

2009/2010 Academic Senate

MINUTES
October 12, 2009

I. The meeting was called to order at 2:09 p.m. and roll call was taken by the Senate Administrator. Forty-five Senators were present.

Ex Officio:

Present: Kaufman, Lessow-Hurley,
Whitmore, Baker,
Sabalius, Van Selst, Meldal

CASA Representatives:

Present: Fee, Hendrick, Schultz-Krohn
Absent: Kao, Correia

Administrative Representatives:

Present: Phillips, Selter, Lee, Najjar

COB Representatives:

Present: Campsey, Roldan
Absent: Jiang

Deans:

Present: Parrish, Merdinger, Bullock
Absent: Stacks

EDUC Representatives:

Present: Smith

Students:

Present: Levy, Armendariz, Montross,
Pulu, Gonzales
Absent: Orr

ENGR Representatives:

Present: Gleixner, Backer
Absent: Du

Alumni Representative:

Present: Melissa Ferguson

H&A Representatives:

Present: Van Hooff, Butler
Absent: Brown, Desalvo

Emeritus Representative:

Present: Buzanski

SCI Representatives:

Present: d'Alarcao, Williams, McClory, McGee
Absent: Silber

Honorary Senators (Non-Voting):

Present: Norton

General Unit Representatives:

Present: Fujimoto, Sivertsen, Lin

SOS Representatives:

Present: Von Till, Heiden, Lee
Absent: Ng

II. Approval of Academic Senate Minutes–

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of September 21, 2009. The Senate voted and the minutes were approved as is with 1 abstention.

III. Communications and Questions –

A. From the Chair of the Senate:

Chair Kaufman thanked all Senators that showed up for the rescheduled Senate meeting today.

Chair Kaufman welcomed our three new Senators, Senators Noelle Brada-Williams, Andrew Fleck, and Michael Kimbarow. We now have a full Senate.

Chair Kaufman announced that he had decided to go back to the old wired microphones instead of the wireless versions, because the batteries in the wireless microphones go dead too quickly. The chair asked all Senators to please use the microphones, because it makes it much easier for Eva to hear what they say on the tape and get it into the minutes correctly.

Chair Kaufman announced that AS 1422, Policy Recommendation, Amends Bylaw 4, and AS 1424, Policy Recommendation, Proposed Revision to Article II, Membership (Section 2), Administrative Representatives, Academic Senate, CSU, had been pulled from the agenda for today. The Chair and AVC will be working on a way to combine several constitutional amendments to go out to the faculty electorate for a vote in the future. In the meantime, the CIO will be invited as a guest to the Executive Committee and Senate meetings.

Senator Von Till reminded everyone that the Senate Retreat is on Friday, October 23, 2009. If you have not already given your RSVP to Eva [Senate Office], it is too late. It is going to be a very busy day. There will be door prizes, and a book display. There will be presentations from Anton Kashiri, Cathy Busalacchi, Mark Stemen, Eugene Cordero as well as Katherine Cushing. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. Please let Eva [Senate Office] know if you cannot attend.

Questions:

Senator Sabalius inquired whether the addition of the CIO to the Executive Committee would upset the balance of faculty to administrators. Chair Kaufman responded that there are 8 faculty members on the Executive Committee and only 4 administrators.

Senator Lessow-Hurley gave an update on the Provost search. There were over 100 applications. Finalists will be brought on campus October 27th and October 28th, and also on November 2nd, and 3rd, and possibly November 4th. Open forums will be held for the entire campus with the candidates at 11:00 a.m. in Engineering 189 on each of these dates. The names of the candidates will be announced on the website <http://www.sjsu.edu/president/provost> about a week before the candidates come on campus.

B. From the President of the University –

President Whitmore asked all Senators to be sure and take the Ecological Footprint challenge.

President Whitmore announced that the Senate Retreat was coming up and that the subject was “Sustainability,” and he encouraged all Senators to attend.

