

2017/2018 Academic Senate

**MINUTES
December 11, 2017**

I. The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. and roll call was taken by the Senate Administrator. Forty-four Senators were present.

Ex Officio:

Present: Frazier, Van Selst, Manzo,
Lee, J., Rodan

CASA Representatives:

Present: Schultz-Krohn, Shifflett, Grosvenor, Chin, Sen
Absent: None

Administrative Representatives:

Present: Faas, Wong(Lau), Willey,
Feinstein
Absent: Papazian

COB Representatives:

Present: Bullen, He
Absent: None

Deans:

Present: Elliott, Stacks, Ehrman,
Jacobs

EDUC Representatives:

Present: Marachi, Mathur
Absent: None

Students:

Present: De Guzman, Busick
Donahue
Absent: Gill, Tran, Hospidales

ENGR Representatives:

Present: Chung, Sullivan-Green
Absent: Hamedi-Hagh

Alumni Representative:

Present: Walters

H&A Representatives:

Present: Khan, Riley, McKee
Absent: Bacich, Ormsbee

Emeritus Representative:

Present: Buzanski

SCI Representatives:

Present: Cargill, White, Rangasayee
Absent: Kim

Honorary Representative:

Present: Lessow-Hurley

SOS Representatives:

Present: Peter, Wilson, Curry, Liu, Hart
Absent: None

General Unit Representatives:

Present: Trousdale, Matoush,
Kauppila
Absent: Higgins

II. Approval of Academic Senate Minutes–

The minutes of November 20, 2017 were approved.

III. Communications and Questions –

A. From the Chair of the Senate:

Chair Frazier announced that there would be a break at 3 p.m. for holiday cake.

Chair Frazier reminded Senators that the Senate holiday party at the President's house is this coming Friday.

Chair Frazier announced that CSU Faculty Trustee Sabalius is present today and will be giving an update shortly.

B. From the President of the University – Not present.

IV. Executive Committee Report:

A. Minutes of the Executive Committee:

Executive Committee Minutes of November 13, 2017 – **No questions.**

Executive Committee Minutes of November 27, 2017 – **No questions.**

B. Consent Calendar:

There was no consent calendar.

The Election Calendar of 2017-2018 was approved.

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 Sullivan-Green presented *AS 1649, Policy Recommendation, Registration Priority (Final Reading)*. Senator Shifflett presented an amendment to add a resolved clause that reads, “Resolved that San José State University adopt the following guidelines related to priority registration.” Senator Rodan presented an amendment to the Shifflett amendment to remove “guidelines.” The Rodan amendment to the Shifflett amendment was friendly to the body. **The Senate voted and approved the Shifflett/Rodan amendment.** Senator Van Selst proposed a motion to allow the committee to make any updates or changes to the state laws and policies referenced in the legislative history prior to sending it to the President for signature. The Van Selst motion was friendly. The Senate approved *AS 1649 as amended.*

B. Professional Standards Committee (PS) –

Senator Peter presented *AS 1646, Policy Recommendation, Selection and Review of Department Chairs and Directors (Final Reading)*. Senator Peter presented a motion to substitute the Professional Standards Committee version of AS 1646 he distributed to the Senate for the version brought to the Senate at the last Senate meeting. The motion to substitute was approved by the Senate. Senator Peter presented a page of amendments to the Professional Standards Committee’s most recent version of AS 1646 just approved for substitution by the Senate. The Peter amendments were approved. Senator Mathur presented an amendment that was friendly to the body to change the footnote under line 230 to read “... to to 50%” to “... to 50%.” **The Senate voted and AS 1646 was approved as amended.**

C. Organization and Government Committee (O&G) –

Senator Shifflett presented *AS 1671, Policy Recommendation, Addition to the Responsibilities of the Budget Advisory Committee (F15-9) Related to Lottery*

Funds (Final Reading). Senator Shifflett presented an amendment to line 39 to change the line in quotes to read, “Finally, F14-1 revoked the temporary...”. Senator Peter presented an amendment that was friendly to the body to the Shifflett amendment to strikethrough rather than underline, “~~Finally, F14-1 revoked the temporary...~~” The Shifflett/Peter amendment was approved. Senator Lessow-Hurley presented an amendment to strike everything on lines 48 and 49 in parentheses, “(e.g., lottery funds, the initial CSU budget...)” The Senate voted and the amendment was approved with 1 abstention. **The Senate voted and AS 1671 was approved as amended unanimously.**

Senator Shifflett presented ***AS 1669, Policy Recommendation, Amendment to the Senate Constitution Regarding Administrative Representatives (Final Reading)***. The Senate voted, and with the final tally being 25-7-0, AS 1669 failed to achieve a “majority of the total membership of the Academic Senate” (which would have been 27) as required in the Constitution, Article VI.

