

SAN JOSE STATE UNIVERSITY**Academic Senate****Engineering 285-287****2 p.m. - 5 p.m.****MINUTES
March 1, 1999**

I. The meeting was called to order at 2:08 p.m. All were present except Burak, Buzanski, Caret, Edgar, Greenlee, Gonzales, Kassing, Katz, Lessow-Hurley, Novak, Payne, Shifflett, Singh, and Wall.

II. The Minutes of February 1, 1999 were approved with corrections.

Senator Stork requested that a minimum of a one-sentence summary on each comment or question made by senators be included in future minutes. Senator Norton reminded senators that minutes from earlier meetings included too much detail, but agreed that some detail should be included.

III. Communications and Questions

A. From the Chair of the Senate -- The chair announced that revisions of the Executive Committee minutes from February 15, 1999 would be redistributed to senators since the copy included in the packet contained a copying error. She also announced that AS 1059 was submitted late to the Office of the Academic Senate, but that it would have its second reading today presented by Curriculum and Research. Copies were distributed.

Special thanks were extended to Professional Standards and to its chair, Senator Nellen, for their timely work on an implementation policy had that Tentative Agreement been ratified by the CFA. Senator Nellen acknowledged the work of Jo Whitlatch, Jack Kurzweil, and Faculty Affairs in providing the Professional Standards Committee with much needed information in preparing a policy recommendation.

The Chair announced that it was the recommendation of the Executive Committee to construct a Sense of the Senate Resolution for presentation at a Senate Special Meeting to be held on March 15, 1999. The Chair asked for a show of hands of senators available for that meeting. Seventeen senators indicated they were interested in attending the special meeting; five indicated they would not be able to attend. The chair deferred her decision on calling a meeting at this time.

Chair Stacks invited CFA campus President, Jo Whitlatch, to speak to the senate.

Whitlatch supported the notion of a senate response to the rejection of the Tentative Agreement. She reported that the Tentative Agreement failed to be ratified and stated final votes of the CFA and SJSJ. According to Whitlatch, of the faculty, statewide, voted 57% against ratifying the Tentative Agreement. This campus overwhelmingly voted against ratifying the agreement.

Senator Lee offered his condolences to all who invested so much time in the process of planning for possible implementation plans. He then thanked the Professional Standards Committee, its chair, and the Executive Committee for all their work.

Senator Desautel asked Whitlatch if she could speculate on reasons that some campuses generally supported the agreement while others, such as SJSU did not. Whitlatch attributed the differences to local leadership -- some campus leaders supported or rejected the agreement while others, such as SJSU ran a "Your Choice" campaign. Senator Peter added that campus differences in the make up of the faculty resulted in the agreement having a more adverse impact for some campus -- particularly those campuses that have more junior faculty as opposed to senior faculty. SJSU had established a more egalitarian policy for the implementation of PSSI than would be possible by the rejection TA.

B. From the President of the University -- no representative from the Office of the President was available.

IV. E

Library Science and Information Systems would have some valuable knowledge to add to the board.

Senator Canziani was concerned about creating a policy-formulating agency without a senator to introduce the policy. Senator Brent explained that the board would report to the Executive Committee. Senator Bain suggested linking the vice chair or past chair to the board. Senator Nellen asked about including the charges into the policy recommendation. Senator Brent explained that the charges of the board were dispersed through out the library policy and when he collected everything the agency is asked to do, it comes to about four pages of text. He stated he would include a copy of the four-page document to be included as an attachment for senators for the final reading.

There was no report from Instruction and Student Affairs Committee, Committee on Committees/Election Committee, nor the Professional Standards Committee.

Curriculum and Research - AS 1059

Senator Doordan presented AS 1059 Degree Termination (final reading) for the Curriculum and Research Committee. There were no questions. Senator Peter stated his support of the policy adding that the time line was important for departments in projecting enrollment and other needs. Senator Norton also supported the proposal and agreed with Senator Peter. Senator Norton stated that he was involved in the drafting of the original policy and this proposal was a satisfactory procedure including the protections in that original document. There were no other comments; the question was called and AS 1059 passed unanimously.

