

**2009/2010 Academic Senate**

**MINUTES  
September 21, 2009**

**I. The meeting was called to order at 2:09 p.m. and roll call was taken by the Senate Administrator. Forty-three Senators were present.**

**Ex Officio:**

Present: Kaufman, Lessow-Hurley,  
Whitmore, Baker,  
Sabalius, Van Selst, Meldal

**CASA Representatives:**

Present: Fee, Kao, Hendrick, Schultz-Krohn  
Absent: Correia

**Administrative Representatives:**

Present: Phillips, Selter  
Absent: Lee, Najjar

**COB Representatives:**

Present: Campsey, Roldan, Jiang

**Deans:**

Present: Parrish, Merdinger, Stacks,  
Bullock

**EDUC Representatives:**

Present: Smith

**Students:**

Present: Levy, Armendariz, Montross,  
Orr, Pulu, Gonzales

**ENGR Representatives:**

Present: Gleixner, Du, Backer

**Alumni Representative:**

Present: Sheryl Walters for  
Melissa Ferguson

**H&A Representatives:**

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

**Emeritus Representative:**

Present: Buzanski

**SCI Representatives:**

Present: d'Alarcao, Williams  
Absent: McClory, McGee, Silber

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

Present: Norton

**SOS Representatives:**

Present: Von Till, Heiden, Ng  
Absent: Lee

**General Unit Representatives:**

Present: Fujimoto, Sivertsen, Li

**II. Approval of Academic Senate Minutes–**

The minutes of May 11, 2009, Last meeting of 2008-2009, were approved as is.  
The minutes of May 11, 2009, First meeting of 2009-2010, were approved as is.

**III. Communications and Questions –**

**A. From the Chair of the Senate:**

Chair Kaufman welcomed everyone back for Fall 2009.

Chair Kaufman read several emails relating to the state budget cuts and furloughs from students and faculty. One student wrote that all his classes had been dropped while he was waiting for financial aid. The student said that the fee increase coupled with the lack of a

CAL Grant had made it impossible for him to attend SJSU this year. A faculty member emailed the chair of the Senate that a parent had called him irate that his daughter couldn't get an add code for his class. Last, a staff member from Student Services wrote that he/she had spent his/her entire career helping students get into SJSU, and now was being forced to tell students that if they did not get their fees or paperwork in on time, they would be dropped. Chair Kaufman said, "In this environment it is easy to get absorbed in statistics, targets, and the like, and I just wanted to take this minute to remind people that we are talking about individuals here. Now more than ever, the work of the Senate is of utmost importance."

Chair Kaufman thanked everyone for agreeing to serve on the Senate this year, and te is of utmost



salaries was used to hire a large cohort of lecturers this year.

Senator Levy wanted to know if the Town Hall meetings had been taped and whether the tapes would be put on the website. President Whitmore commented that he would ask communications personnel. Larry Carr commented that the information would be posted soon.

Senator Van Hooff wanted to know why most of the furlough days were on Fridays. President Whitmore responded that it was thought that having the furloughs on Fridays would save the most money, since there are very few classes on Fridays. However, Friday classes are still being allowed, except for this summer when no classes will be held on Fridays in order to close down buildings.

Senator Stacks clarified that

do not apply by November 30<sup>th</sup> you will not get in, and that this cutoff is much earlier than in the past. Senator Backer commented that the web site states that the deadline for graduate admissions is to be determined. Senator Phillips provided the following clarification. “The priority application deadline is a specific term that the CSU uses for all applications, but is not necessarily the date that has to be used by any particular campus for any particular program. This campus before the Fall 2009 admission cycle never used November 30<sup>th</sup>, which has always been the priority application deadline, even as the deadline for undergraduate students. It was used for Fall 2009 and will be used for Fall 2010 for undergraduate applications, but that terminology has always been in use. That does not mean that each campus and each program has to use that date.” Senator Van Selst responded that the implication from the CSU Statewide Senate is that that is going to be the drop dead deadline. President Whitmore again asked Senator Van Selst to send an email and he would put together a team to look into this in the next few days.

#### **IV. Executive Committee Report –**

##### **A. Executive Committee Minutes –**

May 11, 2009 – No questions.

