

2013/2014 Academic Senate

MINUTES  
April 28, 2014

**I. The meeting was called to order at 2:04 p.m. and roll call was taken by the Senate Administrator. Forty-Five Senators were present.**

**Ex Officio:**

Present: Heiden, Von Till,  
Van Selst, Sabalius,  
Ayala, Lessow-Hurley

**Administrative Representatives:**

Present: Dukes, Nance, Feinstein  
Qayoumi, Bibb

**Deans:**

Present: Green, Vollendorf  
Absent: Stacks, Kifer

**Students:**

Present: Hart, Hernandez, Jeffrey  
Absent: Gupta, Gottheil, Miller

**Alumni Representative:**

Present: Walters

**Emeritus Representative:**

**CASA Representatives:**

Present: Schultz-Krohn, Hebert, Cara, Rosenblum,  
Guerrazzi

**COB Representatives:**

Present: Sibley  
Absent: Campsey

**EDUC Representatives:**

Present: Swanson, Kimbarow

**ENGR Representatives:**

Present: Du, Gleixner, Backer

**H&A Representatives:**

Present: Brown, Frazier, Desalvo, Bacich  
Brada-Williams, Grindstaff

**B. From the President of the University –**

The President will be looking at the whole communication system and ways to include more people.

The role of the Provost will also be redefined.

For the first time in a long time the academic budget has been fully funded.

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Senator Peter presented AS 1544, Policy Recommendation, Replaces S99-9, Board of Academic Freedom and Professional Responsibility (First Reading).

This policy is coming to you with recommendations for changes that come from the Board of Academic Freedom itself.

**Questions:**

Q: On page 4, the policy references holding a special election to replace a member for the period of a leave from the university, does this apply to sabbaticals, and if so, is this necessary for a one semester sabbatical replacement?

A: The committee will review the language. Typically, a replacement would be sought for a leave of one year or longer.

**D. Curriculum and Research Committee (C&R):**

Senator Gleixner presented AS 1538, Policy Recommendation Policy and Assurance for Humane Care and Use of Animals at San José State University (Final Reading).

**The Senate voted and AS 1538 was approved with No Nays or Abstentions (45-0-0).**

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Senator Gleixner presented AS 1541, Policy Recommendation, Master's Committee Structure and Processes and Thesis Embargoes (First Reading).

This policy is being brought as a result of a referral from Graduate Studies and Research.

**No Questions.**

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Senator Gleixner presented AS 1542, Policy Recommendation Removal of Physical Education Requirement (First Reading).

This policy would replace two Physical Education policies, S73-5 and F96-12.

The C&R Committee has been discussing this policy all semester and has been split on the issues until recently when one member changed their vote to abstain. Today, we will have questions on the policy first, then some limited debate to help C&R with necessary changes.

**Questions:**

Q: What is the PE requirement?

A: The PE requirement is two activity units. One unit can be taken elsewhere, and one at SJSU. However, they cannot be the same activity.

Q: Can you share information with us on how many exemptions there are?

A: The College of Engineering has an exemption for every single major in the college. Other majors such as Music, the Fine Arts, Nursing, and some Business majors have exemptions. An exact number of the majors will be brought to the next meeting.

Q: Just to clarify, the resolved clause says that two units of PE will no longer be required beginning with Fall 2014, so this means no lower division requirement as well?

A: That is correct, this is removing all requirements for PE. This has been what C&R is debating.

Q: If this is the existing PE requirement, who is being harmed and why is there a need to remove the requirement now?

A: There is a feeling that the requirement is being unfairly applied. For example, transfer students don't have to meet this requirement, and high unit majors have exemptions, etc. In addition, the waivers are only good for one year, so every year the departments must reapply, and an enormous amount of work goes into this by C&R. As S13-3 is currently written, the waivers come to C&R every year for approval.



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AVP of Faculty Affairs, Elna Green, presented a report on Faculty Diversity.

No report was given last year, but this is normally a report given to the Senate every year



Q: There was a recent Supreme Court decision in Michigan which allows other factors to be used in the recruitment of students such as income level and the area they come from, if these can be used for students we should be able to use them for faculty hiring.

A: You are right there are other factors that can be used, but I'm not sure how income level could be used.

**VIII. New Business – None**

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

**A. Vice President for Student Affairs-**

VP Nance announced that May 1, 2014 is the deadline for intent to enroll.

There was a fire South of campus last week and one of our students is still hospitalized. We are working with a number of students to relocate them. Please donate to the Student Emergency Fund. This is a fund we use to help students that have one-time emergency need for funds. Vice President Dukes will send an email to Senators about how they can contribute to this fund.

**B. Associated Students President-**

AS elections have been completed, and the new government takes over on June 1, 2014.

**C. Vice President for University Advancement-**

May 6, 2014 is the day of giving with the Silicon Valley Community Foundation. Any gifts donated on May 6, 2014 will be matched.

The Tower Foundation Endowment now stands at \$116 million.

**D. Statewide Academic Senators –**

SB 850—The Senate bill that would allow community colleges to offer Baccalaureate degrees passed out of the Senate Education Committee easily with an 8-0 vote. It is now going to the Senate Appropriations Committee.

The state assembly approved AB 2324—which would allow a faculty member that is a Faculty Trustee to keep his/her position beyond the expiration date in the event the Governor does not appoint a new Faculty Trustee prior to their term expiration date. AB 2324 is now moving to the Senate.

**E. Provost – No report**

**F. Vice President for Administration and Finance – No report.**

**X. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 4:58 p.m.**