

2004/2005 Academic Senate

**MINUTES
May 16, 2005**

I. The meeting was called to order at 2:05 p.m. and attendance was taken. Forty-five Senators were present.

Ex Officio:

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

CASA Representatives:

Present: David, Fee, Gonzalez, Hooper

Administrative Representatives:

Present: Sigler, Ashton, Phillips, Lee

COB Representatives:

Present: Campsey, El-Shaieb

Deans:

Present: Breivik, Stacks, Wei
Absent: Meyers

ED Represent:

Present: Parsons, Maldonado-Colon, Lessow-Hurley

Students:

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

ENG Representatives:

Present: Pour, Singh

H&A Representatives:

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

Alumni Representative:

Present: Thompson

SCI Representatives:

Present: Veregge, McClory, Kellum, Scharberg, Bros

Emeritus Representative:

Present: Buzanski

SOS Representatives:

Present: Hebert, Von Till
Absent: Propas

Honorary Senators (Non-Voting):

Present: Norton

SW Representative:

Present: Wilson

General Unit Representatives:

Present: Thames
Absent: Liu

**II. Approval of Academic Senate Minutes –
May 9, 2005 – Approved as is.**

**III. Communications and Questions –
A. From the Chair of the Senate:**

Chair Nellen said, “We have done some bold and significant things this year. We encouraged President Kassing to take action to reduce the amount of the general fund going to Athletics, and we volunteered to assist if he would form a task force to study it. President Kassing did form that task force, and we all know that he is recommending an IRA fee increase, so that Athletics can begin to move to a 2% general fund contribution by 2007/2008.”

Chair Nellen said, “We greatly improved the budget and planning process bringing greater transparency to resource allocation. And, we made appropriate enhancements to our

general education program to better tie it to our mission.”

Chair Nellen said, “We also started an annual Academic Freedom Forum, created an Academic Freedom website, and created an Outstanding Lecturer Award.”

Chair Nellen said, “We created a Heritage, Preservation, and Public History Committee so that we can address the significantly overlooked issues of archiving and promoting our rich history. In addition, we created a formal policy on qualifications for student office holders. And, we created a Faculty Diversity Committee which will be proactive in helping the campus hire a more diverse faculty.”

Chair Nellen said, “We have had the highest participation level of students in the Senate and on its committees than we have had in many years. Thanks to Associated Students (AS) President Rachel Greathouse and AS Vice President Pearl Yuan.”

Chair Nellen said, “Thanks to all of you for working so hard this year. It has been a very busy year. Some things we have to look forward to next year include the work of the University Planning Council in creating specific plans to reach our goals in 2010, and continuing work to promote the importance of general education and a liberal education. We may also see a push by the Board of Trustees to reduce the minimum 48 units of general education. And, you should be seeing a new Retention-Tenure-Promotion (RTP) policy coming before you in fall. In addition, there will be continued work by the Instruction and Student Affairs Committee (I&SA) on reducing the time to degree for our students.”

Chair Nellen said, “For me personally, I will be continuing the Educated Person Dialogue. I will also be the Director of the Campus Reading Program at the request of AVP Bob Cooper. And, I will be teaching my first MUSE class in the fall. In addition, I will be on sabbatical in the Spring 2006.”

Chair Nellen said, “I like to extend a special thanks to Eva Joice, who works tirelessly to ensure the Senate is organized and is a resource for this campus. We have so much information readily available to the campus community on our website through our minutes, policies, and resolutions. Eva takes care of all that and a whole lot more. The Senate, Senate Chair, and its committees could not function without her support as well as her strong commitment to the Senate and the university. I would also like to thank our Student Assistant, Johnny Do.”

Chair Nellen said, “I’d also like to thank the members of the Executive Committee who set our agenda, strived to build consensus, and enabled us, along with Dorothy Poole, to make such progress on strategic planning. And, thanks to all of you and the members of all the Senate’s committees.”

Chair Nellen said, “Thank you for allowing me to be Senate Chair for the past two years. It has been an incredibly rewarding experience. I’ve had the chance to work with many wonderful and dedicated people on various projects. It has been a wonderful team effort,

and a highlight of my 15 years with the university.”

B. From the President of the University –

President Kassing said, “The Chancellor and the Trustees have expressed confidence in us. Dave Spence will be leaving as Chief Academic Officer, and I think he felt comfortable with the work that we have been doing here this year. I will be staying through summer 2007.”

President Kassing said, “I will be focusing on getting the strategic planning base laid in so there is a place to work from. Also, the WASC self study is critical. In addition, the campus village will be opening up, and VP Bob Ashton and I feel that we are in a good position for some fundraising this year.”

President Kassing said, “I’d like to thank Chair Nellen, the Executive Committee, and all of you for the year we’ve had. Trustee Carol Chandler, who was here last week, really enjoyed her visit, and was very complimentary of the campus and the Senate.”

President Kassing said, “The Tower Foundation has gotten much more involved with the Tower Award. This last Saturday, the Chairman of the Board of the Tower Foundation, Chuck Davidson, presented the Tower Award to Susan Hammer.”

