

2004/2005 Academic Senate

**MINUTES
April 4, 2005**

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

Ex Officio:

Present: Nellen, Van Selst, Kassing,
Sabalius, Greathouse, McNeil

CASA Representatives:

Present: David, Hooper
Absent: Gonzalez, Fee

Administrative Representatives:

Present: Sigler, Ashton, Phillips
Absent: Lee

COB Representatives:

Present: Donoho, Campsey
Absent: El-Shaieb

Deans:

Present: Breivik, Wei, Stacks, Meyers

ED Represent:

Present: Parsons, Maldonado-Colon, Lessow-Hurley

Students:

Present: Kelly
Absent: Lam, Stillman, Gadamsetty,
Nguyen, Bjerkek, Kelly

ENG Representatives:

Present: Singh, Pour
Absent: Choo

Alumni Representative:

Absent: Thompson

H&A Representatives:

Present: Heisch, Desalvo
Absent: Vanniarajan, Van Hooff, Williams, Hilliard

Emeritus Representative:

Absent: Buzanski

SCI Representatives:

Present: Veregge, McClory, Kellum, Scharberg
Absent: Bros

Honorary Senators (Non-Voting):

Present: Norton

SOS Representatives:

Present: Hebert, Von Till
Absent: Propas

General Unit Representatives:

Present: Thames, Liu
Absent: Yi

SW Representative:

Present: Wilson

II. Approval of Academic Senate Minutes –

The Senate minutes of February 28, 2005, were approved as is with one abstention.

III. Communications and Questions –

A. From the Chair of the Senate:

Chair Nellen said, “This is actually our March meeting, but it got pushed into April due to spring break. I also want to remind you that we have three Senate meetings this month, April 4th, April 25th, and April 29th.”

Chair Nellen said, “The Retention-Tenure-Promotion (RTP) policy will not come to the

Senate this spring. It will probably be a fall item.”

Chair Nellen said, “A few announcements—We are in the process of conducting an election in the General Unit and the College of Social Sciences for two new Senators. However, we do still have open Senate seats in the College of Applied Sciences and the Arts, and in the College of Humanities and the Arts. If you know of an eligible person, please encourage them to complete nominating petitions. As it is now, the first person to turn in a nominating petition in each of these two colleges will automatically get the seat unless, we were to receive two at the exact same time, which would require us to hold another election.

Chair Nellen said, “It is a time to sign up for Senate committees. The Committee Preference Forms were emailed out and are also on the website. Do not assume that since you are on the committee this year, you don’t have to fill out one of these forms. Everyone needs to complete a new form for the coming year.”

Chair Nellen said, “If you will be returning to the Senate in the 2005/2006 year, please consider becoming a Senate Officer. That means running for the position of Vice Chair, Secretary, or a Policy Committee Chair. As required by our bylaws, I have setup a nominating committee consisting of Senators Donoho, Pour, and myself. The election for the new Senate Officers will be at the first meeting of the new year on May 16, 2005 from 4-5 p.m.”

Chair Nellen said, “I want to acknowledge and thank Senator Norton for a generous gift he has made to the university. He has established the campus enhancement fund to support activities that enhance the intellectual and aesthetic qualities of the university that are not adequately funded by state funds, such as conferences, concerts, visits by distinguished scholars, and special projects for campus beautification. The funds will be distributed by the Executive Committee. Thank you Senator Norton for your generosity.”

Chair Nellen said, “With the support of President Kassing, Provost Sigler, and AVP Bob Cooper, a team will be participating in the American Association of Colleges and Universities (AACU) Greater Expectations Institute this summer in Vermont. This is a five-day intensive workshop. We just learned that our proposal was accepted on Friday.”

Chair Nellen said, “I have been working with Chief Judicial Affairs Officer Debra Griffith during my term to support her incredible efforts to help build a culture of Academic Integrity at San José State University. Over the past few months, I’ve been able to setup an Academic Integrity Advisory Board to work with Debra so there is a better link for information to and from the colleges as well as Graduate Studies and the MUSE program. This board will help Debra plan the annual fall Academic Integrity Week with Senate support and endorsement. I think we are very fortunate to have Debra working so hard to promote Academic Integrity on campus.”

