

2007/2008 Academic Senate

MINUTES  
November 19, 2007

**I. The meeting was called to order at 2:10 p.m. and attendance was taken. Forty-four Senators were present.**

**Ex Officio:**

Present: Van Selst, Sabalius,  
Gorman, Henderson,  
Lessow- Hurley

Absent: Kassing

**Administrative Representatives:**

Present: Sigler, Phillips, Lee  
Absent: Najjar

**Deans:**

Present: Parrish, Stacks, Merdinger,  
Wei

**Students:**

Present: Reyes, Lazarowich,  
McDaniel, Prothro-Jones,  
Grabowski, Zeier

**Alumni Representative:**

Absent: Thompson

**Emeritus Representative:**

Present: Buzanski

**Honorary Senators (Non-Voting):**

Present: Norton

**General Unit Representatives:**

Present: Romo, Sivertsen  
Absent: Liu

**CASA Representatives:**

Present: Fee, Kao, Schultz-Krohn, Canham, Hendrick

**COB Representatives:**

Present: Campsey  
Absent: Roldan, Jiang

**ED Represent:**

Present: Langdon, Rickford  
Absent: Maldonado-Colon

**ENG Representatives:**

Present: Backer, Meldal  
Absent: Gao

**H&A Representatives:**

Present: Van Hooff, Butler, Desalvo, Brown, Vanniarajan  
Absent: Mok

**SCI Representatives:**

Present: McClory, Kaufman, Hilliard, Bros

**SOS Representatives:**

The chair commended Senator Najjar and the University Advancement team for the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala event.

The chair commended the university library staff on their quick clean-up efforts after the recent earthquake.

The chair announced that she had forwarded all comments on the Access to Excellence draft to Rona Halualani, and that she would be preparing the response. There should be another draft after this one, and the chair suggested the Senate set aside some time to review it.

The chair attended the scholar athlete celebration and commented on what a wonderful event it was.

The chair announced that Senators had been given a copy of this year's budget report from the Administration and Finance Division. This report will be presented at next month's Senate meeting. Please bring your copy of the report to that meeting.

The chair reminded Senators of the Holiday celebration at the President's house on Sunday, December 9, 2007. Senators may bring a guest with them.

**B. From the President of the University** – No report given.

**IV. Executive Committee Report** –

**A. Executive Committee Minutes** –

**October 22, 2007** –  
Senator Peter asked the chair to elaborat



**abstentions.**

Senator Peter presented *AS 1371, Sense of the Senate Resolution, Affirming San José State University's Commitment to Complete Academic Freedom in the use of Library Resources (Final Reading)*. Senator Peter presented two friendly amendments to change “President Robert” in footnote 2 to “President Robert Caret,” and to change the “e” in “Jose” to “é” throughout the resolution. Senator Stacks presented an amendment to add a new footnote 5 to read, “Data cited in the article include: Only approximately 1.5% of sites are considered pornography. The best filters block 75% of the pornography sites when set at the highest level, and at the highest level block 20% of total sites, the estimate being 3 billion benign sites, meaning approximately 600 million benign sites blocked.” The Senate voted and the Stacks amendment passed. **The Senate voted and AS 1371 passed as amended with no abstentions.**

**B.**

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**Questions:**

Senator Van Selst said, “The second policy you refer to is S02-4. That policy goes into great detail about the split of the faculty vote between regular



Senator Campsey said, "My four page report is in the back of your packet. The National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) requires that there be a FAR. The FAR cannot be a part of the coaching staff or administrative staff of the Athletics Department. COIA is composed of 56 Academic Senates of which we are one. The duties of the FAR include; maintaining institutional control over athletics, direct liaison with the NCAA, representing the faculty and the Senate and their views to the Athletics Department, ensuring Academic Integrity through athletic certification, ensuring student athlete's welfare, serving on committees at the university, serving on athletics committees at the Western Athletic Conference (WAC), and serving at the national level with the NCAA. I have close contact with the Athletics Director, the Director of Academic Success for Athletics, the Compliance Coordinator, and many other people in the Athletics Department. I also act as Ombudsman in athlete and faculty disputes. If you find any of your colleagues are having a dispute with a student, such as missed classes, then have them contact me.

Chair Lessow-Hurley talked about the Athletic Breakfast we had. I was amazed that 160 of 415 athletes had a 3.0 GPA both semesters in 2006/2007. Eighty-six of men and women were named to the Western Athletic Conference All-Academic team. The team GPA went to women's cross country. There is an unifying theme to the teams, and I hope you can see what it is. The most improved academic performance was won by football. There have been no major penalties with NCAA in the last two years. There have been some secondary violations. Secondary violations would be such things as an Assistant Coach that paid for a father and son to come on a recruiting visit. It turns out it was a violation to pay for the father's travel, and the coach was reprimanded for doing that. Another violation occurred when the coach called a student he thought was a high school senior, and it turned out the student was a high school junior. In talking to the WAC Compliance Director, he says if you don't have several secondary violations you are not doing your job. We have had no major violations.

I think you probably want to know about NCAA eligibility. To be eligible a student athlete must be enrolled in at least 12 units, and must pass 24 units per year. Eighteen of these units must be passed during fall and spring semesters, but they can take 6 units in the summer. Student athletes must declare a major, and the units must be towards that major from the fifth semester on. Student athletes must complete 40% of their degree by the fifth semester, 60% by the seventh, and 80% by the ninth semester. Student athletes are also expected to graduate in five years, and they must also have a 2.0 GPA.

Academic Progress Rate (APR) is something I think you might misunderstand. There are two points a student can get each semester. There is an





I think we were assured that three years would probably be enough time to see that real progress has been made. I think what is important is whether we are getting closer or farther from the 925 APR. On the male teams we have three teams that went down in this last year. Why?" Senator Campsey said, "That is what we are going to find out. You are absolutely right. We cannot be happy with what is going on here." Senator Peter said, "If we have this same conversation in another year and we haven't made any more progress, what would be your analysis of where things are?" Senator Campsey said, "It's hard to judge where we are going to be, and why we are where we are." Chair Francisco said, "One thing we can provide the Senate in another year is data that would be helpful in talking about whatever this problem is. As Senator Campsey pointed out, we have put together a committee to explore this problem and see what is going on."

Senator Sabalius said, "I believe Tom Bowen has only been here two years. My question is two or three years ago, the NCAA said the football



the implications for all disciplines, and studying professional fees beyond Business. We will have a final reading in January 2008.”

**D. Provost –**

Provost Sigler said, “I join