

2012/2013 Academic Senate

MINUTES
September 24, 2012

I. The meeting was called to order at 2:05 p.m. and roll call was taken by the Senate Administrator. Forty-five Senators were present.

Ex Officio:

Present: Von Till, Lessow-Hurley,
Sabalius, Worsnup
Absent: Van Selst

CASA Representatives:

Present: Schultz-Krohn, Semerjian, Goyal, Hebert
Absent: Cara

Administrative Representatives:

Present: Junn, Qayoumi, Bibb,
Nance

COB Representatives:

Present: Reade
Absent: Nellen

Deans:

Present: Green, Bienenfeld,
Vollendorf
Absent: Stacks

EDUC Representatives:

Present: Kimbarow, Swanson

Students:

Present: Miller, Jeffrey, Lee
Absent: Condon, Holsey, Postovoit

ENGR Representatives:

Present: Gleixner, Backer, Du

Alumni Representative:

Present: Walters

H&A Representatives:

Present: Brown, Frazier, Vanniarajan, Desalvo, Riley,
Bacich

Emeritus Representative:

Present: Buzanski

SCI Representatives:

Present: McClory, Bros-Seeman, Cheruzel, Kress

Honorary Senators (Non-Voting):

Absent: Norton

SOS Representatives:

Present: Heiden, Ng, Peter, Rudy, Wilson

General Unit Representatives:

Present: Feind, Winnard, Yi-Baker,
Rubio

II. Approval of Academic Senate Minutes–

The minutes of May 7, 2012, May 14, 2012 (Last meeting of the 2011/2012 Senate), May 14, 2012 (First meeting of the 2012/2013 Senate) were approved as written.

III. Communications and Questions –

A. From the Chair of the Senate:

Chair Von Till welcomed the new Senators for 2012-2013, and introduced Senator Lynda Heiden, the Vice Chair of the Senate. All Senators then introduced themselves to each other.

Chair Von Till attended the 21st Century Teaching Symposium this morning and commented on what a wonderful event it was. She encouraged Senators to attend similar events when offered.

Chair Von Till commented that at the last Executive Committee meeting on September 10, 2012, an announcement was made there was an item on the Board of Trustees' (BOT) agenda to eliminate all upper division General Education units. There was concern CSU system-wide about the lack of consultation with the faculty on this issue. After an emergency meeting with members of Senate Exec, President Qayoumi went to Long Beach to express the concerns of our faculty. The item was subsequently removed from the BOT agenda. Chair Von Till and the Senate applauded the President. Senator Sabalius also noted that Senator Van Selst was very instrumental in bringing this issue to the Executive Committee, and in getting this item removed from the BOT Agenda and identifying the core issue of reducing the units required for graduation reaffirming faculty control of the curriculum.

B. From the President of the University –

President Qayoumi welcomed the new Senate and made the following announcements:

It will be a challenging year, but can be a successful year if we all work together.

The Provost has approved 22 new faculty hires for this year. There are three faculty hires for every college, except the College of Applied Sciences and Arts (CASA). CASA has four new faculty hires. If Proposition 30 is successful, we can begin to work on a five-year plan for hiring faculty.

In the latest U.S. World and News Report ranking, SJSU moved up one notch from tenth to ninth place in the regional universities category. The President hopes we can keep moving up every year, and in a decade be number one. Our College of Engineering Masters Program also moved from the seventh to third place.

We had our Technology Conference today, and the President was thrilled to see that 150 faculty members attended.

The VP of University Advancement Search Committee will meet this Friday to narrow down the finalists. Three finalists will be brought to campus on November 15th, 16th, and 19th.

The BOT approved triggers in case Proposition 30 fails. There will be a 5% student fee increase, additional graduate student fees, and additional fees for those that take above 17 units. CSU employees will also see the percent of health care costs they pay increase from 5% to 20%. The good news is that there should not be furloughs, or a 2.5% salary cut as previously discussed.