June 25, 2009 – No questions.

July 23, 2009 – Senator Stacks commented that 4B refers to 600 students as being super seniors and she thought the number was closer to 5,000. Senator Phillips commented that there were 5,000 that had more than 120 units altogether. Senator Gleixner commented that when referring to these 3 groups, if you take out all the groups of majors that require more than 120 units that number goes way down and that might be the difference.

August 24, 2009 – Senator Stacks stated that in item number 9, 4<sup>th</sup> line, she thought it should say “admissions” rather than “enrollment.” Chair Kaufman said the minutes would be changed.

September 14, 2009 – Senator Buzanski asked for clarification about the Provost Search. Chair Kaufman responded that all information pertaining to the Provost search was on the website at <http://www.sjsu.edu/president/provost>. Senator Buzanski also asked for clarification as to what was meant by a “serialized faculty member” in item number 4. Provost Selter explained that he had always used that term for tenure and tenure-track faculty as opposed to lecturers or temporary faculty.

**B. Consent Calendar** – Chair Kaufman commented that Arlando Smith and Joshua Levy should be added to the consent calendar for the Organization and Government Committee. A motion was made to approve the consent calendar. The motion was seconded. The Senate voted and the consent calendar was approved as amended.

### **C. Executive Committee Action Items:**

Senator Gleixner presented *AS 1420, Sense of the Senate Resolution, Preservation of Core Academic Activities (Final Reading)*. Senator Van Selst presented a friendly amendment to change the 2<sup>nd</sup> Whereas clause to read, “Such pressures will be felt in both academic and non-academic activities of the university; and.” Senator Sabalius presented a friendly amendment to add a new first Resolved clause to read, “Resolved: That the San José State University Academic Senate deplors the cutting of the RSCA funds by the CSU system, and be it further.” Senator Lessow-Hurley presented a friendly amendment to change the last Resolved clause to read, “Resolved: That the San José State University Academic Senate encourage the Provost/VP for Academic Affairs to continue support for the fundamental components of university success and educational quality.” Senator Fee presented an amendment to eliminate “the fundamental components” in the last Resolved clause. The amendment was seconded. The Senate voted and the Fee amendment failed. Senator Van Hooff presented a friendly amendment to change the “e” in “Jose” in the last resolved clause to “é.” Senator Buzanski made a motion to call the question. The Senate voted on the Buzanski motion and it passed. **The Senate then voted on AS 1420 as amended and the resolution passed with 1 Nay and 1 Abstention.**

**Review/Approval of the Revised 2009/2010 Academic Senate Calendar due to Furlough Dates.** Senator Sabalius argued that a 10% cut in salary should result in a 10% reduction in workload, and therefore the Senate meetings on furlough days should be cancelled. Senator Lessow-Hurley argued for the revised calendar and commented that there were other opportunities to take furlough time, and that as a body, the Senate needed to have its voice heard. Senator Buzanski argued for the revised calendar and commented that as a democratic body, when the full Senate does not meet, the Executive Committee acts in its place depriving the Senate. Senator Meldal argued that co-governance was a vital part of the institution, and was especially important at this time. Senator Backer argued against the revised calendar and commented that one consequence of furloughs is that activities won’t happen. Senator Smith argued against the revised calendar and commented that after many years in the K-12 system and watching cut after cut, he had found that people continue to do the same amount of work for less because they don’t want to hurt the students. However, we are continually being asked to do more with less. Senator Stacks suggested a compromise and commented that since we were getting a 10% pay cut, we could cut 10% of the Senate meetings, which would amount to one Senate meeting instead of two. Senator Norton argued in support of the revised calendar and commented that the Senate does not have many chances to have its voice heard and that cancelling these Senate meetings limits the opportunities for the Senate to express itself. Senator Van Selst argued in support of the revised calendar and commented that for the last 4 months there has not been a Faculty Trustee present at Board of Trustees meetings and this has had a negative impact. Senator Van Selst further commented that if we abstain from our responsibilities as the highest body of faculty representation at the university, we are not doing ourselves any favors. Senator Von Till argued in support of the revised calendar but commented that if we were to eliminate just one meeting, then she would recommend the October 12<sup>th</sup> meeting, because the Spring semester is very busy. Senator Baker argued in support of the revised calendar and commented that the faculty should be here for the students, and that this was one of the opportunities to show their support. **The Senate voted and the revised calendar was**



