

**2004/2005 Academic Senate**

**MINUTES  
April 25, 2005**

**I. The meeting was called to order at 2:05 p.m. and attendance was taken. Forty-Four Senators were present.**

**Ex Officio:**

Present: Nellen, Van Selst, Kassing,  
Sabalius, Greathouse  
Absent: McNeil

**CASA Representatives:**

Present: David, Hooper, Gonzalez, Fee

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Interim President Kassing said, “The budget discussions in Sacramento seem to be holding right now. I’d also like to share the [CSU Impact Study](#) with you, please pass it around. It is also online. It is a study done by the CSU on the impact of the CSU system on California.

Donoho. Unfortunately, at 4:30 p.m. the room isn't as full as it is today, and we are looking for a way to improve this. You can email any suggestions to Senator Donoho."

**B. Budget Advisory Committe**

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Committee.

Dr. Matthes said, “The Curriculum and Research Committee will be asking you about making a change to the existing Teaching Associate Fee Waiver program. I hope to give you enough information that you can make a decision on this issue. I would like to remind you why the Senate brought this proposal originally. The purpose of the fee waiver was to support San José State University’s graduate programs; to support the experience Teaching Associates get; and to recognize the service provided and challenges faced by Teaching Associates. One of the methods we used to evaluate the program was to survey existing Teaching Associates, and the Chairs of departments that use Teaching Associates. The Chairs felt it was appropriate acknowledgement for the contributions Teaching Associates had made; that it enhanced the educational experience of the students in the department; it had helped recruit and train some high quality graduate students; it reduced the number of hours Teaching Associates were forced to work off campus; and it had not been particularly burdensome. The Teaching Associates responded that the program made them more committed to their field; that it gave them a stronger connection with San José State University; that it helped them stay in the program; that they were involved in research; that they had done better in their own courses; and that without the program they would have had to work more off campus.”

Dr. Matthes said, “It was pretty clear that the program is doing what we had hoped it would. The impact was pretty clear in that six out of eight colleges were using Teaching Associates.”

Dr. Matthes said, “When we started the program, there were about 81 or 82 Teaching Associates per semester. This number has gone up to about 115 per semester on average.”

Dr. Matthes said, “We had set a threshold limit of 3%. That is, when the number of Teaching Associates reached 3% of the total FTES, we would consider putting the program into early review. It turned out that at the very end of this review period, the number of Teaching Associates went over 3%.”

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do know of some instances of this.”

thanked Gail Evans, VP Robert Cooper, the members of the Board of General Studies (BOGS), Scot Guenter, the members of the University Library Board, and the members of the Curriculum and Research Committee (C&R) for their efforts. Senator Lessow-Hurley said, "Let me give you some history behind the guidelines. You may recall in 2002 the Senate retreat was on general education. When we initiated the general education review, we asked Chairs and faculty for feedback. BOGS and C&R met in the Spring of 2004 to plan a strategy. Scot Guenter facilitated three forums on revisions to the guidelines in Spring 2004. Surveys also went out to all faculty that had taught general education in the past two years, and a survey was sent to Deans and Chairs. All the data and draft revisions were submitted to VP Robert Cooper in January 2005. The draft of the new general education guidelines went out to the campus community in February 2005, and then there were another series of forums on that draft yet again. In March 2005 three forums were held. The final revisions were incorporated, approved by BOGS, and sent to C&R in March 2005. Everyone had access to them online. That leads us to this policy which basically suggests that we adopt the guidelines. I'd just like to be perfectly clear that this is a first reading. This is not a reading on the guidelines. You will not have the opportunity to rewrite the guidelines. The only document that we can alter at this point is the policy recommendation. We cannot debate the content of the guidelines. Presumably, if you have had any problems with the guidelines, you have had them heard already. Having said that I'm going to turn the meeting over to Dr. Gail Evans and VP Robert Cooper."

Senator Norton said, "I do not believe it is appropriate for the Senate to adopt a set of guidelines that they cannot amend or revise."

Senator Stacks said, "I thought the guidelines were going to be up for discussion, and then as a result, you got to do an up or down vote."

Chair Nellen said, "A recommendation could be made to C&R to take back to BOGS if there is a big enough change. However, I think to keep the integrity of the program, and the rationale for having BOGS, the recommendations need to go back to BOGS as opposed to this body making changes to it that might impact something we are not aware of in those guidelines."

Senator Singh said, "The nine units in residence, are they coming from the R, S, V, Z areas?" Dr. Evans said, "Yes." Senator Singh said, "Are Humanities 1 A/B and 2 A/B going away with these changes?" Dr. Evans said, "No, they are not being touched at all."

