

**2006/2007 Academic Senate**

**MINUTES  
March 19, 2007**

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

**Ex Officio:**

Present: Gorman, Lessow-Hurley,  
Veregge, Gutierrez,  
Van Selst, Sabalius  
Absent: Kassing

**Administrative Representatives:**

Present: Sigler, Najjar, Lee  
Absent: Phillips

**Deans:**

Present: Merdinger, Wei, Hegstrom,  
Stacks

**Students:**

Present: Bridgeman, Antazo  
Henderson, Patel, Reyes  
Absent: Dresher

will be projected on the screen for Senators to view.

Committee Preference Forms are due in the Senate Office by March 30, 2007. If Senators do not submit a Committee Preference Form, Associate Vice Chair (AVC) McClory will select a committee for them.

distance learning programs. The off-campus locations included Moss Landing Marine Laboratories, Lockheed Martin, the Monterey County Office of Education facility in Salinas, and Fullerton. WASC was pleased with the quality of the programs offered off-site.

The WASC team focused on ensuring the campus was making progress on issues identified during their special visit a year ago. The issues included; strategic planning, assessment of student learning outcomes, enrollment management, and collection of data. The team also looked at how the university was complying with substantive change regulations. Substantive change includes any major change to the mission of the university, the delivery of programs, or the creation of new programs. WASC was uncertain that SJSU was complying with regulations in the initiation of distance programs, and the delivery of more than 50% of our programs off-campus. The WASC team also looked at the 3 themes we identified in our report; integrative learning, community connections, and inclusive excellence.

The WASC team commended SJSU for making significant progress on all the issues they identified in their special visit, for preparing an excellent report, for having a great team, and for having an excellent writer (Kathleen Roe, CASA). The WASC team further commented that there was a lot of energy on campus, that the people were very frank and open, and that everyone was very committed to the campus. The WASC team commented on the impact SJSU has on the region, and the quality of our graduates. The WASC team congratulated the campus for its strong engagement with the community.

The WASC team's recommendations included; continuing our efforts in the area of assessment of learning outcomes, prioritizing in strategic planning, making more and better use of data to drive our decisions, creating a better definition of inclusive excellence, and enhancing our focus on bridging the achievement gap.

SJSU will receive a draft of the WASC team's report in a couple of weeks. The report can be reviewed for factual errors only. The report will then be sent to the commission, and after that the team will make their confidential recommendation to WASC. The commission will meet in late June, and SJSU will probably get a letter in July.

This has been a 5-year effort involving hundreds of people. Provost Sigler expressed both her and President Kassing's gratitude to everyone.

Provost Sigler announced the Outstanding Professor for 2007-2008, Dr. Ethel Walker.

Provost Sigler invited all Senators to attend the symphony on April 4, 2007, in celebration of SJSU's 150th Anniversary.

Provost Sigler wished everyone a happy spring break.

### **Questions:**

Senator Peter asked, "Has there been an opportunity to comment to WASC about the length

of the review?" Provost Sigler said, "We will have an opportunity to comment to them at the end of the review about the process."

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

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

**February 26, 2007 - No Questions**

**March 12, 2007 -**

Senator Stacks asked Chair Lessow-Hurley to elaborate on item number 4 in the March 12, 2007, minutes. Chair Lessow-Hurley said, "That is pretty much what I know." Senator Peter asked, "Why was the consent calendar of March 12, 2007, approved with a divided vote?" Chair Lessow-Hurley said, "I had a concern about students taking on more committees than they might be able to carry."

**B. Consent Calendar –** Approved with one addition.

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

Senator Van Selst presented *AS 1355, Sense of the Senate Resolution, Commending the Leadership of the WASC Re-Accreditation Review for Service to the University (Final Reading)*. Senator Stacks proposed an amendment to add "Sutee Sujitparapitaya" to the list of honorees. The Senate voted and the Stacks amendment passed. **The Senate voted and AS 1355 passed as amended.**

Senator Thames presented *AS 1356, Amendment of AS Policy S00-4 - Policies and Procedures for Naming of Colleges, Schools, and Other Academic Entities at San José State University (Final Reading)*. **The Senate voted and AS 1356 passed.**

**V. Unfinished Business - None**

**VI. Special Order of Business:**

##### **Approval of the Academic Senate Calendar for 2007/2008 --**

Chair Lessow-Hurley made a motion to approve the calendar. The motion was seconded. The Senate voted and the calendar was approved.

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

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**C. Curriculum and Research Committee (C&R) - None**

**D. Organization and Government Committee (O&G) -**

Senator Hebert presented *AS 1354, Policy Recommendation, Repeal of S05-10 and Adoption of The Planning and Budget Process at SJSU (First Reading)*. Senator Hebert said, "This policy will eliminate the Resource Planning Board (RPB) as presently constituted and then take many of the same people and place them on a new board called the Resource Review Board (RRB). This policy was referred to O&G, because many members of the RPB committee felt they were not doing enough work. Also, the University Planning Council (UPC) has been doing most of the functions that were assigned to the RPB. We (O&G) noticed that the campus was lacking an oversight and reporting committee or board, and we thought it would be a good idea to have one so that is what we propose to do here. We are replacing the RPB with a new Special Agency that will suggest improvements in the

objectives."

Senator Gorman replied, "I understand the rhetoric." Senator Norton said, "No, that's not rhetoric." Senator Gorman said, "My question is, isn't this kind of redundant?" Senator Norton said, "No, a review board is 100% justified." Senator Lee sai

Senator Peter asked, "It seems to me that you might want to consider building into the membership someone with some accounting expertise to serve in the translation activity you just described." Senator Norton commented that there are three faculty-at-large selected based on their knowledge and interest in understanding university finances, and a staff member familiar with university budget procedures on the committee.

Senator Van Selst asked, "Are all the policies listed in the 3rd Resolved clause going to be