IV. Executive Committee Report –

A. Executive Committee Minutes –

Minutes of September 28, 2009 –

Senator Buzanski inquired as to why item number 1 says that a resolution will be brought to the October 12, 2009, meeting when this resolution isn't on the agenda for today. Chair Kaufman

and Senator Gleixner will bring this resolution to the November 16, 2009, Senate meeting.

B. Consent Calendar – The consent calendar was approved as amended to add Jonathan Boyajian and Danielle Harris to the Institutional Review Board (IRB), Scott Phillabaum to Student Evaluation Review Board (SERB), and Jo Fox to the Student Fairness Committee. Megumi Hosoda was removed from the consent calendar for the IRB in order to place Danielle Harris, a prisoner advocate, on the committee. Any time the IRB has a protocol that involves prisoners they must, by law, have a prisoner advocate on the committee.

C. Executive Committee Action Items: None

V. Unfinished Business - None

VI. Policy Committee and University Library Board Action Items. In rotation.

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

Senator Gleixner presented *AS 1421, Policy Recommendation, Scheduling of Advance Registration and Priority Registration (Final Reading)*. The Senate voted and AS 1421 was approved as is.

Senator Gleixner presented *AS 1424, Sense of the Senate Resolution, Opposition to the Reduction in State Support to the CSU System (First Reading)*. Senator Backer made a motion to make the resolution a final reading. The motion was seconded. The Senate voted and the motion was approved with 3 Nays.

Questions:

Senator Sivertsen suggested that the resolution might be strengthened by including language about using some of the tax money from the oil companies for education. Senator Van Selst suggested that adding this language might be a political issue that not everyone would go along with. Senator Buzanski commented that according to the newspaper, all three segments of higher education (Community Colleges, UC, CSU) are opposed to this proposal. The only organization in favor of this proposal is the California Faculty Association (CFA). Therefore, Senator Buzanski was opposed to including this language in the resolution. Senator Sivertsen responded that the three segments of higher education are going broke and they haven't come up with an alternative, but they think this is a bad idea. However, sometimes people outside of the system come up with better ideas than people in the system do. This idea should at least be explored. Senator Heiden commented that she agreed the idea was worth exploring, but she would like to know more before any language was added to the resolution about it. Senator Backer commented that this was a Sense of the Senate Resolution and not a Policy Recommendation.

Senator Sabalius asked whether the committee was willing to reconsider its formula in the 2nd Resolved clause considering the push to get outside funding. Senator Gleixner responded that the percentages listed were from the general fund, and that she would prefer to stick with our push back to returning to higher levels of state support from the general fund.

Debate:

Senator Sabalius made a motion to strike the 2nd Resolved clause, and to spell out California instead of using CA throughout the resolution. Chair Kaufman commented there is only one resolved clause and that Senator Sabalius was referring to the 2nd paragraph of that Resolved clause. Senator Gleixner made a friendly amendment to the Sabalius amendment to add “in order to accommodate access for all qualified students as originally defined in the California Master Plan,” to the end of the 1st paragraph of the Resolved clause. Senator Lessow-Hurley made a friendly amendment to correct the 1st paragraph of the Resolved clause to read, “That the SJSU Academic Senate strongly oppose the percentage reduction in the general fund allotted to the CSU and urge the CA legislature and Governor to return the CSU to original percentages of funding.

After further debate, including disagreement over the language referring to percentages and their interpretation, Senator Gleixner decided that the resolution was not yet ready for a final reading and made a motion to return the resolution to a first reading. The motion was seconded. The Senate voted and the motion was approved.

Questions:

Senator Schultz-Krohn then asked if there was a reason that in the first Resolved clause the committee did not state that they wanted to return to the 3.3% of funding from the general fund. Senator Gleixner replied that she believed that is what would make it clearer.

Senator Brada-Williams asked if a resolved clause could be added that commented on how cutting back funding to the university system will adversely affect the economy in much greater terms than refunding it.

