

2011/2012 Academic Senate

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has acted as our parliamentarian for many years, will be presented later today.

Chair Von Till urged Senators to pledge even a small amount in the Spartans Supporting Sparta Campaign.

B. From the President of the University—

President Qayoumi urged Senators to attend the 460th Anniversary of the Senate Celebration on April 4, 2012.

There will be a series of three hearings on Enrollment Plan changes that will be coming up for freshmen and transfer students.

About two weeks ago all of the CSP Presidents made their annual trip to Washington D.C. to lobby for support for higher education. This year the theme was the “maintenance of effort.”

Nationally, there is a trend toward lack of support for public education. A report put together by post-secondary education has articles called “The Race to Zero.” The article talks about when state support will get to zero if this trend of lack of support for public education continues. Colorado would

comes in over 3% above target for 2011-2012 may not open for Spring 2013 admissions. For Fall 2012, we will be taking all of the local area applicants that meet CSU minimum eligibility standards both for Frosh and for transfers, and a subset of non-local area Frosh that meet higher admission standards. However, we will be turning away a number of CSU-eligible non-local Frosh, and we will be denying all non-local transfer students who do not meet major level admission standards. We should come in next year in the 3% to 5% above our enrollment target.

For the 2013-2014 year, the university is in the final planning stages of reviewing and making changes to the impactation plan for the 2013-2014 academic year. AB 2402 requires public forums with school boards and community college trustees for impactation planning. The university is proposing three primary changes for the 2013-2014 academic year. The first change is to define the major of "undeclared" as an impacted major. "Undeclared" as a non-

In addition, AVP Joan Merdinger has announced intent to retire at the end of the August 2012 and the Provost will be conducting a local search to replace her.

Questions:

Concern was raised about the Academic Plan being drafted and then submitted for comment, instead of consultation with faculty being completed first. The Provost responded that she and her leadership team drafted the plan as not to start from scratch. However, the Provost plans having widespread consultation.

D. VP for Administration and Finance –

The Administration and Finance Division has sent a draft to the Chancellor's Office detailing SJSU's plans for the 2012-2013 budget. First, the university is looking at ways to enhance revenue through continuing education programs, ways to restructure to improve efficiency including the possibility of campuses using centralized service centers, and the use of whatever one-time funds are available to get us through 2012-2013. SJSU is fortunate that we have more reserves than most campuses. However, this will be the last year we have any substantive amount of cash to help make it through a budget crisis.

The CSU is looking for ways to make the impact of the budget cuts on campuses more visible to the legislature. They have asked campuses to submit what it would look like if we took the budget cuts across the board. We have submitted our data. As an example, Academic Affairs spends about 71.2% of its budget on non-fixed costs. If you apply the 71.2% to the \$21.2 million, that would be \$15 million.

The Senate discussed the need for the public to be made aware of the impact the budget cuts are having on their children.

Senator Bussani noted that there was a CSU study done last year on how the economy prospers from the CSU. SJSU has an economic impact of \$970 million a year that creates 8,500 jobs. The study states for every \$1 invested in the CSU, \$5.43 is produced. The study talks about the fact that if 2% more Californians got an Associate degree, and 1% more Californians got a Baccalaureate degree, the economy would grow by \$20 billion, state and local revenue would grow by \$1.2 billion, and 174,000 new jobs would be created.

The Senate discussed possible ballot measures to fund higher education that might not be so good for California in the long run, such as oil money. The Silicon Valley Leadership Group has undertaken higher education as an area they want to put resources and advocacy behind to make sure that there is more funding for higher education. There are currently three initiatives being proposed. The Silicon Valley Leadership Group will be supporting the Governor's initiative. It would only be a temporary four-year fix, but allows for the opportunity to have a longer term dialogue around a general fund solution.

VP Bibb clarified that the Administration and Finance Division has withheld \$3 million to cover the money that is expected to be taken back by the Chancellor's Office as a penalty for our enrollment exceeding 3% over target this year.

- E. AS President –
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