Committee had debated this, but did not feel th



Provost Selter said the funding for next year is very depressing. We won't have any furlough money, but we expect to have an increase in student fees of 10%. It is not certain, but we are not anticipating any additional decreases. Our target is to reduce our FTE by 2,470 next year, which amounts to a loss in the Academic Affairs Division of about \$5.5 million. After being reduced by about \$4 million this year, Academic Affairs will be reduced by another \$12 million next year. If we don't get the 10% fee increase, then we will be out \$17 million for fall 2010.

Senator Sabalius commented that it is hard for the faculty to swallow budget cuts when the chair blames it on the budget given to the dean, and the dean blames it on the Academic Affairs budget. It would be easier for the faculty to accept the cuts, if there were more transparency in seeing where all the cuts are university-wide. Senator Sabalius suggested that perhaps, we need to revisit our priorities and how much money is being given to Academic Affairs versus other programs. Senator Sabalius would like Provost Selter to be an advocate for us now with the Chancellor's office, and not to wait for the new provost to be put in place.

Senator Ng thanked Provost Selter for the mass communication sent to faculty about the student fee deadline.

Senator Van Hooff commented that some of her programs were very small, and that it would be very difficult to find faculty to teach them without lecturers. Senator Van Hooff asked if volunteers could be used, and whether she should ask the local community to fund some of their courses in order to keep the program alive. Senator Merdinger responded that due to the new furlough agreement between the CSU and the CFA, no new volunteers can be added this spring. However, it might be possible to use volunteers that have volunteered in the past. Senator Merdinger is not sure what the contractual agreement between the CSU and the CFA will be for fall.

Senator Jiang commented that if the Business, Management and Organization Department lost their lecturers, they would have to reduce their program by 40%. This would mean a drop from 1,000 FTEF to 600 FTEF. If this percentage applies across Academic Affairs, then Academic Affairs would be taking a 40% decrease. Senator Jiang asked if a 15% cut to other divisions results in a 40% cut to programs, and wanted to know where our priorities are. Provost Selter responded that if the money is not in the budget, then we have to manage with what we do have. However, Academic Affairs receives about 70% of the non-mandatory university funding. This is a pretty large fraction. The Provost commented that it is very difficult to shift money between the divisions, and other divisions



## **Questions:**

Senator Meldal commented that peoplesoft does not currently allow a student that wants a red major to also identify a second closely related green major as an alternate, and wanted to know if this was going to change. VP Phillips commented that currently the CSU Mentor system only allows a single major. It is an issue that VP Phillips has had some discussions about, but has not decided how to handle yet. VP Phillips commented that if anyone had any suggestions, he was happy to hear them. One of the things Student Affairs has talked about is setting a time limit to transfer out of a major under which you applied for and were admitted. VP Phillips further commented that Student Affairs does expect students to try to game the system, especially the applicants. It will be very important, over this next year, to figure out what policies to put into effect to minimize the gaming.

### **D. Associated Students President –**

AS President Baker commented that the AS Board of Directors began their terms on August 1, 2009. AS now has a complete board of 16 members. AS recently had a retreat where they learned Roberts Rules of Order. AS has been working on a Strategic Plan, and they recently met with the people they work with in the departments. As far as events, AS had the Spartan Squad Kickoff last Tuesday, and the event was very successful. AS also recently held its first free barbeque for students last Thursday. As

The third resolution is the Mitigation of the Impact of Statewide Enrollment Management Policies on Graduate and Post Baccalaureate Credential programs. Senator Van Selst commented that we all need a little bit more information on this one.

The final resolution was the CSU Budget Request. Historically, this has been known as the CSU Budget Priorities. This year, the CSU Statewide Senate is just saying, please restore our funding.

There were also several first reading items at the meeting and they included Furlough Implementation and Faculty Rights, and Teaching and Service Responsibilities in Times of Budget Restraints.

**X. Adjournment** – The meeting adjourned at 4:43 p.m.