The recommendation for the next budget is a 5% student fee increase with a 2.5% to 3.5% faculty and staff salary increase, and a few maintenance items. This amounts to about \$421 million. It is still very early and more than likely this will not pass, but there is hope that there will be some kind of salary increase.

One positive note is that the CSU has now passed contracts with all of the unions.

There is still no news on the Chancellor's replacement.

The President noted that the football game on Saturday was wonderful, and he encouraged Senators to attend.

IV. Executive Committee Report –

A. Executive Committee Minutes –

Minutes of June 7, 2012 – No questions.

Minutes of July 30, 2012 – No questions.

Minutes of August 13, 2012 – No questions.

Minutes of August 27, 2012 – No questions.

Minutes of September 10, 2012 – No questions.

B. Consent Calendar – The consent calendar was approved as written.

Senator Sabalius announced a proposed change to the CSU Statewide Senate Constitution. SJSU faculty voted last year on adding some wording regarding Academic Freedom to the CSU Statewide Constitution, however, the CSU general counsel objected to the wording after the campuses had voted. The language has since been modified and campus faculty will be asked to vote on it again in October or November 2012.

C. Executive Committee Action Items:

Senator Lessow-Hurley presented *AS 1489, Sense of the Senate Resolution, Urging that California Voters Become Well Informed About the Current State of Funding for Public Education in California and the Potential Impacts of Passage or Failure of Proposition 30 (Final Reading)*. Senator Lessow-Hurley presented a friendly amendment to add a final resolved clause to read,

“Resolved that the San José State University Academic Senate distribute this resolution to the Office of the Chancellor, ASCSU, the CSU Board of Trustees, the California State Student Association, and CSU Campus Senate Chairs, and be it further

Resolved that members of the SJSU Academic Senate make every effort to distribute this resolution as widely as possible to the SJSU community.”

The Senate voted and AS 1489 was approved as amended with No Nays, or Abstentions.

V. Unfinished Business - None

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

A. Curriculum and Research Committee (C&R) – The C&R Committee is working on the 120 unit degree issue and will bring more on this later.

B. Organization and Government Committee (O&G) -
The O&G Committee is currently reviewing and revising S06-7.

C. Instruction and Student Affairs Committee (I&SA) –
Senator Du presented *AS 1491, Policy Recommendation, Administration of Student Opinion of Teaching Effectiveness (SOTE) Online (Final Reading)*.

Senator Sabalius presented a friendly amendment to the last whereas clause on the first page, 2nd line, to read, “barrier to electronic evaluations, and it makes possible that all classes be.”
Senator Vanniarajan presented a friendly amendment to the 7th whereas clause to change “are” in the first line to “is.” Also, to change “save” to “saves” and “are prone” to “is prone” and “errors, are” to “errors, is” in the 2nd line, and to change “are” to “is” and “provide” to “provides” in the 3rd line of the 7th whereas clause.

Senator Heiden presented a friendly amendment to number 4 of the resolved clause on page 2 to change it to read, “4. The current SJSU online SOTE system will be modified so as to achieve response rates comparable to current paper SOTES.”

Senator Bros-Seemann presented an amendment to number 4 to add, “by Fall 2014” to the end of number 4 of the Resolved clause on page 2. Senator Bros-Seemann withdrew her amendment.

Senator Buzanski made a motion to call the previous question. The Senate voted and the Buzanski motion failed.

Senator Sabalius presented a motion to return the resolution to committee as amended and bring it back to the next meeting. The motion was seconded. Senator Ng called the question. The Senate voted and the Ng motion passed. The Senate voted on the Sabalius motion and the motion failed.

Senator Peter presented an amendment to the Resolved clause to change the word, “provisions” to “conditions,” to delete number 2, make number 3 number 2, and change the new number 3 to read, “The current SJSU online SOTE system must be modified so as to achieve response rates comparable to current paper SOTES.”

