

2005/2006 Academic Senate

**MINUTES
February 27, 2006**

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

Ex Officio:

Present: Veregge, Nellen, Van Selst,
Sabalius, Gutierrez, Kassing
Absent: McNeil

Administrative Representatives:

Present: Sigler, Najjar
Absent: Phillips, Lee

Deans:

Present: Stacks, Merdinger, Wei,
Hegstrom

Students:

Present: Glover, Balderas, Le
Bridgeman, Estrada

Alumni Representative:

Present: Thompson

Emeritus Representative:

Present: Buzanski

Honorary Senators (Non-Voting):

Present: Norton

General Unit Representatives:

Present: Griffith, Moriarty, Thames

CASA Representatives:

Present: David, Fee, Perry
Absent: Hooper

COB Representatives:

Present: Osland, Campsey

EDUC Represent:

Present: Maldonado-Colon, Parsons, Lessow-Hurley

ENG Representatives:

Present: Singh, Meldal, Gao

H&A Representatives:

Present: Belet, Fleck, Desalvo, Leddy, Van Hooff
Absent: Hilliard

COS Representatives:

Present: McClory, Kaufman, Messina, Bros, Kellum

COSS Representatives:

Present: Von Till, Hebert, Peter

SW Representative:

Present: Wilson

**II. Approval of Academic Senate Minutes –
Minutes of December 5, 2005, were approved.**

III. Communications and Questions –

A. From the Chair of the Senate:

Chair Veregge welcomed Senator Leddy back. The Senate congratulated Senator David on receiving the Ford Grant. Past Chair Nellen gave a brief presentation on the Greater Expectations Institute. Chair Veregge said an important part of student success is advising. Advising can potentially add more to student success than the 120 hours spent in classes getting a degree. The book, *Student Success in College*, highlighted a key factor to student success as being student-to-faculty contact. The Undergraduate Studies (UG) Committee is looking at when would be a good point in time after students receive their initial advising, to require all students to have additional advising. The Enrollment Management Panel, a

University Planning Council (UPC) Advisory Panel, has a subgroup that met at the Greater Expectations Institute that will also be bringing some recommendations forward regarding advising. Many students need more than just a list of classes. They need individuals to help them deal with the challenges of a university education.

B. From the President of the University –

President Kassing welcomed the Senate back for the spring semester. The President said that we are going to meet our target enrollment, and we might be as much as 1 1/2% above target this year. President Kassing thanked everyone for their help in meeting this goal.

President Kassing said, "The Governor's budget was delivered in January 2006. It honors the elements in the compact. Recently the Legislative Analyst's Office has offered their view on that budget. The hearings haven't started yet, but we will be watching that closely."

President Kassing said, "The Don and Sally Lucas gift of \$10 million to the College of Business' is the largest donation in the history of San José State University. The university will name the graduate school of business after them. This issue will go before the Board of Trustees on March 14, 2006. Don and Sally Lucas both have wonderful memories of their time as students at San José State back in the 50's. They both mention professors they had that influenced them in their life. They can even tell you the course they took. Faculty should keep this in mind, because you may be affecting someone today that may think of us in the future."

President Kassing said that about sixty people from San José State were at the 3-day Greater Expectations Retreat in Asilomar in January. The retreat went very well. There were 6 teams that worked on parts of the strategic plan, and they did some extraordinary work.

President Kassing announced that the WASC special visit is this week on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. President Kassing said, "Last Monday Senator Frisk was here, the majority leader of the Senate. He is the author of the *Smart Grants*, which is a form of the Pell Grants directed at Math, Science, Technology, and Foreign Language areas. It was thrilling to meet him."

President Kassing said that the spring semester is going to be a very busy one, and that he believes that the work of the UPC, UPC panels, and the Senate will all come together.

Questions:

Senator Thames asked, "Can you comment on the fingerprint requirement for staff positions, and what the purpose of that is? Also, can you talk about the implications of faculty not being required to do that?"

President Kassing said, "This is a problem throughout the whole CSU. People have been hired with criminal records, or problems in their backgrounds that should have been known. That is the logic behind the requirement."

Senator Thames said, "What is the rationale for excluding faculty?" President Kassing said,

"I don't know how to answer that. Maybe in the next cycle." Senator Norton commented that this was due to a lawsuit by a faculty member over this issue in the past. President Kassing said they had heard about that.

Senator Stacks asked, "Once the fingerprints are taken and checked against the database, do they stay separate from the database, or are they entered into it?" President Kassing said, "I don't know the answer to that. I'll have to ask VP Rose Lee about it."

Senator Buzanski said, "An article in the New Republic just recently talked about diploma mills and fraudulent degrees. It seems that in our government right now there are thousands of employees with fake degrees that have falsified their resumes. The article pointed out how difficult it is to determine a legitimate accredited body as compared to a fly-by-night outfit. I'm just bringing this up to emphasize the necessity for our department to be exceedingly careful in that regard. It sounds like a very simple problem, but it is not."

President Kassing said, "One last item, the university's Foreign Language Department and the Goethe Institute in San Francisco, CA are inviting you and I to attend the opening of a photo exhibit for World Language and Soccer. I will be there. Senator Sabalius and I invite all of you to attend."

C. From the Provost –

Provost Sigler congratulated everyone on the work that was done to surpass our enrollment goal this year, and asked Senators to relay her gratitude to the Chairs and the Deans. The Provost said last year we were under our enrollment target more than 2%. This year we will exceed our enrollment target. Several CSU campuses will not even meet their target.

