

**2005/2006 Academic Senate**

**MINUTES  
April 3, 2006**

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

**Ex Officio:**

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

**Administrative Representatives:**

Present: Sigler, Najjar, Phillips, Lee

**Deans:**

Present: Merdinger, Hegstrom, Stacks,  
Wei

**Students:**

Present: Glover, Bridgeman  
Absent: Balderas, Estrada, Le

**Alumni Representative:**

Present: Thompson

**Emeritus Representative:**

Present: Buzanski

**Honorary Senators (Non-Voting):**

Present: Norton

**General Unit Representatives:**

Present: Thames  
Absent: Griffith, Moriarty

**CASA Representatives:**

Absent: David, Fee, Perry, Hooper

**COB Representatives:**

Present: Osland, Campsey

**EDUC Represent:**

Present: Maldonado-Colon, Parsons, Lessow-Hurley

**ENG Representatives:**

Present: Singh, Meldal  
Absent: Gao

**H&A Representatives:**

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

**COS Representatives:**

Present: McClory, Kaufman, Messina, Bros, Kellum

**COSS Representatives:**

Present: Hebert, Peter  
Absent: Von Till

**SW Representative:**

Present: Wilson

**II. Approval of Academic Senate Minutes –  
Minutes of March 13, 2006, were approved as amended.**

**III. Communications and Questions –**

**A. From the Chair of the Senate:**

Chair Veregge congratulated the Associated Students Directors that would be returning to the Senate next year.

**B. From the President of the University –**

The President said that the loan program, while not perfect, was preserved both in the house and the Senate, but was not in the President's budget. The Trio and Gear-up Programs were approved in the house.

Our fall admissions look very good. We are up almost 12% on applications, and 17% on admits. That is good work on behalf of the Provost and AVP Marshall Rose.

The President thanked the Senate for the changes to the Selection and Review of Administrators policy at the last meeting. The President said the Senate would be debating a resolution on fingerprinting today, and he looked forward to that discussion.

The President has asked Interim VP of Advancement, Fred Najjar, to stay in the position through the end of his term as President, about another 15 or 16 months. The President would prefer not to have to do a search right now. The Executive Committee supported the President's decision at today's meeting.

**Questions:**

Senator Norton said that he has given several substantial donations to the university through the Tower Foundation, but he never gets any reports to show what they are doing with the donation. Senator Norton suggested that donors should receive acknowledgement and regular reports on the usage of the donations. Provost Sigler said one of the goals of the Tower Foundation this year is to report to donors in a different way.

**IV. Executive Committee Report –**

**A. Executive Committee Minutes –**

**March 13, 2006** – Senator Buzanski asked about item 8. He did not believe the bookstore could go bankrupt due to competition from another textbook seller. Chair Veregge said that this particular bookseller only carries books for classes with a high volume of students, whereas the bookstore sells books for all the classes. This would be unfair competition for them. Senator Glover asked if the other bookseller was allowed to come on campus. Chair Veregge said that she believed they had not followed the proper procedures. Senator Thames said that the Instruction and Student Affairs Committee (I&SA) would be bringing a resolution to the next meeting regarding textbooks. Senator Lee will return to the Senate with a full report on this incident.

**B. Consent Calendar – approved as is.**

**C. Executive Committee Action Items:**

Senator Nellen presented *AS 1320, Sense of the Senate Resolution, Fingerprinting New Employees (Final Reading)*. Senator Nellen made a motion to return the resolution to the Executive Committee. The Senate voted and the motion failed. **The Senate voted and AS 1320 failed (4-9-23).**

**Unfinished Business --**

Senator Bros continued with the presentation of *AS 1318, Sense of the Senate Resolution, Professional Development Plan (Final Reading)*. Senator Bros withdrew AS 1318.

## VI. Policy Committee and University Library Board Action Items (in rotation):

### A. Organization and Government (O&G) Committee:

Senator Parsons presented *AS 1322, Policy Resolution, Merging, Dividing, Transferring, Eliminating Academic Departments (First Reading)*.

