

2011/2012 Academic Senate

MINUTES
April 16, 2012

- I. The meeting was called to order at 2:05 p.m. and roll call was taken by the Associate Vice Chair and Senator Frazier. Forty-four Senators were present.

Ex Officio:

Present: Von Till, Sabalius
Lessow-Hurley, Kolodziejak
Van Selst, Kaufman

CASA Representatives:

Present: Schultz-Krohn, Semerjian, Johnson
Absent: Fee, Correia

Administrative Representatives:

Present: Junn, Qayoumi, Bibb,
Bussani
Absent: Junn, Nance

COB Representatives:

Present: Nellen, Reade, Campsey

EDUC Representatives

Present: Kimbarow, Swanson, P.

Deans:

Present: Stacks, Bienfeld, Chin,
Merdinger

ENGR Representatives:

Present: Gleixner, Backer
Absent: Du

B. From the President of the University–

President Qayoumi told Senators the inauguration ceremony was a celebration for the university as a whole, and encouraged everyone to attend.

Tom Bowen is leaving SJSU as Athletic Director and heading for the University of Memphis. An interim director will be appointed and a national search will be conducted.

The President will meet with five past mayors

C. Curriculum and Research Committee (C&R) –

Senator Bros-Seemann presented ~~AS~~ **AS 1475, Policy Recommendation, Bringing San José State University Policies into compliance with Federal Regulations Regarding the Definition of the Credit Hour (Final Reading)**. Senator d'Alarcao made a friendly amendment to change the reference in the rd3rd Whereas to, "Coded Memorandum (AA-2011-14). The Senate voted and AS 1475 was approved as amended.

Senator Bros-Seemann presented ~~AS~~ **AS 1479, Policy Recommendation, Review and Approval Process for Academic Certificate Programs (First Reading)**. Senator Bros-Seemann

explained that SJSU does not currently have policy governing how certificate programs are reviewed and approved. This ~~new~~ resolution requires that all courses in the certificate program be courses that have gone through ~~an~~ formal approval process. In addition, individuals submitting certificate proposals must justify the need for each course included in the particular certificate program. A suggestion was made to include a reference to Executive Order 806, which defines certificate programs.

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

Senator Kimbarow presented ~~AS~~ **AS 1474, Senate Management Resolution, AUTEC Committee, replaces SM-F06-4 (Final Reading)**. The Senate voted and AS 1474 was approved as written.

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

Senator Gleixner presented ~~AS~~ **AS 1476, Policy Recommendation, Appropriate Content for Material Containing SJSU Logo or Name (Final Reading)**. Senator Heiden presented a

Senate discussed several issues surrounding the possible recording of class lectures including what constitutes "permission," as well as whether the Disability Resource Center (DRC) had been consulted. A Senator noted that many of freshmen students are still minors their first semester, and getting their permission may not be what is required. It was suggested that the I&SA Committee confer with the DRC to ensure the language in the policy was "inclusive enough." Several other issues were raised as to whether the I&SA Committee had been able to clarify whether class lectures were considered confidential, and therefore recording them would be prohibited by California Penal Code, or whether they are considered public forums.

Senator Gleixner presented **AS 1481, Policy Recommendation, Administration of Student Opinion of Teaching Effectiveness (SOTE) Evaluations Online (First Reading)**. According to a pilot done by the Student Evaluation Review Board (SERB) there is no statistical difference between the ratings given on online SOTEs, and the ratings given on paper SOTEs. However, the response rate online is low. The Office of Institutional Research (OIR) will attempt to increase the response rate during the initial kickoff by having raffles, and it will be accessible from a mobile device such as a phone. Another concern was whether the contract and California Faculty Association (CFA) regulations would allow online SOTEs. Senator Gleixner noted that online SOTEs are already in use at SJSU for online classes and for the School of Library and Information Sciences. In addition, two CSU campuses currently have online SOTEs under the same CFA contract. The Senate discussed the contract and it was brought to the I&SA Committee's attention that the two campuses that have online SOTEs are in violation of the CFA contract. The Chancellor's Office has ruled that the contract calls for "written evaluations," and that written evaluations do not include online SOTEs. The Senate discussed the need for a "confer" with the CFA. In addition, concern was raised about how to get the current response rate of 31% up closer to the written response rate of 73%, and whether having time in class for students to use smart phones and laptops to do online SOTEs would be seen as slanting things in favor of those with smart phones and laptops, since only 25% of students in some surveyed classes had smart phones and/or laptops to use.

Senator Gleixner presented **AS 1482, Policy Recommendation, Sound Level at Campus Events (First Reading)**. Currently, Presidential Directive (PD) 2001-1 restricts amplified sound at campus events regardless of decibel level. The list of locations where amplified sound can be used is outdated and many of the locations no longer exist. This policy would allow sound (amplified or otherwise) under 65 decibels at campus events without approval. Sound in the 65-85 decibel range would be allowed if approved by Student Union Event Services, and campus events with sound in the 85+ decibel range would only be allowed in specific locations. Several issues were discussed such as why this issue was not being addressed with a change to the existing policy by the President's Office. Senator Gleixner responded that this policy, and the AS 1483, were referrals from students on I&SA. The I&SA Committee approached the President's

the policy.

Senator Gleixner presented **AS 1483, Policy Recommendation, Advertising Campus Events: Flyers, Banners, Chalking, etc. (First Reading)**. PD 2001-1 gives a list of bulletin boards and kiosks that flyers and posters can be posted to, but this list is completely outdated. This policy resolution would establish the Office of Student Involvement as being responsible for establishing and keeping up-to-date a list of locations that these items could be posted to as well as locations where electronic screens, frames, and chalking would be allowed along with establishing protocol for posting items. The Senate discussed the Campus Planning Board (CPB) and whether posting of banners is part of the CPB's charge, and if that charge would be changed as a result of this resolution. Senator Gleixner will review the CPB's charge, but noted that these are temporary banners and not permanent signs. Concern was raised that this resolution might be interpreted as applying to faculty that wished to post posters in their offices. Senator Gleixner noted that it was only meant to address public spaces, but she would make that clear before the final reading.

VII. Special Committee Reports –

Last August Athletics received a letter from ~~the~~ NCAA saying that we are certified. Certification means that the university is operating its ~~Atid~~ program in conformity with operating principles adopted by the

D. Associated Students President –

AS is having a Student Leadership Gala which will be combined with the AS 55 Award Ceremony on May 3, 2012 at 6 pm Morris Daily Auditorium.

AS recently had their annual elections and Calvin Worsnup will be the new AS President.

AS approved the AS Vision and 2017 Strategic Plan last week.

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