

2006/2007 Academic Senate

MINUTES
May 15, 2006

I. The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. and attendance was taken. Forty-four Senators were present.

Ex Officio:

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

Administrative Representatives:

Present: Phillips, Lee, Najjar, Sigler

Deans:

Present: Hegstrom, Stacks, Merdinger,
Absent: Wei

Students:

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

Alumni Representative:

Present: Thompson

Emeritus Representative:

Present: Buzanski

Honorary Senators (Non-Voting):

Present: Norton

General Unit Representatives:

Present: Thames, Griffith

CASA Representatives:

Present: David, Fee, Perry, Hooper, Canham

COB Representatives:

Present: Campsey, Gehrt
Absent: Pantos

ED Represent:

Present: Maldonado-Colon, Parsons
Absent: Rickford

ENG Representatives:

Present: Meldal, Backer
Absent: Gao

H&A Representatives:

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

SCI Representatives:

Present: Bros, McClory, Kaufman, Hamill

SOS Representatives:

Present: Peter, Hebert, Von Till

II. Approval of Academic Senate Minutes – None

III. Communications and Questions –

A. From the Chair of the Senate:

Chair Lessow-Hurley welcomed the new Senators and bid farewell to the departing Senators. Chair Lessow-Hurley said, "I've always enjoyed participating in this important work, and I'm honored you selected me to serve in this role. Government and governance in today's world are often characterized by closed-door dealings and infected by self and special interests.

Debate is often far from civil, indeed, far from anything we might actually call debate. The Academic Senate, at least for me, has always provided authentic and collegial governance to the university as well as a model to the greater world for collegiality, transparency, and thoughtful, if sometimes lengthy debate."

Chair Lessow-Hurley said, "We have an exciting and busy year ahead of us. As you know, we are still working on our accreditation review. Strategic planning has moved forward significantly, and we have reached a point where it would be useful to begin assessing the process. I will be asking the Organization and Government Committee to begin that work in the fall. I hope to continue to support the good work that has been happening in the Educated Person Dialogue started by Senator Nellen. That dialogue has turned attention to, among other things, quantitative literacy. I also hope you'll join the whole campus as we all read the "Kite Runner." It is a marvelous book."

Chair Lessow-Hurley said, "You might also be interested in knowing that Past Chair Veregge has been in touch with the Chancellor, and we do hope to have some word soon about the status of our presidential search. And, of course, we will be celebrating our sesquicentenary, the 150th anniversary of San José State University."

Chair Lessow-Hurley said, "Today's agenda deals largely with the selection of Senate Officers, and along with the gavel, Past Chair Veregge gave me her book of Robert's Rules of Order. I will do my best. I'm counting on Senators Norton and Buzanski to help me."

B. From the President of the University – Not present

IV. Executive Committee Report –

A. Executive Committee Minutes – None

B. Consent Calendar – Approved as amended to add Senator Buzanski to the Curriculum and Research Committee.

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. Election of Senate Officers for 2005/2006:

1. Election of Vice Chair-

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

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

Chair Lessow-Hurley asked for nominations from the floor. There were no nominations from the floor. Chair Lessow-Hurley announced that Senator McClory was the only nominee. Senator McClory gave a brief statement of interest. Chair Lessow-Hurley declared Senator McClory the Associate Vice Chair/Chair of Committee on Committees by acclamation.

3. Election of Chair, Curriculum and Research Committee-

Chair Lessow-Hurley asked for nominations from the floor. Senator Sabalius nominated Senator Meldal. Senator Meldal declined the nomination. Senator David gave a brief statement of interest. Chair Lessow-Hurley declared Senator David the Chair of the Curriculum and Research Committee by acclamation.

4. Election of Chair, Instruction and Student Affairs Committee-

Chair Lessow-Hurley asked for nominations from the floor. Senator Meldal was nominated from the floor, and he accepted the nomination. Senators Hamill and Meldal gave brief statements of interest. The Senate Administrator distributed ballots to Senators. Ballots were collected and counted by Past Chair Veregge, AVC McClory, and Eva Joice. Chair Lessow-Hurley declared Senator Meldal the new Chair of the Instruction and Student Affairs Committee.

5. Election of Chair, Organization and Government Committee-

Chair Lessow-Hurley asked for nominations from the floor. There were no nominations from the floor. Senators Hebert and Backer gave brief statements of interest. The Senate Administrator distributed ballots. Past Chair Veregge, AVC McClory, and Eva Joice counted the ballots. Chair Lessow-Hurley announced that Senator Hebert 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 Lessow-Hurley announced that the only candidate was Senator Bros. Senator Bros gave a brief statement of interest. Chair Lessow-Hurley declared Senator Bros the Chair of the Professional Standards Committee by acclamation.

7. Election of Statewide Senate Representative to the Executive Committee.

Chair Lessow-Hurley asked for nominations from the floor. There were no nominations from the floor. Chair Lessow-Hurley announced that the nominees for the Statewide Senate Representative to the Executive Committee were Senators Van Selst and Gorman. Senator Gorman withdrew his nomination. Senator Van Selst gave a brief statement of interest. Senator Lessow-Hurley 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 4:50 p.m.