SAN JOSE STATE UNIVERSITY

Academic Senate

2000/2001 Academic Senate

MINUTES
December 11, 2000

I. The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. and attendance was noted. Thirty-five senators were present.

CASA Representatives:

Ex Officio:

Present: Glogoski, Malloy, Saltmarch

Absent: Briggs

COB Representatives:

Present: Nellen

Absent: Donoho

Administrative Representatives:

Present: Kassing, Noble, Rascoe, Caret

Absent: Lee

Deans:

Present: Breivik, Novak, Sigler

Absent: Hidalgo

Students:

Present: Drummond, Shetty, Zajac

Absent: Casas, Davila, Haggas, Saran

Alumni Representative:

Absent: Hollands

Emeritus Representative:

Present: Buzanski

Honorary Senators (Non-Voting):

Present: Norton, Young

General Unit Representatives:

Present: Carolin, Whitlatch, Thames

Absent: McNeil

SW Representative:

Absent: Austin
II. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of November 20 were approved with corrections.

III. Communications

A. From the Chair of the Senate

Chair Mary Jo Gorney-Moreno of the Academic Senate opened up the last Senate Meeting of the Semester by thanking President Caret and his wife Liz Zoltan for hosting the Senate Holiday party at their home. She also announced that the Senators donated $1500 to the University Library to adopt books. There were also several book donations to the Library.

The Chair went on to call the Senate’s attention to SS-S99-7 Sense of the Senate Resolution Endorsing Joint Venture Silicon Valley Network Vision 2010 resolving that the Academic Senate endorse Vision 2010 of Joint Venture Silicon Valley. The Senate agreed to present the Vision to the campus community to allow for identification of areas for involvement by SJSU faculty, staff, and students. "Enclosed in your packet is a Compact identifying the programs, civic engagement, and outreach in specific programs that San Jose State University is currently doing and agrees to continue to do to Bridge the Digital Divide and Assure a Homegrown Workforce for the 21st century."

The Chair then gave a brief summary of the statewide Senate Chairs meeting, held in November stating that the chairs have agreed to develop a "Best Practices" document. They have asked all CSU Campuses to identify one best practice in shared government to share with other CSU Campuses. "Once the document is complete, I will make it available to the Senate."

"I am also pleased to announce that I am continuing to work with FD&O in gathering information about the condition and status of classrooms at the university. At this time I have met with Bill Nance, Interim Associate Vice President of IRC and Dr. Paul Brown, Executive Assistant to the Provost to discuss this problem in more detail." The Chair announced that she would continue to work with Paul Brown and Bill Nance to address the many issues of concern to the faculty.

One last problem that the chair addressed is the lack of student participation on Senate Policy, Operating and Special Committees. "We have over fifty seats on Senate Committees and have only received twenty-one names from Associated Students President Leo Davila." At the close of the last Senate Meeting a letter was sent to President Davila outlining this "crisis" on committees. At this time he is working with the Academic Senate Office to alleviate this matter. The Chair also urged faculty and student Senators to work towards solving this impasse by recruiting students for the various committees.

The Chair ended her remarks by thanking Senator Robet Carolin from the General Unit for his service to the Academic Senate. This was his last meeting.

B. From the President of the University
President Caret gave an update to the Academic Senate about the many activities that have been taking place on and around our campus. He began his comments by stating that "the Digital Divide document that was distributed in the Senate Packet in no way encompasses the many activities that are taking place on the campus." Then he along with the Academic Senate Chair signed the document committing to the goals of the Silicon Valley COMPACT For Our Future.

President Caret gave an update on the search for the Head Coach of the Football Team and Provost. He said that finalists names have been forwarded to his office and he was in the process of reviewing the nominees for both positions. The President stated that he hoped to have announcements for both positions to the campus community before the semester break.

President Caret gave an update and answered many questions on the status of Year Round Operations (YRO) and the implications for our campus. He stated that at this time only a few departments/colleges on campus would likely be affected by YRO. At this time the status and timeline for implementation of YRO is still being developed.

President Caret informed the Senate that he has appointed Lee Dorosz, Associate Vice President for Curriculum and Assessment to head up an "Enrollment Strategies Committees" on campus. The President said that at this time it is important for the university to "grow" its enrollment for both undergraduate and graduate students. With a loss of enrollments we will see a reduction in funds available to our campus.

Many Senators asked the President about the status of the Admissions and Records Department and whether or not they were hindering enrollments. The President answered by saying, Admissions and Records are working with very old equipment and there is a high turn over rate of evaluation staff and we are having difficult time in replacing them. At the present time Lee Dorosz is looking at ways to stabilize the workforce in Admission and Records.

The President also addressed the many issues that have affected the stabilization of the workforce in Admissions and Records. Many of the issues revolve around housing and pay, as for many of the departments on campus. As many of you know it is hard to keep quality staff when the cost of living in the Bay area is above the norm nationwide.

Senator Hegstrom asked the President if we are going to use the lower fee schedule this summer, since the university is due to go on YRO?

The President responded by saying that regular matriculated students would be charged the lower fee.

IV. Executive Committee Report

A. Minutes of Executive Committee

November 20, 2000- no questions asked.

December 4, 2000- no questions asked.

B. Consent Calendar-approved.
C. Executive Committee Action Items—None

V. Unfinished Business

VI. None

Policy Committee Action Items. In rotation.

A. Organization and Government Committee

Senator Pam Stacks presented A.S. 1134 Policy Recommendation Establishment of an Academic Assessment Committee to the Senate for a first reading. Senator Stacks explained the proposal and took questions. Senator Stacks explained that the proposal called for an establishment of a permanent operating committee. Many Senators and Lee Dorosz gave input and suggested changes to the proposal. Senator Stacks thanked the Senate for their questions and input and agreed to take the proposal back to the committee for possible revisions.

B. Instruction and Student Affairs Committee

None

B. University Library Board

The University Library Board gave an update on the status of the weeding project. Many Senators had questions and concerns as to what process of selection the library staff would be using. Dean of the Library Patricia Breivik, Chair of the University Library Committee Allison Hesich, and Committee member Jo Bell Whitlach took questions and distributed a packet of information concerning the library-weeding project. (packet attached)

- Committee on Committees

None

- Professional Standards

None

F. Curriculum and Research

None

VII. Special Committee Reports

Don Kassing, Vice President for Administration and Finance presented the university budget to the Academic Senate. Additionally, VP Kassing introduced the Senate to the mixed-use project. He was available for extensive questioning from Senators.

VIII. New Business
IX. The meeting was adjourned at 5:05PM.