

**2006/2007 Academic Senate**

**MINUTES  
January 29, 2007**

**I. The meeting was called to order at 2:10 p.m. and attendance was taken. Forty-two Senators were present.**

**Ex Officio:**

Present: Van Selst, Sabalius,  
Gorman, Lessow-Hurley,  
Veregge, Kassing  
Absent: Gutierrez

**Administrative Representatives:**

Present: Sigler, Najjar, Lee, Phillips

**Deans:**

Present: Merdinger, Wei, Hegstrom,  
Stacks

**Students:**

Present: Bridgeman, Reyes,  
Patel, Henderson,  
Absent: Sakadjian, Dresher

**Alumni Representative:**

Present: Thompson

**Emeritus Representative:**

Present: Buzanski

**Honorary Senators (Non-Voting):**

Present: Norton

**General Unit Representatives:**

Present: Thames

**CASA Representatives:**

Present: David, Fee, Hooper, Canham  
Absent: Perry

**COB Representatives:**

Present: Campsey, Jiang  
Absent: Gehrt

**ED Represent:**

Present: Rickford, Parsons  
Absent: Maldonado-Colon

**ENG Representatives:**

Present: Meldal, Backer  
Absent: Gao

**H&A Representatives:**

Present: Desalvo, Harris, Leddy, Vanniarajan  
Absent: Belet, Van Hooff

**SCI Representatives:**

Present: McClory, Kaufman, Hamill  
Absent: Bros, Hilliard

**SOS Representatives:**

Present: Peter, Hebert, Von Till

**II. Approval of Academic Senate Minutes –**  
Minutes of December 4, 2006 were approved.

**III. Communications and Questions –**

**A. From the Chair of the Senate:**

Chair Lessow-Hurley welcomed everyone back, and thanked everyone that attended the Library's exhibit on Friday night (January 26, 2007).

Chair Lessow Hurley said, "Today we are going to be talking about the mandate from the

Chancellor's office to make materials accessible for students with disabilities. We also have a resolution that addresses the bargaining process, and we will be having a presentation on the upcoming capital campaign.

I am also going to be asking you to consider reelecting me for another year. I believe Senator Peter was the first Chair of the Academic Senate to serve two years.

Other highlights include the campus conversation the CSU Trustees have asked us to engage in about system wide strategic planning on February 7, 2007. You should have gotten an invitation in your email and snail mail. Please RSVP because lunch will be served. Trustees Achtenburg and Chandler will be there. Please make an effort to come.

Over the break I met with Senators Henderson and Bridgeman. They have made some headway in the area of advising. It is a great pleasure to have students that are active in the Senate. I'd also like to acknowledge Senator Patel, because she was very active in making this a sweat-free campus.

When I took over as Chair of the Academic Senate, I cleaned out the desk. I found several versions of Roberts Rules of Order. The copy I have today was presented to the San Jose State Faculty College with best wishes from Ted Balgooyen, who was the parliamentarian for the first Faculty Council, and it was signed June 10, 1953. The Faculty Council was formed in 1952. The Faculty Council became the Academic Council in 1963, and then the Academic Senate in 1974. I thought it might be appropriate on our 150th Anniversary to have our longest serving Senators, Senators Norton and Buzanski, endorse this copy of Roberts Rules of Order. [Senators Norton and Buzanski endorsed the copy of Roberts Rules of Order.]

I also want to let you know that the Associate Vice Chair (AVC), Susan McClory, has completed the FTE calculations for the Senate Spring General Elections. The College of Science will lose a seat, and the General Unit will gain a seat.

The 150th anniversary has sparked an interest among potential donors, and as a result, I have asked a sub-committee of the Executive Committee to revisit our naming policy. That will be coming up in the near future.

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

President Kassing said, "I just have a couple of comments. Let me express my thanks once again to the WASC team members. The WASC visit is about 5 to 6 weeks away. I encourage you to come to the February 7, 2007, Access to Excellence campus conversation that Judith [Chair Lessow-Hurley] mentioned a few minutes ago.

One other event I'd like to encourage you to come to is a presentation on Afghanistan (the current challenges and future prospects) by Dr. Mo Qayoumi on February 6, 2007, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. in Engineering 189.

I would like to thank those of you that came to the 150th Anniversary kickoff event on

Friday. We had about 450 people there, and it was a lot of fun. The exhibit is marvelous. Please go see it if you can.

We had a Greater Expectations retreat in early January 2007 with the Deans leading nine teams. The retreat focused on Inclusive Excellence. We will be briefing the Executive Committee on that very shortly.

We had a chance to meet Sam Liccardo, the new city councilmember for our district. I was very impressed. We've also already had some very good discussions with Chuck Reed.

