

2005/2006 Academic Senate

**MINUTES
May 16, 2005**

I. The meeting was called to order at 4:15 p.m. and attendance was taken. Forty-four Senators were present.

Ex Officio:

Present: Veregge, Nellen, Van Selst,
Sabalius, Gutierrez, McNeil,
Kassing

Administrative Representatives:

Present: Phillips, Lee, Ashton, Sigler

Deans:

Present: Hegstrom, Stacks, Merdinger,
Absent: Wei

Students:

Present: Fithian, Glover, Le, Estrada
Absent: Bridgeman, Recchioni

Alumni Representative:

Absent: Thompson

Emeritus Representative:

Present: Buzanski

Honorary Senators (Non-Voting):

Present: Norton

General Unit Representatives:

Present: Thames, Griffith,

CASA Representatives:

Present: David, Fee,
Absent: Butler, Perry

COB Representatives:

Present: Campsey, El-Shaieb, Osland

ED Represent:

Present: Lessow-Hurley, Maldonado-Colon, Parsons

ENG Representatives:

Present: Singh
Absent: Gao

H&A Representatives:

Present: Van Hooff, Desalvo, Leddy, Belet, Hilliard

SCI Representatives:

Present: Bros, Kellum, Scharberg, McClory

SOS Representatives:

Present: Von Till, Peter, Hebert

SW Representative:

Present: Wilson

II. Approval of Academic Senate Minutes – None

III. Communications and Questions –

A. From the Chair of the Senate:

Chair Veregge said, "Welcome to the first meeting of the Academic Senate for the 2005/2006 year. This is a very important meeting, because this is when we elect the Senate Officers. We will start off with roll call. Please answer as Eva (Senate Administrator) calls the roll."

Chair Veregge said, "This will be a very important year for the Senate as we participate in the implementation of the university strategic plan to recognize our vision for 2010. We also have many significant tasks ahead of us. Something that is being carried over from the

previous Senate is revision of the Retention-Tenure-Promotion (RTP) policy. We will likely be voting on a revision to that policy in early Fall 2005.”

Chair Veregge said, “I would like to encourage all Senators to go back and find out what issues are on the minds of your colleagues, so that we can address some of these issues in the upcoming year. One thing that is very challenging for the Senate is to communicate with the campus as a whole. For the new Senators, any Senator can bring a referral to the Senate. As a matter of fact, any faculty member can make a referral to the Senate and ask that the Senate consider a particular topic. A few issues have already come to the surface. One of these issues is having a more thorough process for evaluating teaching effectiveness that goes beyond the SOTES. I’m hoping that the Senate, in collaboration with the Center for Faculty Development, can work on some additional strategies to evaluate and improve teaching effectiveness on our campus. One of the topics that has been considered off-and-on, has been the peer evaluation. Hopefully, the Professional Standards Committee will be looking at some strategies for a credible peer evaluation. A peer evaluation process that will actually be valued in the RTP process.”

Chair Veregge said, “Some other items we will be dealing with next year include WASC, and student success. I’m hoping we will all think about how we can promote student success on campus. A topic that keeps coming up frequently is who we are at the university. I think there are some misconceptions out there as to how the university runs and what the roles are of the faculty, administration, staff, and students in terms of making an effective university. I’m hoping this year the Senate can communicate more effectively with the outside world to let them know who we are, what our mission is, how we fulfill that mission, and how we use our resources. I think how we use our resources is being questioned in the outside world.”

Chair Veregge said, “This is a great university. It’s great not because of its budget or infrastructure, but because of its staff, administrators, and faculty that have chosen to serve society by providing rich educational opportunities to our students. I thank all of you-- faculty, administrators, staff, and members of Associated Students for being willing to take a leadership role in the university, and know that through your service and commitment SJSU will flourish.”

Chair Veregge said, “Finally, even though it has been done many times now, I’d like to thank Annette Nellen for her outstanding leadership of the Senate over the last two years. Many of her initiatives, including the Educated Citizens Discussion, the Socrates Café, and the reading program will continue, and I hope that the Senate will be enthusiastic and active in these programs.”