Senator Shifflett presented a motion to pull ***AS 1656, Policy Recommendation, Modification of Bylaw 1.10 Pertaining to Administrative Representatives on the Senate (Final Reading)*** from the agenda due to the failure of AS 1669. The Senate voted and the Shifflett motion was approved with 1 Nay and 3 Abstentions.

D. Curriculum and Research Committee (C&R) – No report.

E. University Library Board (ULB) –

The Chair of the ULB, Nick Taylor, presented ***AS 1672, Policy Recommendation, Amendment A to University Library Policy S15-10 (First Reading)***. Chair Taylor presented a motion to substitute the version of AS 1672 brought to the Senate today for the version brought at the last Senate meeting. The motion to substitute was approved. Senator Shifflett presented a motion to suspend the rules and move the resolution to a final reading. The Shifflett motion was approved. **The Senate voted and AS 1672 was approved as amended.**

VII. State of the University Announcements. Questions.

A. CSU Faculty Trustee:

Trustee Sabalius gave the inaugural report by a CSU Faculty Trustee who is a member of SJSU. Trustee Sabalius announced that he has only been home 3 days this month and that he travels a lot, but he loves his job. When in San José he is in his office. Trustee Sabalius still attends all three days of the CSU Statewide Academic Senate meeting in Long Beach. Although he is no longer a Senator, he is still an ex officio member of the CSU Statewide Academic Senate’s Executive Committee.

In November, Trustee Sabalius conducted his first campus visits as CSU Faculty Trustee. He visited the Humboldt and Chico campuses. When he visits the campuses, Trustee Sabalius submits a list of those he would like to meet with to the

President's Office of the campus. This usually includes the President, the Provost, the Vice President of Finance, the Vice President of Student Affairs, and the Chief Diversity Officer.

He also meets with the Senate and CFA leadership, as well as with representatives from the Associated Students. Then there are always special programs he would like to get to know and other campus members such as previous CSU Faculty Trustees. While at Chico State, Trustee Sabalius was able to observe practice in the Nursing simulator that allows students to experience almost real life scenarios. Trustee Sabalius also learned more about the CalFresh program while in Chico. The program is located at Chico, but cooperates with ten other CSU campuses. While at Humboldt, Trustee Sabalius also took part in an Associated Students meeting discussing the possible termination of the football program. While at Chico, Senator Sabalius also toured their aging facilities, such as the boiler room that heats and cools the campus. Chico is the second oldest campus next to San José State University.

Trustee Sabalius must give prior notice of any intent to visit a campus. He cannot just show up. While in the Bay area, Trustee Sabalius tries to meet with legislators such as Assembly member Evan Low. There are also numerous virtual meetings with the Executive Committee and the Chancellor. Trustee Sabalius has also made it a point to meet with all former Faculty Trustees across the state.

Questions:

Q: Could you say a few words about the budgeting process?

A: When the trustees talk about the budget they only talk about what is new as opposed to the entire budget. The Board of Trustees (BoT) makes a list of needs the CSU has and our obligations that are absolutely necessary to fund. They came up with \$283 million of extra funds that we need on top of our \$6.5 billion budget that we had in the prior year. We expect to get \$102 million and we plan on 1% enrollment growth, which will net us another \$20 million. This leaves us with a shortfall of \$161 million. The governor is sitting on \$6 billion in reserves. The BoT next will turn to our legislators in hopes that they carve out extra funds for the CSU. We are generally successful with this, but the legislators often attach unpleasant conditions to the funds.

The \$283 million includes \$122 million in increases we are obligated to pay for negotiated salary increases and then there are \$31 million in mandatory costs. The governor is expected to give us only \$102 million. Then the other big ticket item is the Graduation Initiative 2025, which costs another \$75 million.

Q: One of the problems with the BoT in past decades is that many are not that informed about student and campus needs. What is your impression of your colleagues now? Are they more knowledgeable and do they understand the faculty and student perspectives?

A: I think you describe the situation correctly. You have to consider that the public

trustees are people from the community and being a trustee is only a small part of what they do in life. The Faculty Trustee and the Chancellor are the only two members of the board that are being paid to do this, so for me this is a full time job. I see this as one of my responsibilities as the Faculty Trustee to educate the BoT as much as I can. I believe they try as best as they can. The massive agenda for the BoT meetings comes to us ten days before the meeting and additionally it has numerous links to reports that need to be read. It is an excessive amount of material that does come primarily from the Chancellor's Office, so it is important to have other constituents address the issues. The trustees seem to be very dedicated and sincere and they want to do their best for the CSU. However, the question is to what extent are the members of the BoT knowledgeable about the complexities and full extent of the issues.

B. Vice President of Student Affairs (VPSA):

This is finals week and starting Wednesday we will have finals tables where our students can pick up free scantrons and number 2 pencils. There will also be some exam books, snacks, yoga, and free coffee at multiple locations.