Provost Sigler announced that a WASC team will be here for three days, and they will be looking at how we have addressed planning, assessment, and enrollment management.

IV. Executive Committee Report –

A. Executive Committee Minutes –

December 5, 2005 – Senator Stacks asked if the people listed in item #3 were actually appointed to the IRB Task Force. Chair Veregge said no, that must have been an error in the minutes.

January 30, 2006 – No questions

February 13, 2006 – No questions

B. Consent Calendar – approved as amended.

C. Executive Committee Action Items: None

V. Unfinished Business -

Budget Report by the Vice President for Administration and Finance -

Cynthia Haliasz, Director, Budget Management, gave a brief presentation on the University's budget.

Questions:

Senator Peter asked, "In the comparison across campuses, where does the Athletics budget fit in those categories. Ms. Haliasz said, "It is a part of the academic support category."

Senator Haliasz said, "I was going to go over the Athletics budget, but since we don't have the books, I don't know if that would be a good thing to try and even talk about."

Senator Stacks said, "In the past, the NCAA has provided tables that breakdown the Athletic information. It may be helpful to use this information in the comparison in the future."

Senator Buzanski said, "I have a question regarding line 27. Provost Sigler said that a year ago we were 2% below our target enrollment. Line 27 talks about a mid-year 1% enrollment cut. How does that figure in with the 2% we were below, were we given back 1%?" Provost Sigler said, "This information is from 03/04, and I was referring to 04/05." Ms. Haliasz said, "This whole chart is 03/04 information."

Senator Sabalius said, "You said you would not talk about the Athletics Budget anymore?" Ms. Haliasz said, "Well, if you don't have the budget books it might be difficult." Senator Sabalius said, "I do have it and we all got them at the last meeting. We have all had time to read it." Ms. Haliasz said, "Good, good!" Senator Sabalius said, "On page 43, line 15, there is a loan payback, and then on line 19 it shows an accumulated deficit for the Athletic Department. If I am reading it correctly, line 18 is showing a loan payback of \$1.8 million from the Athletics Division to the university this year. Is this correct?" Ms. Haliasz said, "Back in 02/03, there was an agreement that Athletics would payback money over a three year period. In 03/04 they were unable to do so. That is not showing up as an expense here, it shows up as an accumulated deficit." Senator Sabalius said, "Is the intention here that during this academic year Athletics is going to pay back \$1.8 million?" Ms. Haliasz said, "At the end of 05/06, Athletics will be balanced." Senator Sabalius said, "Does that mean payback of the loan they received?" Ms. Haliasz said, "The loan has been covered. Perhaps President Kassing would like to address this." President Kassing said, "I'd love to, but I don't have the details that I need from VP Rose Lee to do that. However, there is no intent to payback the loan." Senator Sabalius asked, "There is no intent to payback the loan?" President Kassing said, "There is not." Ms. Haliasz said, "I know that VP Lee did apply some one-time funding to it, other than that I have no details." Senator Sabalius said, "How can this strategy be applied to the Department of Foreign Languages? I'd like to know how we can get a 3-year loan from the university, and then decide not to pay it back." Ms. Haliasz said, "We have a new regime in Athletics, and that transition is always difficult." Chair Veregge asked, "Was the loan from the general fund?" President Kassing said, "I'm not sure about this year, but the previous year it was."

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

Professional Standards Committee (PS):

Senator Bros presented *AS 1310, Policy Recommendation: Appointment, Retention, Tenure, and Procedures for Regular Faculty Employees (Final Reading)*.

Debate:

Senator Hegstrom made a motion to divide the question into 5 sections. Senator Norton proposed considering one section at a time in place of the Hegstrom motion to divide the question. Senator Hegstrom withdrew his motion. Senator Norton withdrew his suggestion.

Senator Peter made a motion to refer the resolution back to the committee with the instruction that the committee should take account of the suggestions brought to the Senate today and circulated through the Senate listserv to be brought back to the next meeting. Senator Stacks made a friendly amendment to have a 1/2 hour debate prior to the resolution being referred back to the committee. Senator Peter withdrew his motion. Senator Stacks withdrew her amendment.

Senator Sabalius made a motion to limit debate on the resolution to 30 minutes. Senator Lessow-Hurley proposed an amendment to the Sabalius motion to limit debate to 30 minutes today and then return it to committee to bring back at the next meeting. The Senate voted and the Lessow-Hurley amendment to the Sabalius motion failed. The Senate then voted on the Sabalius motion, and the Sabalius motion failed.

Senator Nellen proposed an amendment to page 15, section 5.1, to add a new section 5.1.2 that reads, "A tenured Associate Professor seeking promotion to full Professor must also submit these documents." Senator Meldal proposed an amendment to the Nellen amendment to add, "during their third year in rank, and every third year thereafter" after "these documents." Senator Nellen withdrew her amendment.

Senator Van Selst made a motion to return the resolution to the committee. Senator Hegstrom proposed an amendment to the Van Selst motion to return the resolution to the committee, that the committee bring it back in four Sense of the Senate Resolutions expressing each concept. Senator Buzanski made a motion to move all questions before the house. The Senate voted on the Buzanski motion and it passed. The Senate then voted on the Hegstrom amendment to the Van Selst motion and it passed. The Senate then voted on the Van Selst motion and it passed.

VII. Special Committee Reports – None

VIII. New Business – None

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

A. Provost - No Report.

B. VP for Administration and Finance - No Report.

C. VP for Student Affairs - No Report.

D. Associated Students President - No Report.

E. Statewide Academic Senator(s) - No Report.

X. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.