Chair Von Till presented a friendly amendment to the first whereas clause to change, “instructed by the Senate SS-S05-6 to” to read, “instructed by Sense of the Senate Resolution, SS-S05-6, to.”

The Senate voted and AS 1491 passed as amended with No Nays, and 1 Abstention.

D. University Library Board (ULB) – Senator McClory will report at the next meeting.

E. Professional Standards Committee (PS) –

The PS Committee hopes to bring a new policy for a first reading at the next Senate meeting on Allegations of Misconduct in Research. The university has been informed by the federal government that our existing policy is out of compliance, and needs to be revised if we want to receive federal funds.

The PS Committee is also working on an Evaluation of Teaching policy that will fold together eight separate policies regarding SOTES, and other ways of teaching.

The PS Committee will also begin discussion about RTP by having the Provost come and meet with the committee.

Senator Peter presented *AS 1490, Policy Recommendation, To Keep the Administration of SOTES in Fall 2012 and Winter 2013 Unchanged While SJSU Works to Adjust Policies to the New Contract (Final Reading)*. **The Senate voted and AS 1490 passed as written with No Nays and No Abstentions.**

VII. Special Committee Reports –

Cathy Cheal, AVP of Academic Technology, and Terry Vahey, AVP for Information Technology gave Academic and Information Technology updates. The campus will be getting Canvas and is in the final stages of contract negotiation right now. WebEx is already available in a software form for video conferencing. In addition, the campus will be getting lecture capture for the classroom. SJSU employees can also access video conferencing right now, and Adobe software is also available.

Faculty that become part of one of the faculty learning communities through the Center for Faculty Development, will receive an I-Pad this year. Another new technology in teaching that the campus will be getting is called, Criterion, which is a grammatical software package that helps students determine where their writing needs improvement.

The new models that Academic Technology is working on come from Carnegie Mellon Online Learning Initiative, which is focused on learning analytics and automated content. Ed-X from MIT is another model that works with video in the classroom. Udacity is another model that uses video tutorials that are very engaging and focus on real world problems.

AVP Cheal is speaking with the vendors for these products right now and they have agreed to setup some workshops to teach faculty how to use their products. Academic Technology also has four instructional designers, including AVP Cheal, that will put on workshops. In addition, there is also a faculty-in-residence program that will give stipends to faculty to help Academic Technology with this work.

E-Campus is now under Academic Technology and they offer a help desk for all of these technologies as well as one-on-one support. The faculty learning communities will also have workshops for online courses.

Senator Lessow-Hurley inquired as to when the faculty development would start for Canvas, and whether we were still going to get 24 hour a day/7 days a week support. Senator Lessow-Hurley also asked whether there were implications for intellectual property and whether that was something we should be looking at. AVP Cheal replied that E-Campus can provide support for Canvas right now and they are making accounts for the sandbox version. Faculty can either begin working on it in the free online version at the Canvas website, or through our particular sandbox. In addition, Provost Junn noted that there will be 24/7 support provided by a call center in Utah. However, faculty should call the campus helpdesk during business hours as we will be charged per call to the call center after hours. Workshops will also be provided for faculty on all the new software that is available by the faculty-in-residence as soon as they get organized.

Lecture capture is up to the individual faculty member whether they want to use it or not. However, AVP Cheal suggested that if a guest speaker will be attending their class, faculty might want to get a release signed. AVP Cheal has a release form that will be available for faculty to use.

Senator Bros-Seemann asked how a faculty member would find out which software might be best for them to use for a course. AVP Cheal noted that the faculty-in-residence would be happy to meet with the faculty and go over all the available technology that might work for their class.

AVP Vahey noted that Information Technology is working on getting WiFi installed in all classrooms this fall. Information Technology is also working on creating 51 “Next Generation Classrooms.” These classrooms will have high definition recording capabilities. Faculty will also have the ability to record their lectures in these classrooms, and the lectures will be password protected for their students. AVP Vahey expects to have one of these rooms setup later this fall, and will be working on the others throughout the year.