Senator Sabalius commented that for every \$1 that goes to the CSU, \$3 or \$4 is generated in our economy. For example, the GI Bill might have been a lot of money to put out there, but for each dollar spent \$6 was put back into the economy. These are numbers that people understand and support. The 1/3rd of student support was a good idea, but the other part of the formula was not. Senator Sabalius asked the committee to consider in the Whereas clause indicate that we should have a freeze on student fees until student fees amount to the 1/3rd of university funding again to make clear what C&R wanted to state. Senator Gleixner responded that the resolution is being addressed to the Governor and the Legislature, and they are not the ones to institute the freeze. If we were also going to address it to the Board of Trustees, then we could include it. Senator Backer commented that this is questions, not debate, and it sounds like we are moving into debate.

Senator Smith asked if the committee would consider Senator Sivertsen’s proposal to explore other avenues. Senator Gleixner commented that there are a lot of other avenues that aren’t addressed in this resolution, but that adding them widens the whole thing. However, the committee will consider it.

Senator Lessow-Hurley asked if the committee would consider seriously simplifying the whole matter so that the Resolved clause just had simple language around restoring adequate funding to support the educational needs of students in the CSU, and so on, rather than fiddling around with percentages. Senator Gleixner responded that again, the Board of Trustees aren't the people targeted in the Resolved clause.

B. University Library Board (ULB) – No report.

C. Professional Standards Committee (PS) – No report.

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

Senator Roldan announced that upon the proposal of Senator d'Alarcao, C&R created a subcommittee to look at Facilitating Research at SJSU. There is a handout in the Senate packet. C&R would like feedback on any of the issues, and/or ways to address the issues.

Senator Sabalius inquired about the process and whether a resolution would be brought to the Senate in the future. Senator Roldan said that the subcommittee will probably put together policy and guidelines.

E. Organization and Government Committee (O&G) - No report.

VII. Special Committee Reports – No reports

VIII. New Business – No reports

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

A. CSU Statewide Senators – No report.

B. Provost – Provost Selter announced that the department chair exercise had been completed and that they were in the process of compiling the data and he hoped to report on it at the next Senate meeting.

Academic Affairs is currently working on the summer schedule, and we are continuing to work on enrollment management. SJSU came in on target for fall enrollment, and we need to come in on target for spring in order to meet the enrollment we have been assigned.

The Provost invited all Senators to attend the Scholars Series. The next speaker is Professor Roberto Gonzales from the Department of Anthropology, in MLK 255/257, on Wednesday, October 28th, 2009.

C. Vice President for Finance and Administration –

VP Lee announced that candidates for the campus Chief of Police position would be on campus on October 28th, and October 29th, 2009. Forums will be held in the afternoon. Announcements will be coming out shortly.

D. Vice President for Student Affairs –

VP Phillips announced that we have had a 120% increase in the application pool for spring 2010. The CSU overall has had a significant increase. It is believed that students are applying earlier. As of 1 p.m. this afternoon, we had 7,400 applications for admission, compared with 3,300 a year ago.

VP Phillips invited Senators to participate in the phone-a-thon for Freshmen that starts tomorrow night and runs through Thursday night. The time for the telephoning is from 6 to 9 p.m. You can call Student Affairs at x45900, or email yposa@sjsu.edu for additional information.

E. Associated Students President –

AS President Baker announced that AS is working on changing their hours to meet the needs of students on campus. Furthermore, AS Director, Sarah Bronstein has been asked by numerous campuses to start environmental programs on their campuses. AS is also currently working to expand their book loan program, and is planning to host a Town Hall meeting on November 10th, or 17th dependent on finding a location.

F. Vice President for Advancement –

VP Najjar announced that the University Advancement website had been refreshed.

VP Najjar also announced that last month the Board of Trustees approved the naming of a science program after Jay Pinson, the Jay Pinson Stem Ed Program.

The university just received a \$500,000 gift for Art in Education. It is to endow the program of Art in Education, and to also create an Art in Education Conference.

X. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 3:09 p.m.