B. From the President of the University –

President Kassing said, “I would like to second Chair Veregge’s welcome to the new Senators and Associated Students board members. I mentioned in the earlier session, that I’d like to get the platform built for the strategic planning process. We will also be spending a considerable amount of time this year on enrollment management, student life, and the budget.”

IV. Executive Committee Report –

A. Executive Committee Minutes – None

B. Consent Calendar – None

C. Executive Committee Action Items: None

V. Unfinished Business - None

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

A. University Library Board – None

B. Professional Standards Committee – None

C. Curriculum and Research Committee – None

D. Organization and Government Committee – None

E. Instruction and Student Affairs Committee – None

VII. Special Committee Reports – None

VIII. New Business –

A. Approval of the 2005/2006 Senate Calendar – Approved as is.

B. Election of Senate Officers for 2005/2006:

1. Election of Vice Chair-

Chair Veregge asked for nominations from the floor. There were no nominations from the floor. Chair Veregge announced that the nominees were Senators Lessow-Hurley and Thames. Senators Lessow-Hurley and Thames gave brief statements of interest. The Senate Administrator, Eva Joice, distributed ballots to Senators. Ballots were collected and counted by Past Chair Nellen and Eva Joice. Chair Veregge announced that Senator Lessow-Hurley was the new Vice Chair.

2. Election of Associate Vice Chair/Chair of Committee on Committees-

Chair Veregge asked for nominations from the floor. There were no nominations from the floor. Chair Veregge announced that the nominees were Senators McClory and Maldonado-Colon. The Senate Administrator, Eva Joice, distributed ballots. Senators McClory and Maldonado-Colon gave brief statements of interest. Past Chair Nellen and Eva Joice counted the ballots. Chair Veregge announced that Senator McClory was the new Associate Vice Chair.

- 3. Election of Chair, Curriculum and Research Committee-**
Chair Veregge asked for nominations from the floor. There were no nominations from the floor. Chair Veregge announced that the nominees for the Chair of Organization and Government were Senators David and Von Till. Senators David and Von Till gave brief statements of interest. The Senate Administrator, Eva Joice, distributed ballots. Past Chair Nellen and Eva Joice counted the ballots. Chair Veregge announced that Senator David was the new Chair of the Curriculum and Research Committee.
- 4. Election of Chair, Instruction and Student Affairs Committee-**
Chair Veregge asked for nominations from the floor. There were no nominations from the floor. Chair Veregge announced that the only nominee for the Chair of the Instruction and Student Affairs Committee was Senator Thames. Senator Thames gave a brief statement of interest. Chair Veregge declared Senator Thames the new Chair by acclamation.
- 5. Election of Chair, Organization and Government Committee-**
Chair Veregge asked for nominations from the floor. There were no nominations from the floor. Chair Veregge announced that the nominees were Senators Hebert and Parsons. Senators Hebert and Parsons gave brief statements of interest. The Senate Administrator, Eva Joice, distributed ballots. Past Chair Nellen and Eva Joice counted the ballots. Chair Veregge announced that Senator Parsons was the new Chair of the Organization and Government Committee.
- 6. Election of Chair, Professional Standards Committee-**
Chair Veregge asked for nominations from the floor. Chair Veregge announced that the only candidate was Senator Bros. Senator Bros gave a brief statement of interest. Chair Veregge declared Senator Bros the new Chair of the Professional Standards Committee by acclamation.
- 7. Election of Statewide Senate Representative to the Executive Committee.**
Chair Veregge asked for nominations from the floor. There were no nominations from the floor. Chair Veregge announced that the only candidate for the Statewide Senate Representative to the Executive Committee was Senator Van Selst. Senator Van Selst gave a brief statement of interest. Chair Veregge declared Senator Van Selst the Statewide Senate Representative to the Executive Committee by acclamation.

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

- A. VP for Administration and Finance – moved to the next meeting.**
- B. VP for Student Affairs – moved to the next meeting.**

- C. AS President – moved to the next meeting.**
- D. Statewide Academic Senator(s) – moved to the next meeting.**
- E. Provost – moved to the next meeting.**

X. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.