

CASA Representatives:
Present: A. Bee, Schultz, Kohn, Hendrick, Kao
Absent: Canham

COB Representatives:
Present: Koldan
Absent: Canham, Lee

ED Representative:
Present: Williamson, Cobby, Logan
Absent: Rickford

ENG Representatives:
Present: Backer, Meldal
Absent: Gao

Ex Officio:
Present: Sabalius, Gorman,
Henderson, Lessow- Hurley
Absent: Van Selst, Kassing

H&A Representatives:
Present: Belet, Desalvo, Van Hooff, Mok, Vanniariajan
Absent: Butler

Administrative Representatives:
Present: Sigler, Najjar
Present: Buzanski

SCI Representatives:
Present: McClory, Hilliard, Bros, Kaufman

Honorary Senators (Non-Voting):
Present: Norton

SOS Representatives:
Present: Peter, Hebert, Von Till
Absent: Zia

General Unit Representatives:
Present: Romo, Sivertsen, Liu

II. Approval of Academic Senate Minutes – Minutes of February 18, 2008, were approved as is. Provost Sigler asked that the 4th paragraph, 5th line be corrected to read “AVP Merdinger” instead of “President Kassing.” The minutes were approved as amended.

III. Communications and Questions –

A. From the Chair of the Senate:

Chair Lessow-Hurley made the following announcements:

The situation at CSU East Bay

C. Executive Committee Action Items: None

V. Unfinished Business - None

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

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

B. Curriculum and Research Committee (C&R) –
Senator Kaufman presented a resolution from the floor—

Senator Kaufman said, “About a month ago, some members of the College of Humanities and the Arts, the College of Applied Sciences and the

Senator Kaufman said, “Just to restate what Senator Norton said. A Senate Management Resolution should not rescind policy, it should just suggest the postponement. That amendment is fine with me.”

Senator Meldal said, “In the composition of the task force, it is suggested that one faculty member of each college be nominated by the college dean. Would the committee consider using the appropriate college committee, such as the curriculum committee, as the nominating body?” Senator Kaufman said, “That is friendly to me.”

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

Senator Backer presented

The Senate voted and AS 1378 was approved

with 1 Nay, and No abstentions.

D. Instruction and Student Affairs Committee (I&SA) –

Senator Sivertsen presented

Senator Norton made a friendly amendment to change the word “to” in the Resolved clause to read “the.” Senator Peter made a friendly amendment to add a new 2nd Whereas clause to read, “Whereas, San José State University has celebrated student success, diversity, and community;” **The Senate voted and AS 1379 passed as amended with no Nays or Abstentions.**

which refers to all grades taken in service to your current degree, as opposed to the SJSU GPA which is all grades at SJ

Senator Bros said, “Wouldn’t it be better just to specify 3.3 or better in all units specified in the program of study?”

Senator Kao said, “Maybe I need clarification, but it seems to me the problem you stated about the B- in one class isn’t even addressed by this. It is a B- in one class and there is no average. If the average of those four classes the student took were greater than a B+, it seems it doesn’t need any additional clarif

there is also another article, Article 1519 that says, “

Essentially, there is a committee composed of representatives from the statewide Academic Senate, the CSU, and the CFA that are studying the issues and will come up with a recommendation within 12 months of convening, and they convened in July. That is the context for any discussion of online SOTES. CFA has the position that evaluations must be written and if you want to go ahead with online SOTES you must confer with us. The Academic Senate has been conferring with us and letting us know exactly what SERB is doing or wants to do. CFA has said if SERB wants to go ahead with online SOTES they can do so as long as it is not mandatory and is voluntary. If professors of mostly all online courses want to evaluate their classes online, that would be okay as long as it was voluntary. What happened with this policy that the Senate passed is that it directly violated the contract because it was not voluntary. As of a few days ago, CSU Statewide said they would remove paragraph 5.7 which required online courses to have online SOTES. In cases where we do not agree, there is a mandate where the CFA and CSU must meet and confer.”

Questions:

Senator Bros said, “Just for clarification then, the resolution I had sent you originally included the appropriate language for CFA. It was the amendment that was the issue?” President Cara said, “Yes, it was the amendment that was the issue.” Senator Bros said, “My question is then, in relation to issues when amendments occur, how does CFA see that process happening?” President Cara said, “It should happen beforehand.” Senator Bros said, “The amendments happen on the Senate floor, so how can we meet and confer?” Chair Lessow-Hurley said, “Interesting question.” President Cara said, “The way the process works is that our attorney contacts the CSU Statewide attorney and they work that out.”

