

2005/2006 Academic Senate

**MINUTES
May 8, 2006**

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

Ex Officio:

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

CASA Representatives:

Present: David, Fee, Perry
Absent: Hooper

Administrative Representatives:

Present: Sigler, Najjar, Phillips, Lee

COB Representatives:

Present: Osland, Campsey

Deans:

Present: Merdinger, Hegstrom, Stacks,
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EDUC Represent:

Present: Maldonado-Colon, Parsons, Lessow-Hurley

Students:

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

ENG Representatives:

Present: Singh, Meldal, Gao

Alumni Representative:

Present: Thompson

H&A Representatives:

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

Emeritus Representative:

Absent: Buzanski

COS Representatives:

Present: McClory, Kaufman, Messina, Bros
Absent: Kellum

Honorary Senators (Non-Voting):

Present: Norton

COSS Representatives:

Present: Hebert, Peter, Von Till

General Unit Representatives:

Present: Thames, Griffith, Moriarty

SW Representative:

Present: Wilson

II. Approval of Academic Senate Minutes –
Minutes of April 24, 2006, were approved.

III. Communications and Questions –

A. From the Chair of the Senate:

Chair Veregge introduced Ruth Kifer, the new Dean of the Library. Dean Kifer gave a brief presentation about herself and the Library.

Chair Veregge said, "We are progressing on Vision 2010. One of the goals for Vision 2010 was to become a more student-centered campus. This year we've talked a lot about student success. We are all so busy, we don't often get a chance to get around campus and see all the people who contribute to the success of our students. This is why we've invited some

individuals from student services to give us presentations. Everyone on campus contributes to student success in some manner. I'd like to talk a moment about how the faculty contribute to student success. As we've grown, the faculty have done their best to engage students and contribute to their success. However, as we've evolved the expectations of faculty have changed. It's become more and more difficult for faculty to carve out that individual time with students. I really encourage us as we go forward to look at what the faculty do, and how we can build in ways for them to have a more intimate relationship with students. I don't want us to think the whole university revolves around the faculty, but also I don't want us to leave the faculty out when thinking about how we support student success."

Chair Veregge presented Senator McNeil with an award for his service to the Senate.

B. From the President of the University –

President Kassing extended his congratulations and thanks to Senator McNeil. The President then announced that Mike Honda would be the graduation ceremony speaker this year. The President and the Provost will be leaving early, because they are meeting with a team on campus to evaluate our progress in terms of the system-wide policy on graduation rates, and the 22 points of light. The President said that the University Planning Council (UPC) continues to work diligently, and that they are going to try to connect that work to the budget process this summer.

Questions:

Senator Norton asked when the presidential search was going to take place. The President responded that he was not a part of that process and didn't know. Senator Van Selst said that on Friday, Chancellor Reed was asked about the presidential search to presumably take place at SJSU next year. The Chancellor's response was "don't make assumptions." Chair Veregge said that she had just called Chancellor Reed about this, and she hoped to have a response within the next couple of days.

IV. Executive Committee Report –

A. Executive Committee Minutes –

April 3, 2006 -- No Questions.

April 24, 2006 --

Senator Peter asked if the mission statement was going to be revised, and he mentioned that the last time it was revised all policy committees were involved in the process. Chair Veregge said, "Senator Lessow-Hurley was researching the process, and the Executive Committee discussed what would be the appropriate time to revise it. It may come up next year, and if so we would probably use the same process we have used historically."

Senator Norton noted that the College of Social Science maintains regalia donated to it from retired faculty members, and it is loaned out when needed.

B. Consent Calendar – None

C. Executive Committee Action Items:

Senator Van Selst presented *AS 1332, Sense of the Senate Resolution, Honoring Senator David McNeil (Final Reading)*. **The Senate voted and AS 1332 passed unanimously.**

V. Unfinished Business -- None

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

A. University Library Board (ULB): No action items.

B. Professional Standards Committee (PS) --

Senator Bros presented *AS 1324, Policy Recommendation, Procedures to be Followed when Administering SOTES (Final Reading)*. **The Senate voted and AS 1324 passed with one abstention.**

Senator Bros presented *AS 1310, Policy Recommendation, Appointment, Retention, Tenure, and Promotion Criteria, Standards and Procedures for Probationary and Tenured Faculty Employees (Final Reading)*. Senator Thames made a friendly amendment to change "on and off campus" in 2.1.3.1.2 and 2.1.3.2.2 to "on or off campus." The meeting adjourned during questions.

C. Curriculum and Research Committee (C&R) --

Senator David presented *AS 1327, Policy Recommendation, Undergraduate Declaration of Major and Advising (Final Reading)*. Senator Van Selst made a friendly amendment to change the 2nd to the last resolved clause to read, "Resolved that all students will meet with program-designated faculty or other advisor when their units completed exceeds 100% of the minimum units required for the degree, and every 15 units thereafter; and be it further." **The Senate voted and AS 1327 failed.**

D. Organization and Government Committee (O&G) :

Senator Parsons presented *AS 1322, Policy Recommendation, Merging, Dividing, Transferring, Eliminating Academic Departments (Final Reading)*. Senator Peter made a friendly amendment to change number 3 to read, "3. In addition to consultation with the affected department or departments, such a proposal also requires consultation with the dean of any college affected and approval of the Provost." **The Senate voted and AS 1322 passed as amended.**

E. Instruction and Student Affairs (I&SA) Committee -- No action items.

VII. Special Committee Reports – None

VIII. New Business – None

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

- A. Vice President for Administration - No Report.**
- B. VP for Student Affairs - No Report.**
- C. Provost - No Report.**
- D. Associated Students President - No Report.**
- E. Statewide Academic Senator(s) - No Report.**

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