Senator Veregge said, "I have to agree with Senator Norton that the last time the general education program was reviewed, it came to the Senate for a full discussion. I think the guidelines should be open for discussion and for recommendations to go back to BOGS."

Senator Singh asked about the new name for general education. Dr. Evans said, "SJSU Studies is the proposed new name for what used to be called Advanced Studies courses."

### **C. Organization and Government Committee –**

Senator Veregge presented *AS 1279, Policy Recommendation, Modification to Senate By-*

***laws, Clarification of the General Unit (Final Reading). The Senate voted and AS 1279 passed unanimously.***

Senator Veregge presented *AS 1287, Senate Management Resolution, Creating a Faculty Diversity Committee (Final Reading)*. Senator Veregge presented a friendly amendment to remove “Director, EEO/Title IX Coordinator” from the membership. Senator Sabalius proposed an amendment to change the last Resolved clause to read, “Resolved, that the Faculty Diversity Committee will replace the existing Affirmative Action Committee.” Senator Norton said, “A policy cannot be amended by a Senate Management Resolution. Senator Sabalius withdrew his amendment. Senator Van Selst proposed an amendment to modify the last Resolved clause to read, “Resolved, that the Professional Standards Committee review S89-15 with the likely goal of replacing the Affirmative Action Committee.” The Senate voted and the Van Selst amendment failed. Senator Nguyen made a friendly amendment to remove the “One student” from the membership and to replace it with “the Associated Students Director of Faculty Affairs, and the Associated Students Director of Campus Climate Affairs.” Senator Singh proposed an amendment to change the last Resolved clause to read, “Resolved, that the Faculty Dive

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Senator Sabalius said, “Why do we have a Final Exam policy? Can’t faculty be trusted to determine this?” Senator Sigler said, “Anybody that has ever served as Dean knows that we need a policy.” Senator Thames said, “We deliberately kept the language examination or evaluation, because there are a

video, technology support, and some staff help.

Finally, there is an SJSU Library Advisory Council that has been setup, and they have an ambition goal to raise \$7.5 million by 2015.”

Senator Norton said, “Shouldn’t this report be presented to the Resources Planning Board (RPB)?” Senator Heisch said, “We’re reporting to the Senate because the University Library Board reports to the Senate, and because you asked us to.”

Senator Buzanski said, “I’m still wondering about the six large CSUs, we aren’t included in the six, in other words the six largest CSUs figure removed us from the six, is this correct?” Senator Heisch said, “Yes.”

Senator Breivik said, “The other libraries are cutting staff and we haven’t, however, they haven’t opened a brand new Library.”

Senator Stacks said, “Has the University Library Board thought about bringing a Sense of the Senate Resolution?” Senator Heisch said, “I love Sense of the Senate Resolutions and we could probably have one by Friday.”

**VII. Special Committee Reports -- None**

**VIII. New Business:**

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

**A. Vice President for Student Affairs – No Report**

**B. Associated Students President –**

Associated Students President Rachel Greathouse said that last Wednesday was a statewide day of action for all students across CSU campuses. Senator Nguyen went to Sacramento to lobby our legislators. There is a particular Assembly Bill that we are supporting, Assembly Bill 700 through Senator Horton. This bill is in regards to financial aid and Cal grants, etc. The bill supports changing the requirement that a student under 24 can get financial aid, but a student over 24 cannot. We are also hosting our Associated Students Award Ceremony this Thursday at 6:00 p.m. in the Ballroom. And, we have a food festival on May 14<sup>th</sup> in front of the Associated Students House. We also have the Cesar Chavez Groundbreaking Ceremony on May 5<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m., and we have the Tommie Smith/John Carlos Groundbreaking Ceremony on May 27<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m. I also want to take this time to thank Chair Nellen for helping out with the transition of the new Associated Students Board of Directors. They really appreciated it. I also want to thank Senators Kassing and Phillips for speaking at the CSSA conference we hosted in this room last weekend. We had all student leaders from the twenty-three campuses here.”

**C. Statewide Academic Senator(s) –**

Senator Van Selst said, “There are five things on the forefront right now. One is the doctoral authorization. There is also work on Athletics. The CSU Statewide Senate will be asking all remaining campuses to look at joining the Coalition on Intercollegiate Athletics (COIA). SB 5 (The Student Bill of Rights) actually died in committee, but it is going to come back next year.

As you may have predicted, the assembly of forces for the transfer-agreement for the lower