Chair Nellen said, “In February, we dissolved the University Information Technology Board. I worked with the Chair of the Board Chris Tseng, and AVP Mary Jo Gorney-Moreno to summarize their last two key projects and they were wireless access for the

campus, and a proposal for the centralization of the purchase, maintenance, and refresh of classroom technology. I have copies of that final report if anyone would like to see it.”

Chair Nellen said, “There are a few more Educated Persons Dialogue’s setup for this year. The next one is April 6, 2005 and involves student writing.”

Chair Nellen said, “Finally, the Sixth Annual Faculty Service Recognition Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, April 27, 2005. Tickets can be purchased in the Provost’s office. Faculty being recognized for 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, or 40 years of service will be guests of the President for lunch. This event is sponsored by the President’s Office and the Academic Senate, but the President’s Office pays for the event. I want to thank President Kassing for honoring the Senate’s longstanding request to honor all faculty including lecturers at this event. Also, the first Outstanding Lecturer Award will be given out at this event.”

B. From the President of the University –

Interim President Kassing said, “I’ve just got a few comments. First, did you have a good spring break?”

Interim President Kassing said, “You have an important topic on your agenda today, the work of the Goals Advisory Committee (GAC). I would ask you to give it very careful consideration. I would also remind you of something I said last August, this is the time when we are in charge of ourselves and I think it is important for people to be able to look back at this time and respect the work we were able to do together and on our own. I’ve very pleased at what this team has been able to accomplish in such little time. The team just began in January.”

Interim President Kassing said, “One general comment about the budget—we are in the heart of the budget debate at the capitol. I have an Executive Council meeting next week, Provost Sigler has a meeting of the Academic Vice Presidents next week, and Rose Lee is meeting with the Business Vice Presidents tomorrow, so we will get some current updates next week.”

Interim President Kassing said, “We have a legislative day next Monday and Bob Ashton and I will be going to Sacramento to present our arguments from the campus perspective, and also joining the whole CSU to show there is a strong sense of the university.”

Interim President Kassing said, “About an hour ago, Anne Lawrence was named the Outstanding Professor of the year. If you know Anne, please take a moment to congratulate her.”

Interim President Kassing said, “The Trustees have approved allowing us to grant honorary doctorate degrees to Tommie Smith and John Carlos. Some of you may have been here during their timeframe. At the 1968 Olympics, Tommie Smith and John Carlos took a stand on human rights and took a terrible beating for it. They both have accepted the honorary degrees. I want to note that the idea surfaced from Associated Students, and I’d like to applaud their work.”

IV. Executive Committee Report –

A. Executive Committee Minutes –

February 28, 2005 – Senator Stacks asked about the GE programs discussion in item 3. Senator Stacks asked, “Did the Executive Committee also consider the issue of departmental funding?” Chair Nellen said, “yes.”

March 14, 2005 – None

B. Budget Advisory Committee Minutes – None

C. Consent Calendar – Approved as is.

D. Executive Committee Action Items:

Senator Veregge presented *AS 1280, Sense of the Senate Resolution, Call for Increased Attention to Campus Climate Policy Violations and Broader Understanding and Support of the Policy (Final Reading)*. Senator Norton presented a **friendly amendment** to change the word “Rumsfield” to “Rumsfeld.” **The Senate voted and AS 1280 passed as amended with 4 abstentions.**

Senator Donoho presented *AS 1277, Senate Management Resolution, Creating an E-Portfolio Task Force (Final Reading)*. Senator Donoho presented a friendly amendment to add “AVP Undergraduate Studies or designee” to the membership. Senator Stacks presented a friendly amendment to add after “Task Force.” in the 3rd line of the paragraph following the bullets in the 2nd Resolved clause, “The task force will consult with the Assessment Committee as needed; and be it finally” **The Senate then voted and AS 1277 passed as amended with two abstentions.**

