

2015/2016 Academic Senate

MINUTES
November 2, 2015

I. The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. and roll call was taken by the Senate Administrator. Forty-Five Senators were present.

Ex Officio:

Present: Kimbarow, Sabalius,
Heiden, Van Selst, Lee
Absent: Amante

CASA Representatives:

Present: Grosvenor, Schultz-Krohn, Lee, Shifflett, Sen

Administrative Representatives:

Present: Martin, Blaylock, Feinstein,
Larochelle, Lanning

COB Representatives:

Present: Sibley, Virick, Campsey

Deans:

Present: Green, Hsu, Jacobs, Stacks

EDUC Representatives:

Present: Mathur, Laker

Students:

Present: El-Miaari, Abukhdeir,
Romero, Medrano, Cuellar,
Gay

ENGR Representatives:

Present: Backer, Sullivan-Green

H&A Representatives:

Present: Frazier, Bacich, Grindstaff, Khan, Riley

Alumni Representative:

Present: Walters

SCI Representatives:

Present: Kaufman, Clements
Absent: White, Beyersdorf

Emeritus Representative:

Present: Buzanski

SOS Representatives:

Present: Peter, Curry, Wilson
Absent: Coopman

General Unit Representatives:

Present: Matoush, Medina
Absent: Kauppila

II. Approval of Academic Senate Minutes–

The minutes of October 5, 2015 were approved as written (45-0-0).

III. Communications and Questions –

A. From the Chair of the Senate:

Chair Kimbarow welcomed Senators and announced the Chancellor will be here Wednesday, November 4, 2015, for an open forum from 11 a.m. to noon in the Student Union.

The position description for the new President has been finalized and Chair Kimbarow asked the Chancellor to send it to everyone on campus. If the Chancellor doesn't send it out, Chair Kimbarow will.

B. From the President of the University –

Interim President Martin announced that she had moved into the President's house and

had over 1,000 trick or treaters on Halloween. It was a lot of fun to be a part of that.

The President and her cabinet are working on safety, critical facility, and classroom issues this year including what can we get done, what must done, and how we pay for it.

The President and the Provost are also looking at enrollment targets and are challenging these. There are some real bottlenecks in class availability for students delaying graduation. The Chancellor will be here on November 4, 2015, and the President and Provost will be speaking with him about this.

The President is also taking a look at fundraising.

The President and her cabinet will focus on strengthening the team, getting things done, and trying to enhance the campus as we move forward this year.

Questions:

Q: You mentioned trying to get some resources to deal with bottlenecks, can you explain exactly what you mean?

A: Money. We need about \$2.7 million. The Provost commented that the average unit load is about 12.4 units, and he and the President would like to see this increase to 13 units. You can't graduate in four years with 12 units. One of challenges in fixing this is the artificial cap on FTES. The Provost and President will speak with the Chancellor about this. The Provost hopes to increase the FTES allocated to our students by 1,000, but keep the headcount the same. However, we would not get any additional funding for this and would have to pay for it ourselves, so we are looking at what our priorities are on the campus. Interim President Martin commented that we have over 10,000 students that have over 90 credits.

Q: Do we have a good handle on how many students are taking classes that are not moving them towards graduation?

A: Provost Feinstein announced the average number of credits students have when they graduate is about 155. What this tells me is that students are taking a lot of classes they don't need to graduate. Many are probably taking classes just to keep their financial aid. Senator Sabalius noted that he was insulted by the idea that classes students take that they don't need for their degree are being considered a waste.

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

A. CSU Statewide Senators –

Senator Lee announced the CSU Statewide Senate will meet later this week and there isn't much to report at this time. However, out of the 23 campuses, 20 have a resolution on file now calling for more open Presidential Searches.

B. Provost –

Provost Feinstein announced the review committee for the AVP of Student Academic Success Services, Maureen Scharberg, has been charged. Dr. Ron Rogers was selected as the Chair of that committee, and they will have their report by the end of the semester.

The Dean of the Library staff and college nominees are due by the end of the week. The Senate Office put out a call for the two faculty outside of the Library seats on the search committee, as well as a call for nominations for a student representative. The call for nominations for the faculty and student seats has been extended through Monday, November 9, 2015. The Executive Committee will review and select these members at their November 16, 2015 Executive Committee meeting.

The Dean of the College of Business Search Committee college nominees are due Monday, November 9, 2015. The Provost is also looking for a faculty member outside the college, and he would like that faculty member to be a Senator. Interested Senators not from the College of Business were encouraged to make an appointment to speak with the Provost.