Senator Peter said, “On those campuses in the CSU that have a designated CFA representative on the Senate, does that meet the requirement of the meet and confer?” President Cara said, “No.”

Senator Norton said, “I have a problem with the CFA meeting and conferring with this Senate. I don’t think that has ever been done before.” President Cara said, “I believe that usually the meet and confer happens after a resolution is passed.” Senator Norton said, “Yes, but the official meet and confer provision is with the Administration.” Chair Lessow-Hurley said, “It would be between CFA and the Administration. In essence,

yes. Chair Lessow-Hurley asked me, “What is it with CFA?” and I said it is strictly a bargaining issue. It is written in the contract.”

Senator Langdon said, “I don’t quite understand the written part. I teach a lot of classes online, and I don’t understand what the big deal is?” President Cara said, “I guess I would ask you the same question. What is the big deal that it is in the contract that it says written, and why don’t you want it in written format?”

Senator Kaufman said, “If you are taking the position that the word means then how can you ever, until this contract is renegotiated, accept anything that isn’t written?” President Cara said, “You are right. I think this contract needs to be renegotiated.” Senator Kaufman said, “Then CFA’s position seems to imply that we can’t have online SOTES no matter whether people want them or not.” President Cara said, “When the CFA was conferred with we said that if people volunteer then we wouldn’t object to it.”

Senator Hebert said, “I just wanted to be sure that the permission to give an online SOTE rests with the instructor/professor and not the department chair?” President Cara said, “It is not just anyone that can decide, and they have to be online classes.”

Chair Lessow-Hurley said, “If we had the meet and confer, and our policy would be acceptable if we eliminated 5.7, does this come back to the Senate?” Senator Peter said, “We only make recommendations to the President. He could return it to us with instructions as to what we needed to do in order for him to sign it.”

Senator Merdinger said, “We have not had official notification from the Chancellor’s office about the agreement yet. President Cara knows more about that than I do right now.”

Senator Roldan said, “I’m curious about what the rationale behind having the SOTE be written is? Is it because you want to be able to identify the person, or is it just a format issue?” President Cara said, “I don’t know what the rationale was behind the policy.” Senator Roldan said, “Is it possible that it is in the contract just because the technology wasn’t available when it was put in there?” President Cara said, “Yes, it is possible.” Senator Merdinger said, “I would guess, but I don’t know for sure, that it was language that was put into one of the initial contracts and that language is carried forward until it is amended.”

Senator Schultz-Krohn said, “I have a question then. What happens in cases where students have a disability that specifically prohibits them from completing a written SOTE, are we excluding them?” President Cara said, “I’m not sure that this has ever come up, so I can’t answer this.” Senator Sivertsen said, “You cannot exclude disabled students, you would have to come up with some accommodation.”

Senator Hebert said, “I had a similar situation in a class a couple of weeks ago with a student with very poor vision that couldn’t fill out the scantron bubbles. My solution was to make an oversized test in which she circled the answers and then to have my teaching assistant fill in the scantron using her answers.” President Cara said, “Would I be correct in saying that we could

would create a multi-tiered system. There were also several first readings. We wanted to give more support to FERPs. Many faculty are literally thrown off campus when they FERP.”

Senator Gorman said, “I just want to make a comment about the international programs initiative. This was a subject of discussion in many of the committees including mine which is Academic Affairs. There is a lot of concern around the CSU system about international programs proliferating without substantive faculty input including input into curriculum and oversight.”

B. Provost –

Provost Sigler announced, “The applications for the Faculty Reconfiguration of Workload will be coming out very shortly. As part of Vision 2010, we recommended to the President, and he approved, funds for 1/10th of the faculty to be released from one course to engage in activitie

Senator Henderson said, "Good Afternoon everyone. Some things that Associated Students is working on include a faculty survey that should be out in the next week or two. We will have polling locations in June and November and a voter registration drive. We will be conducting a march for higher education, and are working on obtaining a permit for the city of Sacramento. Associated Students leaders are working on contacting other colleges to get them involved in the march. Associated Students will also be bringing a resolution to the Senate in April about the march. Associated Students' elections will be held April 22-23, 2008. In addition, AS 55c 0.274rki, anHenderhvr1 of S