

2010/2011 Academic Senate

**MINUTES
February 14, 2011**

- I. The meeting was called to order at 2:05 p.m. and roll call was taken by the Senate Administrator. Forty-four Senators were present.**

Ex Officio:

Present: Kaufman, Kolodziejak,
Sabalius, Van Selst, Kassing

Absent: Lessow-Hurley

Absent: Jiang

The Governor's new budget proposal includes a \$500 million cut to the CSU. If taxes are not extended, the cut to the CSU could be twice that amount.

Provost Selter was unable to attend today's Senate meeting, but will give a presentation on the

The President had another conversation about cuts to Cal Athletic programs. The President

Senator Du suggested a President that is an efficient leader.

Senator Kolodziejak suggested a President that will commit to stay at least five years.

Senator Nellen suggested a President that is aware of and active in trends in higher education.

Senator Solorzano suggested a President that is very involved with Associated Students, e.g. that comes to their retreats, meetings, etc.

Senator Peter suggested a President that would protect campus autonomy.

Senator Van Selst suggested a President that is willing to see how things work before deciding they are broken.

Senator Campsey suggested a President with a proven record of success at a higher level university.

Senator Van Hooff suggested a President that has charisma, is open to new ventures, who is good at networking and building bridges, a true leader, and someone that we can trust.

Senator Kauppila suggested a President that is appropriately skeptical about educational fads, and is a 21st century President.

Senator Semerjian suggested a President that is innovative in how we can approach RSCA.

Chair Kaufman asked Senators to prepare their questions and bring them to the open forums with the Presidential candidates next month.

V. Unfinished Business - None

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

A. Organization and Government Committee (O&G) -

Senator Kimbarow reported that the O&G Committee is working on implementation guidelines for departmental voting when merging departments to ensure complete confidentiality and impartiality.

B. Instruction and Student Affairs Committee (I&SA) -

Senator Gleixner presented *AS 1447, Policy Recommendation, Determination of Academic Standing (Final Reading)*. **The Senate voted and AS 1447 passed as written with 2 Nays, and No abstentions.**

Senator Gleixner presented *AS 1448, Sense of the Senate Resolution, Opposition to the Implementation of Mandatory Early Start Programs (First Reading)*. Senator Frazier made a motion to suspend the rules and make AS 1448 a final reading. The motion was seconded. The Senate voted and the Frazier motion passed. **The Senate voted and AS 1448 passed as written with No Nays and 5 Abstentions.**

Senator Gleixner presented *AS 1449, Policy Recommendation, Extension of Prime Time Scheduling Period (Final Reading)*. Chair Kaufman presented a friendly amendment to make the last Whereas clause a Resolved Clause.

Senator Du reminded Senator Heiden that the C&R Committee had also approved a General Engineering concentration in Electronic Materials and Devices.

VII. Special Committee Reports –

AVP Dennis Jaehne gave a presentation on WASC Accreditation and the main points are summarized below. The complete WASC Powerpoint presentation is loaded on the Senate website at <http://www.sjsu.edu/senate/wasc.pdf>.

There were three main points that AVP Jaehne emphasized. First, the public is demanding greater accountability from all education, but in particular higher education. Second, accreditation is everybody's responsibility. Last, AVP Jaehne feels his job is to position SJSU so that when WASC does come back, the institution is ready to be accredited as a whole. AVP Jaehne suggested that the Academic Senate should take a leadership role in WASC.

There are three elements to the accreditation environment. The first element is public concern.

- f. A Senator should be designated to attend the WASC Academic Resource Council Conference on April 6-8, 2011, in San Francisco.
- g. The Senate should revisit university policy S98-8 to recognize and institutionalize accountability if we expect faculty to pay more attention to program learning outcomes.
- h. SOTES should be revised to allow students to evaluate whether a course met student learning outcomes, and student learning outcomes should be put in the course catalog.
- i. Class scheduling should be revised to allocate space based on meeting student learning outcomes.
- j. The SJSU Mission Statement needs to be revised.

Questions:

Senator Kao asked what exactly was being measured when students showed “no improvement.” AVP Jaehne explained that it was performance on the Collegiate Learning Assessment exam. This is a “scenario-based test of critical thinking. Students are given scenarios and they write essays that are read by readers.” The CLA is now being accepted as a benchmark test in Europe like the IQ test.

Senator Kimbarow inquired if AVP Jaehne was suggesting that somewhere down the road we might adopt common student learning outcomes across the campus and departments. AVP Jaehne replied that WASC asked us to define our institutional learning outcomes. We responded that our outcomes include general education and what you learn in the major. WASC did not seem satisfied with that. WASC wanted another layer in there. Our WASC team is still looking into that.

Senator Du asked if the WASC review cycle was a 10-year cycle. AVP Jaehne replied that it was a 7-year cycle, but it is changing and may go as high as 10 years.

Senator Kolodziejak (AS President) asked if there was a way to get students more engaged in the process. AVP Jaehne replied that students needed to be more engaged, and he was going to be contacting Senator Kolodziejak to discuss this.

Senator Parrish suggested distributing links to best practices in other universities. AVP Jaehne replied that the AACU had a big list of resources and he would make that available. Senator Nellen was also suggested as a resource for information in this area.

Senator Van Selst commented that the CLA test was “reasonably reliable in measuring whatever it is measuring. However, our methodology can lead to a negative outcome for the university. We have both Freshmen MUSE students that are highly motivated, and those that are required/or paid to take the CLA test, so we have non-comparable samples.” Senator Van Selst suggested that would like to see us take some active movement in improving our recruitment process.

VIII. New Business –

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

A. Vice President for Administration and Finance – No report.

B. Vice President for Student Affairs –
VP Laker made the following announcements:

The Student Affairs Division is moving forward with enrollment for Fall.

The Student Union renovation project is well underway and progressing nicely.

Senator Heiden was recently appointed to the Housing Appeals Committee by the Executive Committee.

Housing Services is offering two incentives to returning students that live in housing. The first incentive is a 0% increase in the housing cost/rent. Also, if a student living in housing completes his/her contract, Student Affairs will give them a 2.5% refund.

VP Laker will be spending an afternoon with the resident life program this month.

The Student Health Center is in the planning stages, and VP Laker thanked students for their support with the mental health fee.

C. Associated Students President (AS) –
AS President Kolodziejak made the following announcements:

Senators were invited by AS President Kolodziejak to the AS House for Valentines Day cupcakes.

Three new AS Board members were introduced; Mr. Ross, Ms. Plingu, and Senator Khan. Senator Khan is replacing Senator Peddada as the AS Director of Faculty Affairs. A replacement for Senator Amendariz is still pending.

AS has moved forward with their scholarship program. AS allocated \$20,000 for student scholarships to help with rises in tuition.

AS will participate in the March for Higher Education to Sacramento on March 14, 2011. Three bus loads of SJSU students will take this trip to Sacramento to lobby for higher education. In addition, the CSU campus presidents will also be in Sacramento that same week to lobby for higher education spending.

CSU Chico passed a resolution this weekend allowing electronic teacher evaluations.

AS 55 Award applications have been sent out. Senators were encouraged to nominate deserving students. AS received about 20 student nominations from faculty members last year.

AS will conduct their elections in April 2011. Senator Sabalius asked if AS President

Finalists for Faculty Trustee include Jacquelyn Kegley, Bernadette Chang, Steven Stepanek, and Darlene Yee-Melichar.

F. Provost – No report.

X. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.