Senator Donoho presented *AS 1281, Sense of the Senate Resolution, Endorsing the Goals and Visions Drafted by the Goals Advisory Council (Final Reading)*. Senator Stacks presented an amendment to add a new Resolved clause that reads, “Resolved, That the Senate ask the President and UPC to consider modifying 1.2 to include a reference to information literacy.” **The Senate voted and the Stacks Amendment passed with four abstentions.** Senator Sabalius presented an amendment to add another Resolved clause that reads, “Resolved, That the Senate ask the President and UPC to consider the following: in 3.0 include a strong statement in support of academic freedom for faculty and students, and that 3.1, bullet 4, be changed to read “implemented strategies to measurably reduce faculty workload.” **The Senate voted and the Sabalius Amendment passed with 1 abstention. The Senate then voted on the main proposal and AS 1277 passed as amended with two abstentions and 1 Nay.**

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 & Research Committee –

Senator Lessow-Hurley said that the Curriculum and Research Committee will be bringing a resolution on revising the General Education (GE) guidelines at the next meeting. The GE guidelines will be published on the Academic Senate website. Should you have any questions about those guidelines, please contact either your Board of General Studies (BOGS) representative, or Dr. Gail Evans.

D. Organization and Government Committee –

Senator Veregge presented *AS 1275, Senate Management Resolution, Modification to Senate By-Laws, Role of Senate Secretary and Senate Administrative Analyst (Final Reading)*. Senator Donoho presented an amendment to remove “office” in the first line of 3.2. Senator Norton made a friendly amendment to the Donoho amendment to remove the following from the first line of 3.2, “represents the interests of the Senate Office, rather than a campus constituency group, She/he.”

Senator Donoho presented an amendment to remove “be recognized” from the first line of 3.3. Senator Van Selst presented an amendment to the Donoho amendment to remove all of 3.3. The Van Selst amendment to the Donoho amendment was not friendly. Senator Van Selst presented a friendly replacement amendment to the Donoho amendment to change 3.3 to read, “The Senate Administrator may be recognized to speak at Executive Committee meetings on matters relevant to Senate operations and on other matters when requested by the Senate Chair.” Senator Donoho then presented a friendly amendment to remove “be recognized to” from the first line of 3.3. as amended by Senator Van Selst.

Senator Donoho presented an amendment to add a new 3.6 to read, “The Senate Administrator shall work with the Associate Vice Chair to prepare the consent calendar and shall present the consent calendar for approval.” The Senate voted and the Donoho amendment failed.

Senator Donoho presented an amendment to change 3.5 to read, “The Senate Administrator shall provide administrative support to the Senate Chair and the Associate Vice Chair, and shall act as the Senate secretary and shall perform the duties normally assigned to the secretary and approved by the Senate Chair. The Senate Administrator shall be a non-voting adviser to the Committee on Committees and the Election Committee.” Senator Van Selst presented an amendment to the Donoho amendment to change 3.5 to read, “The Senate Administrator shall provide administrative support to the Senate Chair and the Associate Vice Chair, and shall act as Senate secretary and shall perform the duties normally assigned to the secretary and approved by the Senate Chair.” And, to add a new 3.6 that reads, “The Senate Administrator shall be a non-voting adviser to the Committee on Committees and the Election Committee.” The Van Selst amendment to the Donoho amendment was not friendly.

Senator Van Selst then presented another amendment to the Donoho amendment to leave the existing 3.5 which reads, “The Senate Administrator shall provide administrative support to the Senate Chair and the Associate Vice Chair, shall attend and take minutes of the Senate and Executive Committee meetings, shall have charge of the records and archives of the Senate and its website, shall prepare committee appointment letters and

maintain and update the committee membership lists, and shall assist in the preparation of election materials and the administration of Senate elections.” And, to add a 3.6 that reads, “The Senate Administrator shall act as the Senate secretary and shall perform those duties normally assigned to the secretary and approved by the Senate Chair.” And, to add a 3.7 that reads, “The Senate Administrator shall be a non-voting adviser on the Committee on Committees and the Election Committee.” The Van Selst amendment to the Donoho amendment was not friendly.