AVP Vahey announced that another new technology they are working on will allow employees to have video with their smart phones. Employees will also be able to dial and accept phone calls from their computers.

Senator Hebert asked what some of the rooms that were going to be made into Next Generation Classrooms are. AVP Vahey noted that Science 142, and Engineering 189 are a couple of them. The classrooms will have a camera, a high definition projector, microphones, and speakers so you can record in them. The idea is that students can later listen to the class recording if they did not get a concept down very well.

Senator Riley asked how a faculty member would get on the roster to use one of the Next Generation Classrooms. AVP Vahey will be working closely with AVP Jahne to determine which rooms will be lecture capture only, and which will be active learning spaces.

Senator Miller asked if the Next Generation Classrooms would be identified in the class schedule. AVP Vahey and the Provost indicated that this is a great idea, and they will work on this.

President Qayoumi commented that departments would not be charged back for the new phone system. The new system will allow employees to video conference with others.

Larry Carr, AVP of Public Affairs, and Calvin Worsnup, AS President gave an Update on the Associated Students' Voter Registration Drive. Campuses across the country have been contacting AVP Carr and AS President Worsnup to ask if they can copy what they are doing to get students registered to vote at SJSU. AVP Carr and AS President Worsnup developed a look and tagline about "why should you vote." Buttons have been distributed across campus that you can write your own reason for voting on. The SJSU Homepage has information about the "Why Vote" Campaign, and it has also been put on Facebook. In addition, AVP Carr and AS President Worsnup entered into a partnership with a non-profit organization called Turbo Vote, part of the Democracy Now Project. Turbo Vote is an online registration tool. If you go on that site and register, Turbo Vote will send you reminders about when to go vote and will send you ways you can get information about things that will be on your ballot. As of last week, the registrar is now starting to accept online registration to vote in California and AVP Carr and AS President Worsnup will begin putting that link out also.

AS President Worsnup announced that AS has registered over 300 students to vote in the last two to three weeks. One of the ways AS is trying to inspire their organizations to register students to vote is by having a competition between the Resident Advisers in the housing halls to see who can get the most students registered to vote. AS will throw the winner a pizza party, or ice cream social. AS President Worsnup asked Senators to talk to students in their classes about the importance of being registered and casting a vote.

AVP Carr pointed out that there is a fine line between what we can advocate for and what we can educate for. It is perfectly acceptable for us to educate people about issues, whether it be actual issues that we vote on, or the issue of voting itself. If you go to the SJSU website and click on the Why Vote picture, it will take you to some resources that talk about both sides of issues. What we cannot do is tell people which way they should vote, but we can tell them the implications of the issues. AVP Carr has also made sure that the information provided on the website comes from non-partisan sources that are state approved. It does not come from one campaign or the other.

Senator Peter commented that research has shown that if students begin voting in college, they tend to remain voters the rest of their lives. This is the kind of life-long learning that we need at SJSU.

VIII. New Business – None

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

A. Vice President for Student Affairs –

VP Nance announced that there are a number of events happening around campus this week. This Thursday [September 27, 2012] we are hosting the kickoff of a county-wide college day in partnership with the City of San Jose, and Santa Clara County in front of the Smith-Carlos statues. This is an event for first generation college students and their families. The Career Fair will also be held on Thursday [September 27, 2012] at the Event Center. This is one of the biggest Career Fairs we have ever had.

Housing occupancy is exactly where it needs it to be. We have increased the capacity of the dorms here to accommodate all students. There are about 2,000 frosh in housing this year, with 1,500 subject to the mandatory housing policy. There were 127 exemptions requested for various reasons this year. All requested exemptions were approved. About 100 of the exemptions were due to financial hardship, and then there were another 10 or 12 categories, including 7 international students. The number of exemptions requested this year was lower than last year by about 30 exemptions.