VII.

Senator Roth suggested waiting until we have a contract to discuss.

Senator Norton offered a friendly amendment to have the resolution include objections of rejected contract and suggestions for an improved contract. It was received as unfriendly by Senator Mesher. It was offered as an amendment and seconded.

Senator Nellen spoke against the amendment stating that it was outside of the responsibilities of Professional Standards. Senator Huebner did not understand the amendment. Senator Norton clarified that we could include the notion that the faculty oppose merit pay. Senator Desautel did not support the amendment and stated that the senate should focus on the technical aspects of implementing merit pay. Senator Nuger supported the amendment and indicated that this was an outlet to communicate to both CFA and the CSU the concerns of SJSU faculty. Senator Mesher called the question; it was rejected.

The chair called a special meeting of the Senate for March 15, 1999 to further discuss this issue. Senator Mesher asked that Professional Standards not prepare a resolution. It was seconded by Senator Roth. Senator Peter stated that the senate needed time to think and discuss the issues to methodically address the faculty concerns.

Senator Bain stated that a resolution was potentially important to bring out the implementation issues and share the procedural concerns.

Senator Gorney-Moreno asked if the chair was going to present merit pay data requested by Senator Desautel. Senator Nellen informed the senate of the web site with that data (<http://www.calstate.edu/acsenate/actions/1997-98/2394a.html>).

The question to send a referral to Professional Standards to draft a Sense of the Senate resolution for discussion at the Senate Special Committee set for March 15, 1999 to communicate the sentiments regarding why SJSU faculty overwhelmingly rejected the..... Tentative Agreement was called. The motion passed with one abstention.

IX. State of the University Announcements. Questions. In rotation

A. Provost: An update of the current searches was presented to the senate. The search for AVP of Graduate Studies

was not sufficient space. The lease of the classroom modulars being used during the Business Classroom renovations will be extended for relocation use until the completion of the Joint Library.

B. Vice President for Administration -- no representative reported.

C. Vice President for Student Affairs -- Senator Rascoe reported to the senate on the question raised at the last senate meeting regarding a student held by campus police following an alleged charge of disruptive behavior in class. She informed the senate that this was not an isolated case and that the headlines in the Spartan Daily were in fact misleading. She then made available to senators a handout on the Student Judicial Process when an incident report is filed and how students and faculty are acquainted with the process and informed of their rights.

D. Statewide Academic Senators -- Senator McNeil reported that there is a proposal to take no further action on Cornerstones until the faculty have a contract. He also shared the comments made by Chancellor Reed regarding a proposal for year-around operations. Senator Shifflett is currently in Sacramento.

E. Associated Students President -- Senator Cook reported that construction on the Childcare facility is scheduled to begin March 9th, the elections for Associated Students will be held on March 18 and 19, and an Ethics Forum is scheduled for April 21st. Senator Cook extended her thanks to Associate Vice President Stacey Morgan-Foster for her role in organizing the Associated Students Ethics Forum.

X. Adjournment -- Meeting adjourned at 4:43 p.m.

Consent Calendar

Policy Committee

William Briggs Professional Standards Committee Seat H
 Meghan Horrigan Instruction and Student Affairs Committee Seat G
 Justin Greenlee Instruction and Student Affairs Committee Seat D
 Richard Francisco Professional Standards Committee Seat I

Operating Committees

Cecelia Baldwin Univ. Educational Equity Council Seat A
 Sam Huang* Library Committee Seat F Term Ending 1999
 Mei-Yan Lu Affirmative Action Seat C Term Ending 2001
 Linda Mitchell** All Univ. Teacher Education Seat G Term Ending 1999
 Kristina Palos Student Fairness Committee Seat 4 Term Ending 1999
 Patricia Swanson Lottery Seat C Term Ending 2001
 Norita Vlach* Affirmative Action Seat H Term Ending 1999

* Faculty-at-Large Seats (term expires June 1999)

** A semester replacement only
