry Banegas ('87), Terry Atkinson ('69), Kristan Brown ('00), Margaret Calvin ('86), Edward Blessing ('60), and Bryan Ransom ('93).

**URAD Updates:**

Megan Collins is the new Director of Government and Community Relations  
Brian Andrew is the new Assistant Director of Gift Administration and Reporting  
Ryan DeLong is the new Parma Payne Goodall Alumni Center Facilities Manager

**8. Adjournment**

The Senate adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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