

2000/2001 Academic Senate

MINUTES
May 14, 2001

I. The meeting was called to order at 2:10 p.m. and attendance was noted. Thirty-six Senators were present.

Ex Officio:

Present: Gorney-Moreno, Shifflett,
Hegstrom, McNeil
Absent: Caret, Davila

Administrative Representatives:

Present: Lee, Goodman
Absent: Kassing, Rascoe

Deans:

Present: Sigler, Breivik
Absent: Novak, Andrew

Students:

Present: Drummond, Haggas, Shetty
Absent: Casas, Zajac

Alumni Representative:

Absent: Hollands

Emeritus Representative:

Present: Buzanski

Honorary Senators (Non-Voting):

Absent: Norton, Young

General Unit Representatives:

Present: Thames, Main

CASA Representatives:

Present: Saltmarch, Glancey, Malloy
Absent: Glogoski

COB Representatives:

Present: Nellen, Donoho

ED Represent:

Present: Rickford, Sosniak, Lessow-Hurley

ENG Representatives:

Present: Singh, Pour
Absent: Hambaba

H&A Representatives:

Present: Williams, Stork, Huebner, Manning, Van Hooff,
Vanniarajan

SCI Representatives:

Present: Garcia, Hamill, Matthes, Stacks
Absent: Veregge

SOS Representatives:

Present: Brent, Nuger, Roth

SW Representative:

Present: Austin

II. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of May 7, 2001 were approved with corrections.

III. Communications

A. From the Chair of the Senate.

The chair talked about how much she enjoyed being the Chair for the past two years. She said that it was more refreshing than her last sabbatical. She talked about the diversity involved in chairing the Academic Senate. She stated that you really can make a difference. She said it was the greatest learning experience of her academic career. The chair sought input from past chairs on a daily basis. She said she learned more about consultation in this job than she did as a Psychiatric Nurse. Her first meeting was with Senator Stacks and Mel Chen, the artist doing the artwork for the Joint Library Project. She talked about how she hadn't wanted to go to that meeting. Then she saw Mel's wonderful artwork and realized that she would have paid to see it. She talked about the Committee that worked on the Out of Crisis White Paper document and her various meetings with Executive Vice Chancellor David Spence. She stated that it was

wonderful to be able to give input to the second highest officer in the CSU system. Vice Chancellor Spence regularly asked for her input. She enjoyed being on the committee that interviewed the architects, builders, and financial backers that would build the new housing village. The fact that the administration cared enough to have a faculty member sit in and give input showed how much they cared. This campus is incredibly responsive, such as when she asked for input on what was not working in the classroom. Within a month, the Provost's office funded a pilot project to provide computers for the classrooms. FD&O revised a survey they were sending out to include quality of classrooms. The chair stated that there is a lot more to being a Senate Chair than just passing policy. She encouraged others to apply and hoped she had given others reasons to do that today. The chair said it took her 3 elections to get a seat on the Senate, but it was definitely worth it. The most significant achievement of these two years has been passage of F99-1, *Improving Communications* that she worked on with Senator Nellen. The chair felt another significant achievement was Chairing the Faculty Recognition Committee and the Reception for Newly Tenured Faculty. In closing, the chair said that the past two years have been the most rewarding in her twenty-year career.

B. B. From the President of the University

Provost Goodman (on behalf of President Caret) presented Chair Gorney-Moreno with an award for Outstanding Service as Chair during the year 2000/2001.

IV. Executive Committee Report

A. A. Minutes of Executive Committee

None

Budget Advisory Committee Minutes of May 7, 2001 approved.

B. B. Consent Calendar approved with corrections.

C. C. Executive Committee Action Items

Senator Roth presented *AS 1140, Sense of the Senate Resolution Endorsing Budget Priorities for the Academic Year 2001/2002*. Senator Roth gave a brief background on the resolution and answered questions. After many questions and debate, the resolution was presented to the Senate for a vote. There was one friendly amendment presented by Senator Hegstrom and accepted for AS 1140. **The Senate then voted and passed AS 1140.**

V. Unfinished Business - Senator Stacks, Chair of Organization and Government presented *AS 1153, Policy Recommendation Amendment of By-Law 9.1*. After many questions and debate, the resolution was presented to the Senate for a vote. **The Senate then voted and passed AS 1153.**

Senator Nellen, Chair Professional Standards presented *AS 1154, Policy Recommendation San Jose State University's Commitment to a Campus Climate that Values Diversity and Equal Opportunity*. After many questions and debate, the

resolution was presented to the Senate for a vote. There were three friendly amendments presented by Senators Huebner/Nuger, Roth, and Singh and approved for AS 1154. **The Senate then voted and passed AS 1154 as amended.**

Senator Roth, Chair Curriculum and Research presented *AS 1155, Policy Resolution on Foreign Languages Classes and General Education*. Senator Shifflett asked if this policy amounted to a blanket waiver, exempting all foreign language courses from the normal GE approval process. She was told that this was not the case. According to Senator Roth, the foreign language department has the perception that BOGS currently has a blanket policy of not approving foreign language courses for GE credit, and this policy is intended to make clear that such courses are eligible for GE. However, they must still meet all procedural and substantive requirements to be offered as GE courses. After many questions and debate, the resolution was presented to the Senate for a vote. **The Senate then voted and passed AS 1155.**

Senator Roth presented *AS 1156, Policy Recommendation on Freshman Seminars (MUSE) and General Education*. AS 1156 was initially presented as a Sense of the Senate Resolution. It was voted on and accepted to be a Policy Recommendation. One friendly amendment was presented by Senator Brent and approved for AS 1156. **The Senate then voted and passed 1156 as amended.**

VI. Policy Committee Action Items in Rotation.

- A. Organization and Government Committee - None**
- B. Instruction and Student Affairs Committee - None**
- C. University Library Board – None**
- D. Committee on Committee – None**
- E. Professional Standards – None**
- F. Curriculum and Research – None**

VII. Special Committee Reports – None

VIII. New Business

Senator Roth brought up the Library Weeding Program which distributes lists of books to be discarded that have not been pre-screened by faculty and the departments. Senator Roth stated that the faculty should take a look at these books. The departments that want to look at these lists must ask the Library to pre-screen them. Faculty members need to let the Library know if they think the books shouldn't be discarded. According to Senator Roth, the lists are computer generated and not lists put together by any person. The computer puts together lists of books that are not being circulated. Members of the Library commented that there is a space issue.

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

- A.** Vice President for Administration
- B.** Vice President for Student Affairs
- C.** Associated Students President
- D.** Statewide Academic Senate
- E.** Provost

X. The meeting was adjourned at 4:22 PM