The end of last week was census. We have 23,104 resident FTES, and a 28,600 headcount. We are just slightly higher than last year by 100 more headcount, and just under 100 FTES for the year. It is projected that we will be at 104.9% of our resident FTES target for the year. This all depends on what spring enrollment looks like. We know that we will be closed to admissions from residents across all levels for Spring 2013.

On the non-resident side, we have exactly 100 more headcount than last year, and slightly over 100 FTES. What is interesting is that this fall, even though we had a unit cap, average unit loads are slightly higher than they were last year when there was no unit cap.

We are up by about 900 continuing students, and we are down as a result of that, by about 700 Frosh. Because of the large number of continuing students we have, we had to restrict admissions to the Frosh class. This goes straight to the graduation initiative. The more we can do to graduate the continuing students, the more Frosh we can let in the door.

Next year we will have to be smaller, because we are anticipating a 3% enrollment reduction.

B. Associated Students President –

AS President Worsnup announced that AS is looking into establishing a community garden on San Salvador and 8th Street. There is a lot of land there that the research

foundation owns that is not being used. AS is looking for interested faculty to join them in this effort and should contact AS President Worsnup. Dayana Salazar was recommended as a contact for AS President Worsnup. Dayana heads up two community gardens already.

VTA is proposing a 15% increase in fees. AS is going to be lobbying the VTA Board to consider SJSU students as a different category.

AS will be hosting general assemblies every month and anyone can come and hear what the current issues are.

C. Vice President for University Advancement – None

D. Statewide Academic Senators–

Senator Lessow-Hurley acknowledged the hard work Senator Van Selst put into getting the elimination of upper division General Education units removed from the Board of Trustees (BOT) agenda. Senator Van Selst is Chair of the CSU Statewide Senate General Education Advisory Committee and the “architect of the compromise.”

The CSU Statewide Senate had a report on Cal State Online and had a video conference with President Welty from CSU Fresno. He is Chair of the CSU Online Advisory Board. There have been some issues, but people feel there has been sufficient faculty input through the Senate. It looks like the cost to students for Cal State Online will be \$400 per unit or less. The Director is now soliciting programs to be offered, although there hasn't been a lot of response by the campuses. They have signed a contract with Pearson to use Proprietary Learning Management System. That implies some details to be worked out, because there are various learning management systems being used across the campuses.

The search committee for the new Chancellor has interviewed 6 candidates, and the final interviews will take place on October 3, 2012. The interviews will be closed to the public, but there is some hope that others will be invited to the interviews.

The CSU Statewide Senate passed a resolution in support of Proposition 30, and another opposed to Proposition 32.

The next CSU Statewide Senate meeting is in November.

E. Provost –

The Provost welcomed the new Senate, and announced that the Provost's Forum that was held on September 4, 2012 is now online.

The Provost sent an email to faculty last night stating that she wanted to continue to support faculty scholarly research. The Provost urged all faculty and MPPs with academic credentials to sign-up for the expert database.

The Provost held the first 21st Century Learning Conference today and there was a great turnout. That conference was videotaped and will be streamed.

The College of Engineering's Dean Search is moving forward. Senator Gleixner is a member of that committee.

The Provost will be recognizing faculty and staff that are book authors.

The Provost will also be hosting the 1st campus-wide reception to honoring and thanking lecturers on campus.

In addition, the Provost will be recognizing all faculty that have written grants at an event in October.

In October, more information will be sent to the campus about these events.

F. Vice President for Administration and Finance –

There is a new Budget Advisory Task Force and it will be meeting tomorrow afternoon. Senators were encouraged to send any ideas to VP Bibb.

Chair Von Till also announced that the Senate would be receiving the University Budget Report at the October Senate meeting.

Vice Chair Heiden reminded Senators that the Senate Retreat had been moved to February 15, 2013.

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