

Present:

Q: I've been a part of 11 commencement events and I've seen a dramatic drop in faculty attendance. What are the student/faculty perspectives on the number of commencements, and is there any feedback on the way commencement is being conducted now?

A: [Interim President Perez]

I totally agree about the need to discuss this. Why did more faculty show up at the football field for university commencement than they do now?

C: For one reason, the event was on the weekend and faculty weren't still grading papers.

C: My understanding was that the change was a top down discussion from the previous president. My department really misses the departmental celebration. Could we come back as a team and talk about this?

A: [Interim President Perez] Agreed. However, it must be after commencement is over.

A: [VP Faas] When we had commencement at the stadium it was horribly attended. We need to find out exactly what faculty and staff want.

C: When we conducted commencement as a college, we had a much higher faculty participation rate. When commencement was at the football field, student names were not called. This makes students feel like they are not valued. Each student needs to walk across the stage and get their diploma and have their picture taken.

C: I came to SJSU in 2000. My first commencement was in 2001. Commencement was very important to the parents and families. What got lost when it changed from the stadium was community. At the football stadium, we came together as the SJSU community. The other issue is what happened to staff. Staff no longer have a role in commencement. Their hard work with students in their department is lost.

C: [CDO] Until we went to this model, we had complaints from parents that would contact us in tears. They had spent so much money coming to attend graduation and there were complaints of name readers being flippant and of gender policing. It was unprofessional loste0.283 0

b. From the Curriculum and Research Committee (C&R):

C&R will be working on two degree program reviews. C&R will also be bringing two policies back to the Senate for final reviews, the GE Guidelines and amendments to the Certificate policy. The Chancellor's Office updates are in alignment with the amended policy for Internships (S16-14) that we sent to the president [President Mary Papazian] last year that is still pending in the President's Office. It was asked to remain pending until the updates from the Chancellor's Office were completed.

Questions:

Q: We need to revisit the internship policy and get this revised. Will C&R be working on this?

A: C&R brought this up to Thalia Anagnos, Vice Provost of Undergraduate Education. The policy is still sitting on the President's desk.

C: [Provost] I've talked to Thalia Anagnos. The practices we've put in place are good. We will look at this policy again over the summer.

c. From the Instruction and Student Affairs Committee (I&SA):

ways to engage students after Orientation.

b. Update from the CSU Statewide Report:

The ASCSU has been discussing Presidential Searches and the Board of Trustees (BOT).

The ASCSU is considering revising/revoking Naming policies if they violate equity,