President Kassing said, “The last thing I would mention is that we have moved for an increase in the IRA fee for Athletics. The current fee is \$12.75. The recommendation came from the Athletics Task Force. The recommendation is that the fee be increased to \$77.75. This would make our fee similar to that of San Diego (\$75) and Boise State Universities (\$90). Sacramento State and SLO, which are both below us in level of competition, are \$150 a semester/\$150 a year. We got into a broad discussion with the current AS Board of Directors on this and they supported us and I want to thank them for this. The incoming AS Board of Directors didn’t support this fee increase, but agreed not to work against it. We also met with the fraternity boards, the IRA, and we had a student forum last Thursday. The Campus Fee Advisory and Executive Committees both supported the fee increase last week. And, this fee will provide the base of a three-legged approach. It has a student investment of \$78 a semester, general fund support of 2%, and athletic revenue/fundraising.”

Questions:

Senator Buzanski said, “About a year or so ago, you presented a proposal about a high rise building here on San Fernando Street that we would eventually own. I thought this was a fabulous idea, is this idea dead?” President Kassing said, “It’s not dead, but it is on the shelf due to the low vacancy rates downtown and in the valley. It is probably three to five years away.”

IV. Executive Committee Report –

A. Executive Committee Minutes –

- i. 5/9/05 – No questions

B. Consent Calendar – The Senate approved as amended by Senator Maldonado-Colon.

C. Executive Committee Action Items:

i. Chair Nellen presented *AS 1299, Sense of the Senate Resolution, Joining the Coalition of Intercollegiate Athletics (COIA) (Final Reading)*. Senator Stacks presented a friendly amendment to add another Resolved clause to read, “Resolved, Should the COIA start charging dues this Sense of the Senate Resolution will be reexamined.” **The Senate voted and AS 1299 passed as amended.**

ii. Senator Sabalius presented *AS 1300, Sense of the Senate Resolution, Faculty Compensation and the Crisis in Recruiting and Retaining Faculty of High Quality (Final Reading)*. Senator Van Selst made a friendly amendment to change “Statewide Senate” to read “Academic Senate CSU,” and to change the 2nd sentence in the last resolved clause from “the Senate’s” to read, “the SJSU Academic Senate’s.” **The Senate voted and AS 1300 passed as amended.**

iii. Senator Heisch presented *AS 1301, Sense of the Senate Resolution, Commending Dean Patricia Senn Breivik for her Senate Service (Final Reading)*. Senator Heisch made a friendly amendment to remove the comma in the third Whereas clause after “Dean Breivik has.” **The Senate voted and AS 1301 passed as amended.**

V. Unfinished Business -

Senator Thames presented *AS 1291, Policy Recommendation, Greensheets (Syllabi) (Final Reading)*. Chair Nellen reminded the Senate that we left off at the last Senate meeting in debate on Senator Buzanski’s amendment to remove 2b, 2c, and 3. Senator Sabalius said that Senator Hebert had made a friendly amendment to the Buzanski amendment to leave in 2b. Senator Sabalius said the motion before the Senate at the close of the last meeting was to divide Senator Buzanski’s amendment. Senator Van Selst made an amendment to the Buzanski amendment to remove “or profession” in 2c. The Senate voted and the Van Selst amendment passed. Senator Fee made a friendly amendment to the Buzanski amendment to strike the word “any” in 2c. The Senate voted on the Buzanski amendment to remove 2c, and the amendment failed. Senator Stacks made a friendly amendment to keep the Van Selst and Fee amendments to 2c. Senator Thames made a friendly amendment to the title in 2 to remove “Profession” and add “or” before “Department.” Senator Stacks presented a substitute amendment to the Buzanski amendment to remove 3, and instead make 3 an appendix. The Senate voted and the Stacks amendment passed. Senator Fee made an amendment to change the word “inclusion” in the first sentence of the appendix to “consideration.” Senator Thames made a friendly amendment to add an additional bullet in the appendix to read, “Evacuation plan for the classroom.” Senator Kellum presented an amendment to change B. to read, “Each greensheet should include.” The Senate voted and the Kellum amendment failed. Senator Hebert presented an amendment to replace 2c with, “Any other statement required by the university, college or department policy.” The Senate voted and the Hebert amendment failed. Senator Sabalius presented an amendment to replace, “no later than the first class meeting” in the first and second bullets of A. to read, “during the first week of classes.” The Senate voted and the Sabalius amendment failed. Senator Lessow-Hurley made a friendly amendment to strike the word “include” in B.1.d). **The Senate voted and AS 1291**

passed as amended.

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

A. Instruction and Student Affairs Committee – Moved to next meeting

B. University Library Board – Moved to next meeting.

C. Professional Standards Committee – Moved to next meeting.

D. Curriculum and Research Committee – Moved to next meeting.

E. Organization and Government Committee – Moved to next meeting.

VII. Special Committee Reports – None

VIII. New Business:

A. Resolution from the Floor:

Senator Donoho presented *AS 1302, Sense of the Senate Resolution, Honoring and Thanking Dr. Annette Nellen for her Service to the Senate and the University (Final Reading)*. **The Senate voted and AS 1302 passed unanimously.**

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

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

B. Provost – Moved to next meeting

C. Vice President for Administration – Moved to next meeting

D. Vice President for Student Affairs – Moved to next meeting

E. Associated Students President – Moved to next meeting

X. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.