

2015/2016 Academic Senate

MINUTES
March 7, 2016

- I. The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. and roll call was taken by the Senate Administrator. Forty-One Senators were present.

Absent: Lanning, Martin	EDUC Representatives
Deans:	Present: Mathur
Present: Green, Jacobs, Stacks	Absent: Laker
Absent: Hsu	ENGR Representatives:
Students:	Present: Backer, Sullivan-Green, Hamed-Hagh
Present: El-Miaari, Medrano, Gay, Romero	H&A Representatives:
Absent: Sarris	Present: Frazier, Bacich, Khan
Alumni Representative:	Absent: Grindstaff, Riley
Present: Walters	SCI Representatives:
Emeritus Representative:	Present: Kaufman, White, Beyersdorf
Present: Buzanski	Absent: Clements
General Unit Representatives:	SOS Representatives:
Present: Matoush, Medina, Kauppila	Present: Peter, Curry, Wilson
	Absent: Coopman

- II. Approval of Academic Senate Minutes—
The minutes of February 8, 2016 were approved as written (39-0-2).

- III. Communications and Questions –

A. From the Chair of the Senate:

Chair Kimbarow thanked everyone that showed up for the basketball game on March 1, 2016. Provost Feinstein announced that over 400 employees attended, and the coaches

Chair Kimbarow forwarded two documents received from the CSU Statewide Senate for Senators to review. One document was about shared governance and the other was about the faculty strike and gave guidelines on what to announce in classrooms.

Chair Kimbarow announced that the Chief Diversity Officer position finalists will be on campus March 18th, 21st, 24th, and 25th.

B. From the President of the University– No report.

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

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The CSU Statewide Senate looked and took positions on a number of pending legislative acts. The most common position was to sit back and watch and see how things unfold.

There was a lot of discussion about what the presidents in the CSU did in terms of informing faculty about what they may or may not say about a potential strike in their classrooms. The CSU Statewide Senate took a strong position that faculty should determine what they say and say in faculty classrooms.

There was a net gain of 196 professors in the CSU which is good, but the bad news is that the tenure/tenure-track jobs went down, because we hired even more lecturers.

Five new Board of Trustees members have been appointed and one trustee timed out after not requesting reappointment.

E. Provost –No report.

F. Vice President for Administration and Finance (VPAF) –

VP Laroche announced that campus security is a priority for the campus and Administration and Finance has a role to play in this. Progress has been made and some of the accomplishments in the past six months include ensuring all the blue light phones have been fixed or replaced. The bad news is that the phones continue to keep breaking. However, a procedure is in place to test them once a month.

One of the things the campus did not have the ability to do after switching to the new phone system was broadcast an emergency through the phone system. Administration and Finance has been working with Information Technology to get campus phones to broadcast emergency messages. What took the longest to achieve in this process was manually checking to see where every person and every extension was located. A test of the emergency broadcast system will be done building-by-building tomorrow (March 8, 2016).

Another security measure being established is a self-contained external video security system. Administration and Finance has been working with a vendor to create this system that will run through WIFI and cellular service. We do not have surveillance cameras on our campus. Our cameras are for investigatory purposes for UPD to use when/if necessary.

The Fire Marshal inspected the Student Union and told us that we could have temporary occupancy, but we needed to do several things. The list of things we had to do included filling some holes in the wall and changing some fire alarms around so it doesn't look like we are ready to open yet. There is also an issue with the door locks. Administration and Finance is working with the Student Union management to determine when they will be ready to officially open.

from line 236 and renumber all the following sections after 2.3, delete the Resolved clause, delete the Rationale paragraph, and reword "Amends Senate Bylaw 10.1, which provides a listing of special agencies." Senator Feinstein presented an amendment that was friendly to remove the second line in line 233 after "campus." Senator Van Selst presented an amendment that was friendly to change line 112 to read, "Each non ex officio member." The Senate voted and AS 1578 passed as amended (41-0-0).

Senator Shifflett presented **AS 1598, Policy Recommendation, Accreditation Review Committee (Final Reading)**. The Senate voted and AS 1598 passed as written (41-0-1).

Senator Shifflett presented **AS 1599, Policy Recommendation, Committee Obligations and Senate Membership (Modifies Bylaw 1.6.2) (Final Reading)**. Senator Shifflett presented an amendment that was friendly to reletter the items under the original bylaw 1.6.2 so the original through e will become b through The Senate voted and AS 1599 passed as amended (28-0-0).

Senator Shifflett presented **AS 1603, Policy Recommendation, Committee Obligations and Senate Membership--Modification of Bylaw 6 (Final Reading)**. Senator Sabalius presented an amendment that was friendly to line 48 to insert, "an elected" before member, and on line 49 to change to read, "regularly scheduled policy committee," and on line 55 to change it to read, "The chair of the committee." Senator Backer presented an amendment to lines 51 and 56 to insert, "(if a policy committee,...)" before "operating committee," and on lines 51 and 52 and lines 56 and 57 to remove, "or the Executive Committee (if a policy committee)." The Senate discussed the amendment and Senator Backer, who is Chair of the Committee on Committees, explained that the actual procedure for approving the removal is by the consent calendar and the consent calendar is approved by both the Executive Committee and the Senate. However, this procedure is not specified in the bylaws and should be. Senator Peter then made a motion to return the policy recommendation to the committee with the changes that had been approved and were suggested by Senator Backer. The Senate voted and the Peter motion to return to committee passed (28-0-0).