The Provost Office has a new Academic Spotlight blog. Provost Feinstein asked Senators to sign-up for the blog and to participate in it.

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The Student Union will also get additional artwork delivered in December in anticipation of the opening of the rest of the Student Union in early Spring.

V. Executive Committee Report –

A. Executive Committee Minutes –

Exec. Minutes of September 28, 2015 – No questions.

Exec. Minutes of October 12, 2015 – No questions.

B. Consent Calendar –

A motion was made and seconded to approve the consent calendar. **The Senate voted and the consent calendar of November 2, 2015 was approved (45-0-0).**

Senator Peter introduced Dean Walt Jacobs a new Senator from the College of Social Sciences.

C. Executive Committee Action Items: None

VI. Unfinished Business - None

VII. Policy Committee and University Library Board Action Items. In rotation.

A. Curriculum and Research Committee (C&R) – No Report

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student, faculty member, or chair to expedite the resolution.” The amendment was seconded. Senator Laker presented an amendment to the Heiden amendment that was friendly to change line 345 to read, “determined by the BAFPR, a request to the President, Provost or appropriate vice president can be made by the BAFPR Chair and/or student.”

Q: Has the committee considered that when it comes to students and attendance, if the student doesn't want to go to class it should be their choice?

A: The point of this policy is to say that if you are going to grade on being in the classroom, you need to make it clear this is the case. This way students can make an informed decision about whether to show up or not.

C. Professional Standards Committee (PS) – No report.

D. Organization and Government Committee (O&G) –

Senator Shifflett presented *AS 1591, Senate Management Resolution, Amend Senate Standing Rule: Senate Meeting Agenda (Final Reading)*.

Senator Shifflett presented an amendment that was friendly to change line 41 to add, “of the rules” after “meeting with a suspension.”

The Senate voted and AS 1591 passed as amended (45-0-0).

Senator Shifflett presented *AS 1592, Senate Management Resolution, Modification of Graduate Studies and Research Committee Membership (Final Reading)*.

Questions:

Q: Have you considered changing the acronym of “GUP” to something else?

A: The office is called Graduate and Undergraduate Programs. The Provost will consider this.

Senator Shifflett presented an amendment that was friendly to change the vote to 5-0-0.

The Senate voted and AS 1592 was approved as amended (45-0-0).

Senator Shifflett presented *AS 1586, Policy Recommendation, Modification of Human Subjects Institutional Review Board Membership (Final Reading)*.

Senator Backer presented an amendment that was friendly to add commas where appropriate to lines 80-82 to read, “(4) When there are multiple applications for any se.h3,24/ TD0 /S

Senator Van Selst presented an amendment that was friendly to replace “attending the” on line 75 to “voting at their.”

The Senate voted on AS 1586 as amended and it passed (45-0-0).

Senator Shifflett presented *AS 1587, Senate Management Resolution, Dissolving the Heritage, Preservation, and Public History Committee (Final Reading)*.

The Senate voted and AS 1587 was approved (44-1-0).

Senator Shifflett presented *AS 1579, Policy Recommendation, Budget Advisory Committee (Final Reading)*.

Senator Shifflett presented an amendment that was friendly to add another resolved clause at line 46 to read, “Resolved: That SM-S03-1 be rescinded since reporting responsibilities are part of this policy recommendation.”

The Senate voted and AS 1579 was approved as amended (43-0-2).

Senator Shifflett presented *AS 1585, Policy Recommendation, Updating the Board of General Studies Membership and Charge (Final Reading)*.

Senator Heiden presented an amendment that was friendly to the last sentence in line 44 to change “policy recommendation” to “policy.”

Senator Peter presented an amendment that was friendly to add a new section 1.4.6 to read as follows:

“1.4.6. The Board may appoint General Education Advisory Panels (GEAPs). Each GEAP shall be focused on a specific curricular requirement or set of requirements that is under the purview of the Board. The creation of GEAPs shall be at the discretion of the Board, except for the American Institutions GEAP which is required.

1.4.6.1 Purpose. A GEAP shall provide the Board with advice drawn from disciplinary expertise and may assist the Board with the workload associated with reviewing and assessing courses associated with a particular curricular requirement.

1.4.6.2 Membership. The membership of Advisory Panels shall be determined by the Board but shall be no less than three persons, and shall consist of individuals with subject-matter expertise and teaching experience relevant to the particular curricular requirement.

