

2009/2010 Academic Senate

MINUTES
May 10, 2010

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

Ex Officio:

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

CASA Representatives:

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

Administrative Representatives:

Present: Najjar, Lee, Selter
Absent: Phillips

COB Representatives:

Present: Roldan, Campsey
Absent: Jiang

Deans:

Present: Bullock, Merdinger, Stacks
Absent: Parrish

EDUC Representatives:

Present: Kimbarow
Absent: Smith

Students:

Present: Starks, Gonzales, Armendariz
Absent: Pulu, Orr, Levy

ENGR Representatives:

Present: Gleixner, Backer, Du

Alumni Representative:

Present: Walters

H&A Representatives:

Present: Desalvo, Brown, Brada-Williams, Van Hooff,
Fleck
Absent: Butler

Emeritus Representative:

Present: Buzanski

SCI Representatives:

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

Honorary Senators (Non-Voting):

Present: Norton

SOS Representatives:

Present: Ng, Heiden, Von Till
Absent: Lee (Sabbatical)

General Unit Representatives:

Present: Fujimoto, Sivertsen, Lin

II. Approval of Academic Senate Minutes–

There were no minutes ready for approval.

III. Communications and Questions –

A. From the Chair of the Senate:

Chair Kaufman made the following announcements:

The first two candidates for the VP of Student Affairs were on campus last week, and the final two candidates will be on campus this week. Open forums will be held on Wednesday and Thursday (May 13th and 14th) from 3:45 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. in Engineering 189.

Chair Kaufman commented on what a tough year this has been with the budget shortfall and furloughs in addition to the state-mandated, but not state-funded, enrollment cuts. The budget shortfall was covered through the 10% pay cut that all employees received, and by the 32%

increase in student fees. Next year is expected to be even more difficult. Many employees have already received notices that they will be laid off at the end of June, and many lecturers will not be renewed for the fall. Furthermore, despite efforts to control enrollment, the number of students wanting to attend, and eligible to attend, San José State University is larger than what we had targeted. Legislators have also told us that taxes received in April are lower than hoped, and that it is unlikely the Governor's proposed budget for education will be approved.

Chair Kaufman commented that he

C. Executive Committee Action Items –

Chair Kaufman presented Certificates of Service to departing Senators. Chair Kaufman also presented AS President Baker with a bouquet of flowers to go with her certificate, and read comments of praise on behalf of President Whitmore.

The Executive Committee presented *AS 1439, Sense of the Senate Resolution, Honoring and Thanking Dr. Veril Phillips for his Service to the Senate and to the University (Final Reading)*. **The Senate voted by acclamation and AS 1439 passed as written.**

voted and AS 1435 passed as amended with several Nays, and 1 abstention.

B. University Library Board (ULB) – No report.

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

D. Curriculum and Research Committee (C&R) – No report.

E. Organization and Government Committee (O&G) – No report.

VII. Special Committee Reports –

VIII. New Business – The Senate had a 15 minute recess for cake and coffee to welcome new Senators for 2010-2011, and to thank departing Senators for 2009-2010. (Time Certain, 3:30 p.m.)

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

A. VP for University Advancement: No report.

B. CSU Statewide Senators:

Senator Van Selst commented that there was a Student Health Fee Task Force Report that was part of the Board of Trustees Agenda. Senator Van Selst also noted that there are an increasing number of veterans on CSU campuses, and they tend to use Counseling Services resources heavily.

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Senator Lessow-Hurley commented on the fact that there have been a number of resolutions at the CSU Statewide level about actions that have been taken without faculty consultation. In addition, the Chancellor and members of the Board of Trustees, no longer regularly attend CSU Statewide meetings. Senator Lessow-Hurley has seen the Chancellor at CSU Statewide meetings only twice in the last two years. There have also been no Trustee meetings on the campuses.

Senator Lessow-Hurley commented that it seems like the budget crisis is providing the opportunity for a lot of things to be simply moved forward, and there is a tendency to disrespect the faculty. We still have no Faculty Trustee and it seems no recourse to having one appointed, even though the CSU Statewide Senate passed a resolution saying we should have two. The Board of Trustees has also not taken our side in this question in any way. It appears there is little regard for the faculty and that is quite upsetting considering this is a very large university system. Senator Lessow-Hurley also noted that an enormous amount of time at the CSU Statewide Senate is spent just getting the administration to recognize the faculty and hear their voices.

C. Provost –

Provost Selter commented that this has been a very challenging year all around for the faculty, the staff, and even the administrators with furloughs, budget reductions, shortage of classes, enrollment limitations, etc., and the future doesn't appear to be a lot brighter. However, Provost Selter feels we will have an OK year next year, given the circumstances. The Provost thanked the Senators for their continued support under the most difficult conditions anyone has seen.

Provost Selter presented a plaque to Chair Kaufman on behalf of President Whitmore recognizing his outstanding service to the Senate and the university over the past year.

D. VP for Finance and Administration – No report.

E. VP of Student Affairs --

AVP Stiglitz gave a report on the proposed Student Mental Health Fee increase.

The need for this mental health fee increase is immediate and intense. According to a SJSU student survey, .7% of our students reported attempting suicide this year. That's 210 students. Sadly, there were also 6 successful suicides.

Counseling Services has only 1 psychiatrist for 30,000 students. Three psychiatrists are required to meet accreditation standards. There are also only 10 counselors, as compared to 27 when Director Thames started working at SJSU.

Student Affairs has chosen the alternative consultation method because it is such a complex issue and just putting it on a

feels this is an excellent opportunity to get feedback from students on what they want and need from Counseling Services. Students have been very supportive of the fee increase.

Student Affairs is asking for an increase of \$14 a year over four years for a total increase of \$56.

Questions:

Senator Sabalius commented that if the students support this increase, then Student Affairs shouldn't have any problem letting the students vote on it. Also, the gradual increase of only \$14 a year isn't that bad for students right now so they might approve it, but the students down the road will be paying much more.

AVP Stiglitz responded that if they got the entire fee increase right now, they wouldn't be able to utilize it because they don't have the space yet. Therefore, it is much fairer to the students to increase it gradually.

Senator Kimbarow inquired as to why the fee increase would only bring us close to meeting the accreditation standards without actually meeting the standards, and

AS President Baker introduced the incoming AS President Tomasz Kolodziejak.

X. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.