In the last two days of spring admissions, the CSU received 350,000 of the 914,000 applications received through Cal State Applied. SJSU is up 17% with our freshman applications. We had over 35,000 applications this year compared to 30,000 last year. Transfer student applications were up 3%. We had 16,600 applications this year and last year we had 16,100. In the end it worked out, but there was a lot of stress involved. Graduate applicants are open until spring so no counts yet. Thus far we have 25,006 students enrolled for Spring 2018. Last spring we had 24,104 enrolled.

On behalf of the Student Affairs Division, we wish you a restful break. We also thank you for your support.

C. Chief Diversity Officer (CDO):

A number of workshops will be held next semester by our faculty-in-residence, Magdalena Barrera. Notification was sent out to deans and associate deans asking them to target and notify under-represented pre-tenure faculty. These workshops will be held in the first week of February, March, April, and May. The workshops are two hours each and will cover research on under-represented faculty and we eventually will link pre-tenure faculty with tenured faculty.

The Diversity Office has been invited to the Board of Academic Freedom and Professional Responsibility (BAFPR) to collaborate with them on either a workshop, panel, or discussion on academic freedom as well as freedom of speech.

The Diversity Office continues to work with the Faculty Diversity Committee. The Diversity Office will also be offering their last faculty diversity recruitment and search committee consultation workshop.

The President's Commission on Inclusive Excellence will launch this spring and the CDO is in the process of identifying people to recommend to the President to sit on the committee. The CDO anticipates about 30 people from all colleges sitting on the committee. There will be ex officio members as well as faculty, staff, key student success officers, and Senate representation. There will also be representatives from different student groups on the committee.

Questions:

Q: How does SJSU compare in terms of diversity requirements in curriculum to other CSU campuses?

A: Nationally or other CSU campuses? Some campuses have very specific requirements and use specific classes. Other campuses let departments fulfill it with special topic classes. The model we use here is very common. We have classes in different departments that meet the requirements.

Q: Someone asked me what the campus was doing in terms of bullying?

A: That is an issue that isn't really under the CDO, but we would consult on it. This is something that should be dealt with by the President's Cabinet and other offices on campus in terms of employee-on-employee bullying. Most campuses are struggling with this.

D. CSU Statewide Senators:

Last week the CSU Statewide Senate had their interim meetings. The resolution passed at the last ASCSU meeting was the standards for quantitative reasoning.

The BOT Chair is a member of the GE Task Force. We are able to ask some of the really tough questions around GE. We anticipate being able to bring a product of that to the ASCSU within the next 6 months to one year.

Questions:

Q: Can you give us potential changes just briefly?

A: One idea that has been floating is a system-wide course so that every graduate would have a similar experience. Another idea is to potentially add requirements instead of swapping things.

Q: Is there any consideration of including reading competency as a requirement of general education?

A: We have talked about it.

Q: Please talk about it some more.

E. Associated Students President (AS): No report (The AS President and Directors had another meeting to attend and had to leave early).

F. Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs:

Questions:

Q: Is athletics going to quit scheduling events during finals so that they can study for finals since nothing distracting like convocation is allowed during finals week?

A: We haven't discussed this. There is a lot of misinformation regarding commencement. There is information going around that we are getting rid of events and we are not. We are close to finalizing when each college will hold its commencement and I'd be happy to answer any questions anyone has regarding this.

G. Vice President for Administration and Finance (VPAF):

Last Monday a group of legislative staff met with the President and Executive Committee on campus. We walked them through our budget and all student success initiatives and deferred maintenance and facility plans. They asked a lot of questions and were very engaged. We took them on a number of tours across campus including student housing, the Hammer Theatre, the site new Science building, the Student Union, and the new housing area. It was a good education time for our legislators.

Questions:

Q: Some students are concerned about the loss of their field next to MH due to the new Science Building. Can you elaborate on this?

A: This field being about the size of this room? We don't have enough green space on campus. We are looking at South Campus to add additional fields and not just for our student athletes. We are looking to create some green spaces near student housing.

Q: Where will buses take off from if South campus can't be used?

A: I'm not sure what the President said.

Q: She said there will be no more parking on South Campus.

A: There will be plenty of parking on South Campus. We have our park and ride lot which has 850 spaces. This will continue to exist and we need more parking on South campus.

Q: Then what was meant by the President when she said that students that wish to graduate will have to be bused?

A: This refers just to commencement this year. We will have the 850 spots, but not the track for parking purposes. This is not enough parking to accommodate everyone. Hopefully in the future we will figure out better parking for everyone.

Q: There was a new sign today between DMH and HGH that says there is a new camera installed?

A: They are installed all over the campus.

Q: Are they on a loop, or are there people actually watching the cameras?

A: We have people watching everything (laughter). Our UPD has a lot better things to do than watch the monitors. The cameras are in case there is an incident and they need to review the film. We just wanted to let people know things are being filmed.

VIII. Special Committee Reports – No report.

IX. New Business – None

X. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 4:27 p.m.