1.4.6.3 American Institutions. The American Institutions GEAP shall include, at a minimum, a representative with a doctorate in Political Science who specializes in American and California Government, a representative with a doctorate in History who

specializes in United States History, and a representative who has taught American Institutions requirements in an interdisciplinary context outside of the Political Science and History departments. The AI panel may advise the Board on the GE content of curricular proposals that seek to meet both AI and GE requirements. The AI panel shall make the determination whether such proposals meet AI requirements.”

Senator Shifflett presented an amendment that was friendly to the Peter amendment to add “specific proposals pertaining to certification or continuing certification” in line 249.

Senator Van Selst presented an amendment that was friendly to change the Peter/Shifflett amendment to section 1.4.4.

Senator Shifflett presented an amendment to lines 253 and 254 to strike the last sentence that reads, “The AI panel shall make the determination whether such proposals meet AI requirements.”

A motion was made to postpone debate to the next meeting. The motion was seconded. The Senate voted and the motion was approved (45-0-0).

E. University Library Board (ULB) – None

VIII. Special Committee Reports –

Interim VP of Administration and Finance, Josee Larochelle gave the University Budget highlights presentation for 2015-2016 and introduced Bradley Olin, the new University Budget & Risk Management Director

The state fully funded the CSU support budget for this year to the tune of \$216 million. This was a tremendous feat for the CSU. It has been about a decade since the state fully funded the CSU support budget as requested. This amounted to about \$96 million more than what was in the Governor’s original budget proposal.

Questions:

Q: Could you explain what the support budget is for those that haven’t attended one of these budget presentations before?

A:

In the 2014-2015 fiscal year, the state legislature provided a new capital financing framework for the CSU. Each California State University is now responsible for maintaining our capital infrastructure—our buildings. We no longer participate in the state general obligation bond program. With that responsibility, we now have the authority to create a campus reserve program. In the past, that reserve program was restricted and monitored significantly because the state prohibited CSU campuses from creating what appeared to be huge cash reserves without an intended purpose. Now that the state is no longer financing CSU infrastructure directly, we can increase our reserve to support buildings on campus, whether it is maintenance, repair, or new construction.

The campus priorities that were funded for this fiscal year include putting aside funds for our buildings and infrastructure as well as \$2 million in one-time funds for the campus reserve. We have over a \$300 million operating budget and we do not have any designated reserves. Base funding on this campus is permanent reoccurring funding. One-time funds are just that, one time funds provided for a specific purpose or intent. These are not funded every year.

Questions:

Q: Could you explain the Athletics funding of \$1.6 million?

A: The campus funded \$1.6 million identified as total cost of attendance for Athletics. What this really should say is funding to support our student athletes. The \$1.6 million in one-time funds are only for this year and is dedicated to funding scholarships for student athletes to reflect the full cost of attendance. The full cost of attendance includes items over and above the financial aid component previously there. It pays for things like additional meals, books, driving time, etc. NCAA has modified and increased the cost that should be provided to student athletes based on the limited time these students have outside of meeting academic and athletic obligations..

Q: Why is it one-time? Is the cost going to go down next year?

A: No, however, Athletics has been challenged with fundraising in order to support this permanent need. Athletics is working with UA to see if they can increase their financial support from our donor base for our athletes.

Q: If they don't increase their fundraising, then will they have to have another \$1.6 million next year?

A: Correct.

Q: In one of the previous slides you show that the percentage of the operating budget going to Intercollegiate Athletics is at 2.8%. Is that \$1.6 million in addition to the 2.8%?

A: It is included in the 2.8%

Q: Why is it 2.8%? Weren't we supposed to stick with 2% maximum?

A: There was a past agreement with a past President and the Academic Senate that discussed that 2%. We have not been at the 2.0% since before Interim VP Larochelle's arrival at SJSU.

The last slide is a pie chart that identifies the percentages across the division of our operating fund.

million in one-time funds comes from? My second question is: where is the breakdown of the how the Athletics funds are spent? They can't possibly end each year at exactly \$0. Either we

that fund was that it cannot be used for additional classes or to hire faculty, unless the Chancellor has changed this.

Chair Kimbarow announced to the Senate that he is considering a separate Senate meeting devoted entirely to the Budget next year to allow for more time for questions and discussion.

IX. New Business – None

X. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 4:57 p.m.