As many of you may know, our football team won the New Mexico Bowl, 20-12. We were treated very well by the City of Albuquerque. On the Friday night before the game there was a pep rally with a band standoff. Our band was outstanding. I was as proud as I could be of our football team, the band, the dance team, and the cheerleaders. I'd like to thank the Associated Students board members for flying the cheerleaders there.

Many of you may have read about the possibility of building a new stadium in the San Jose Mercury Newspaper. The stadium conversation has been around for a couple of years. However, the business proposition has never come together well enough for us to spend any time on it. We were recently brought into a conversation by the City of San Jose with Lew Wolff. He has a major interest in the Fairmont and Hilton Hotels. He is also one of the owners of the Oakland A's. He has an option to buy a major league soccer franchise. He can't exercise that option until he has a stadium to play in. Lew Wolff approached us about sharing a stadium. We have the land a stadium could be built on. He would build the stadium. This would not involve any state money. This is also state land, and you don't sell state land. We are still very early in this conversation. If you have any questions, Rose [VP Lee] and I would be happy to answer them."

#### **IV. Executive Committee Report –**

##### **A. Executive Committee Minutes –**

**December 4, 2006** - Senator Buzanski asked about the memo that is referred to in item 6. Chair Lessow-Hurley will forward a copy of the memo to the Senate listserv. Senator Buzanski asked where we are at on the Retention-Tenure-Promotion (RTP) policy. President Kassing said he had not signed the policy and that he had asked the Chair of the Senate to have the policy edited. The Executive Committee will be discussing a process for this at its February 12, 2007 meeting.

**B. Consent Calendar –** Approved with one addition and one deletion.

##### **C. Executive Committee Action Items:**

Senator Thames presented *AS 1348, Sense of the Senate Resolution, Access to Electronic and Information Technology for Persons with Disabilities (Final Reading)*. Senator Hamill made a friendly amendment to change the financial impact from "none" to

"uncertain." Senator Sabalius presented an amendment to add another resolved clause to read, "Resolved that the Academic Senate recognize that faculty teaching students with disabilities must be provided with the timely information, technology, training, resources (including work load adjustments and the available technology resources and related strategies), to enhance access for students with disabilities to course/learning materials; and be it further." **The Senate voted and the Sabalius amendment passed. The Senate voted and AS 1348 passed as amended.**

Senator Van Selst presented *AS 1349, Sense of the Senate Resolution, The Importance of Settling the Contract Between the CSU and CFA (Final Reading)*. **The Senate voted and AS 1349 passed.**

**V. Unfinished Business - None**

**VI. Special Order of Business: Election to Extend the Term of the Senate Chair**

The Associate Vice Chair, Susan McClory, distributed ballots for a secret vote. The Vice Chair, Terri Thames and the AVC collected and counted ballots. The term of the Senate Chair was extended for one year.

**VII. Policy Committee and University Library Board Action Items. In rotation.**

**A. University Library Board (ULB) - None**

**B. Professional Standards Committee (PS) - None**

**C. Curriculum and Research Committee (C&R) -**

Senator David presented *AS 1347, Senate Management Resolution, Extending the Term of the Institutional Review Board-Human Subjects Task Force (Final Reading)*. **The Senate voted and AS 1347 passed.**

**D. Organization and Government Committee (O&G) - None**

**E. Instruction and Student Affairs (I&SA) Committee - None**

**VIII. Special Committee Reports – None**

**IX. New Business –**

**A. Capital Campaign Presentation:**

(See attached powerpoint presentation by VP Najjar and Dr. Cash)

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

**A. Vice President for University Advancement - None**

**B. Associated Students President -** Senator Bridgeman said that AS is looking forward to a successful semester for students, and that they will serve students to the best of their ability.

**C. Statewide Academic Senators -**

Senator Van Selst discussed several issues currently being considered at the CSU Statewide level including: Access to Excellence, influencing International programs, concern over the settlement of the CSU/CFA contract, and the Lower Division Transfer Project.

**D. Provost -**

Provost Sigler discussed several issues including the upcoming Access to Excellence conversation on February 7, 2007, and Executive Vice Chancellor Gary Reichard's visit to campus on February 26 and 27, 2007. Provost Sigler announced that WASC was nearing the end of the five-year process and will be here March 7-9, 2007.

**E. VP for Administration and Finance - None**

**F. VP for Student Affairs -**

VP Phillips announced that Student Affairs had conducted an online student survey of the facilities on campus December 4-13, 2006. The survey was very successful. Student Affairs offered prizes to students who completed the online survey, and 3,755 students responded. Student Affairs is in the process of digesting this information.

**XI. Adjournment –** The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.