Chair Nellen asked the body if the Van Selst amendment would be friendly if the proposed section 3.6 as listed above was removed, and the proposed 3.7 became 3.6. The body agreed it was friendly. **The Senate voted and AS 1275 passed as amended.**

Senator Veregge presented *AS 1276, Senate Management Resolution, Modification to Role of Senate Secretary and Senate Administrative Analyst (Final Reading)*. **The Senate voted and AS 1276 passed unanimously.**

Senator Veregge presented *AS 1278, Policy Recommendation, Creation of the Heritage, Preservation, and Public History Committee (Final Reading)*. Senator Sigler presented a friendly amendment to remove “is an important asset that needs to be fostered and maintained” from the first whereas clause. Senator Van Selst made a friendly amendment to the Sigler amendment to change the comma after “1857” in the first whereas clause to a semi-colon. **The Senate voted and AS 1278 passed as amended.**

Senator Veregge presented *AS 1279, Policy Recommendation, Modification to Senate By-laws, Clarification of the General Unit (First Reading)*. Senator Veregge said, “The purpose of this resolution is to clarify the membership of the general unit, and to make it consistent with some changes in job descriptions and titles that have occurred in the past few years. The by-law used to individually list the members, i.e. coaches, counselors, librarians, etc. All these people are now in unit three, except for one group. So, we’ve changed the by-law to state all personnel in unit three are included that aren’t represented elsewhere in the policy. The other group of individuals that are included in the general unit membership are the Student Services Professionals (SSPs) III’s and IV’s that are a part of unit IV.”

E. Budget Advisory Committee -- None

F. Instruction & Student Affairs Committee --

Senator Thames presented *AS 1273, Policy Resolution, Academic Qualifications for Student Office Holders (Final Reading)*. **The Senate voted and AS 1273 passed unanimously.**

VII. Special Committee Reports -- None

VIII. New Business:

- A. Senator Norton presented a *Sense of the Senate Resolution from the floor, Recognition of Retiring Faculty*. Senator Norton said, “The reason for this resolution is that retiring faculty have been removed from the Faculty Service Recognition event this year. Senator Sigler said, “The Office of the Provost has agreed to sponsor an event for retiring faculty.” Chair Nellen asked, “Is the event sponsored by the Provost going to include retiring lecturers?” Senator Sigler said, “We have not discussed this yet.” **The Senate voted and the resolution passed.**

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

A. Vice President for Administration and Finance – Not present

B. Vice President for Student Affairs – Senator Phillips said, “I just have two announcements to make. From now until September 15, 2005, student organizations may apply for recognition in the Student Life and Leadership Office. There are basically two reasons for seeking recognition. One reason is so they may apply for funding from Associated Students, another reason is so that they may reserve facilities on campus. And, there are some support functions as well. The Greek Interfraternity Council is also expanding their members, so there may be one additional fraternity added to the campus. There are three fraternities on the list of finalists. They will host public forums over the next three weeks.” Senator Stacks asked, “How much funding do the organizations get from Associated Students?” Senator Greathouse said, “Associated Students gives out about \$110,000 a year.” Senator Stacks asked, “Are these finalists from national chapters?” Senator Phillips said, “That is correct.”

C. Associated Students President – Senator Greathouse said, “We have passed several resolutions in the past month. First, we had our Tsunami Relief resolution, and we put on a week of activities to raise money for the Tsunami victims. Next, we had a resolution passed opposing the Governor’s proposed budget. Then we passed a resolution in support of a bill targeting financial aid “ageism.” Financial aid can only be applied for if the student is under the age of 24. The average age of our student population at San José State University is 24, so that doesn’t really work for us. And, we passed a resolution in support of a Caesar Chavez Community Action Center that Associated Students will be putting \$10,000 towards. We will be working with the Center for Service Learning to establish this center. We also have our Associated Students Awards Ceremony coming up where we honor 55 student leaders that aren’t usually honored for the work they do. In addition, on April 20th and 21st, 2005, we will be going to the capitol to lobby. And, we have a brand new Associated Students Board of Directors coming on board, and we hope you will give them your support as they transition in.”

D. Statewide Academic Senator(s) – Moved to next meeting

E. Provost – Moved to next meeting

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