Senator Shifflett presented **AS 1600, Policy Recommendation, Expansion of Bylaw 15 – Updating Senate Documents (Final Reading)**. Senator Sabalius presented an amendment that was friendly to capitalize the "c" in line 75 for "Senate Chair," and to capitalize the "e" and "c" in "Executive Committee" on lines 75 and 76. Senator Peter presented an amendment that was friendly to insert "unanimous" before "consent from," in line 75. The Senate voted and AS 1600 passed as amended (28-0-0).

Senator Shifflett presents ~~AS~~ **1604, *Policy Recommendation***

Q: Has the committee considered including a message encouraging faculty to move away from the printed copy?

A: We did not but we will discuss it.

VIII. Special Committee Reports –

Athletics Board Annual Report by Annette Nellen, Sen Chiao, Pat Backer, and Liz Jarnigan.

Professor Nellen introduced Sen Chiao, the newly appointed Athletics Representative (FAR), Pat Backer, the Coalition for Intercollegiate Athletics (COIA) representative/Co-Chair of the Athletics Board, and Liz Jarnigan, Senior Associate Athletics Director for Academic and Student Services/SWA.

The Athletics Board is governed by University Policy F07-2. "The Athletics Board has the responsibility to promote effective programs of athletics, protect the environmental and educational rights of the athletes, and to ensure the integrity of athletic programs. It has the special responsibility of relating the programs of athletics to the objectives of the University. While the Athletics Board has the generalized responsibilities, the Division of Intercollegiate Athletics has substantial control of its programs through direct administration. However, the President of the University has final responsibility for the programs and decisions related thereto" (University Policy F07-2).

One thing the Athletics Board has instituted in recent years is an annual Academic Achievement Award to one Coach and one Assistant Coach.

Associate Professor Sen Chiao introduced himself as the new FAR. Professor Chiao has only been the FAR for the last two months. Professor Chiao became interested in serving as the FAR after seeing the academic progress some of the student athletes in his classes had made due to the new advising system in the Athletics Department. The FAR is required by NCAA rules. The FAR is the connecting person between the department and the athletics department. The coaches are not allowed to work directly with the faculty. The FAR must also recertify all the coaches every year in June.

Senator Backer introduced herself as the COIA representative from SJSU. COIA is composed of representatives from every campus. Senator Backer is also the Co-Chair of the Athletics Board. The COIA representatives met at the NCAA headquarters in Indianapolis, Indiana for three days a few weeks ago. The COIA representatives talked about the future of COIA, and it appears that they are restructuring the organization. What this means to SJSU is that the Senate would have to approve their bylaws. COIA will be focusing more on academic issues. This is what the NCAA wants.

Liz Jarnigan introduced herself as the Co-Chair

earn one point for retention and one point for eligibility. In any given year a student athlete is worth four points to our institution. You take the number of total points possible divided by the number of points earned and this gives you APR. The NCAA has a cutoff of 930 or 93%. If any team falls below this cutoff line they are subject to penalties. The penalties can be severe, such as scholarship reductions and not being able to play in the playoffs.

Currently our overall APR score is 974. This is our second highest overall APR score. Last year was our highest score ever. In addition, our football team was not bowl eligible due to their record this year of 5/7 games, but an academic benchmark was used to determine the teams that would go to the bowl game out of all the teams that were 5/7 and SJSU's football team was chosen because of our high APR. They also won the bowl game.

There are eligibility requirements that must be met in order for student athletes to compete. The student athletes are told they must pass 15 units a semester to graduate in four years. Our student athlete graduation rates reached an all-time high last year of 28.9%, and this past year it was 27.9%. However, compared to the 9.9% graduation rate for the institution, the student athletes are performing exceptionally well.

The SJSU Student Athlete graduation rate compared to the overall graduation rates is 68% v 63% for all students at SJSU. Over the last ten years, we have done very well and have improved over 20 percentage points. [Clarification from Ms. Jarnigan: They are the Federal Graduation Rates (FGR). The data is based on graduation within a 6 year time frame.]

Our men's and women's cross country teams received special recognition from the NCAA for their academic scores. We have had ten teams tie for their highest GPA scores ever in the last three semesters. Fifty-two SJSU athletes earned mountain west honors last year.

Questions:

Q: Do we currently have any teams with low APR scores?

A: We do not have any teams doing poorly this year. Last year our men's basketball team was ineligible for post season as a result of losing eligibility points two years prior as a result of a coaching change. One bad year averaged the APR for four years. However, our men's basketball will have an APR in the 930's this year and if they have a perfect score this year, they are looking at an APR of 990 next year. There are a few teams in the 940's or 950's, but we have had 9 or 10 teams that had 1000 APR in a single year, so our averages are going higher.

Q: Have any departments contacted you about what you are doing with advising that could be used by departments?

A: We do practice intrusive advising. However, we are good about strategically identifying those that need the most help.

Liz Jarnigan announced she would be leaving the university in June to join the Air Force Academy. She thanked the Senate and faculty for their support. The Senate thanked Ms. Jarnigan and wished her well.

IX. New Business –None

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