#### Questions:

Senator Campsey said, "In the 2nd Resolved clause it talks about the temporary faculty voting, but their vote is advisory only. Who would their vote be advisory to, and could the vote be ignored?" Senator Norton said, "This language is borrowed from the department chair policy that was passed last year."

Senator Nellen said, "In the Resolved clause under item 5, what was the thought process in having O&G be the hearing board." Senator Norton said, "Someone has to be the hearing board, who else?"

Senator Bros said, "I have a question about the Resolved clause under item 2, what happens in a department where the vast majority of the faculty are temporary and have been there for some time?" Senator Norton said, "There is that problem and it is not solvable. There are only a few departments like that. The only other way to do it is to have the part-time faculty vote proportionate to their appointments."

Senator Sabalius said, "Does this resolution assume there won't be any layoffs of tenure or tenure-track faculty, and if it doesn't shouldn't that be addressed?" Senator Norton said, "Only termination of programs involve the layoff of faculty."

Senator Hegstrom said, "What is the definition of a department, for example is a department in a receiving college an affected department?" Senator Norton said, "That depends on how they would be impacted."

Senator Peter said, "If a department wanted to move from one college to another, would the Deans of both colleges need to consent under this policy, or just the receiving college or exiting college?" Senator Norton said, "The Dean of any college affected would need to consent." Senator Peter said, "That pretty much rules out any involuntary moves." Senator Norton said, "You are right."

Senator Van Selst said, "What is the purpose of having the last sentence of item 5 of the Resolved clause? Aren't all decisions ultimately up to the President or the Provost in the best interests of the college?" Senator Norton said, "Someone has to make the final decision, and it reminds people that the university has interests."

Senator Parsons presented *AS 1323, Senate Management Resolution, Committee Assignment of the Vice-Chair of the Senate on the University Library Board (First Reading)*. Senator Norton said that this must be a policy resolution, because you cannot amend a policy with a Senate Management Resolution. The resolution was changed to a policy resolution. Senator Nellen made a motion to make the resolution a final reading.

The Senate voted and the motion passed. (Meeting adjourned--questions/debate to be continued at the next meeting.)

**B. Instruction and Student Affairs (I&SA) Committee:**

Senator Thames presented *AS 1321, Sense of the Senate Resolution, Student Organization Advising (Final Reading)*. Senator Bros presented an amendment to add a new resolved clause to read, "Resolved: That the I&SA Committee in conjunction with Professional Standards (PS) Committee provide guidelines on how to properly document faculty member involvement and advice." The Senate voted and the amendment passed. Senator Norton made a friendly amendment to add "should" before "consider" in the third Resolved clause, 2nd line. Senator McNeil made a friendly amendment to the 4th Whereas clause, 2nd line to read, "the approximately 250 SJSU student organizations fewer than half currently have advisors; and." Senator Phillips presented a friendly amendment to add an additional resolved clause at the end that reads, "Resolved, that the President's staff be asked to consider creating a process for annual recognition of outstanding faculty or staff advisors for student organizations." **The Senate voted and AS 1321 passed.**

Senator Thames presented *AS 1308, Policy Recommendation, Final Examination, Evaluation, or Culminating Activity Policy (Final Reading)*. Senator Van Selst presented a friendly amendment to change item 2 to read, "If a student has more than 2 exams scheduled within a 24-hour period." **The Senate voted and AS 1308 passed.**

**C. University Library Board (ULB) -- None**

**D. Professional Standards (PS) Committee:**

Senator Bros presented an amended version of *AS 1318, Sense of the Senate Resolution, Professional Development Plan (Final Reading)* that incorporates all of the amendments passed at the last Senate meeting. **The Senate voted and AS 1318 passed (24-4-4).**

**E. Curriculum and Research (C&R) Committee -- None**

**VII. Special Committee Reports – None**

**VIII. New Business – None**

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

**A. Associated Students President - No Report.**

**B. Statewide Academic Senator(s) - No Report.**

**C. VP for Administration and Finance - No Report.**

**D. Provost - No Report.**

**E. Vice President for Student Affairs - No Report.**

**X. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.**