

2006/2007 Academic Senate

**MINUTES
March 19, 2007**

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

Ex Officio:

Present: Gorman, Lessow-Hurley,
Veregge, Gutierrez,
Van Selst, Sabalius
Absent: Kassing

CASA Representatives:

Present: Perry, Hooper, Fee
Absent: Canham

Administrative Representatives:

Present: Sigler, Najjar, Lee
Absent: Phillips

COB Representatives:

Present: Jiang, Gehrt
Absent: Campsey

Deans:

Present: Merdinger, Wei, Hegstrom,
Stacks

ED Represent:

Present: Rickford, Maldonado-Colon, Parsons

Students:

Present: Bridgeman, Antazo
Henderson, Patel, Reyes
Absent: Dresher

ENG Representatives:

Absent: Backer, Gao, Meldal

Alumni Representative:

Present: Thompson

H&A Representatives:

Present: Desalvo, Leddy, Van Hooff, Belet, Harris
Absent: Vanniarajan

Emeritus Representative:

Present: Buzanski

SCI Representatives:

Present: McClory, Kaufman, Bros, Hilliard
Absent: Hamill

Honorary Senators (Non-Voting):

Present: Norton

General Unit Representatives:

Present: Thames

SOS Representatives:

Present: Peter, Hebert, Von Till

**II. Approval of Academic Senate Minutes –
Minutes of February 26, 2007, were approved.**

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

Chair Lessow-Hurley welcomed the two new Senators, Mengxiong Liu and Alex Antazo.

Chair Lessow-Hurley made the following announcements:

There are microphones in the back of the room for Senators to use, and today's resolutions

will be projected on the screen for Senators to view.

Committee Preference Forms are due in the Senate Office by March 30, 2007. If Senators do not submit a Committee Preference Form, Associate Vice Chair (AVC) McClory will select a committee for them.

Senators should have received their faculty release time forms for the University Planning Council (UPC) process by now. If you have not received one, stop by the Provost Office to pick one up.

There are 2 vacant faculty-at-large seats with 2-year terms on the UPC. If you are interested, please send a statement of interest to Chair Lessow-Hurley via email, or by hardcopy to the Senate Office.

The Reading Committee expressed its gratitude to Senators for their support.

The WASC visit is over, and Provost Sigler will be giving more details about the visit later today.

There will be a system wide summit in April on the Strategic Planning effort. A campus team will be going including Chair Lessow-Hurley.

A delegation from the campus, including Chair Lessow-Hurley, will be going to Sacramento on April 30, 2007, to accept a resolution from both houses of the state legislature in honor of SJSU's 150th Anniversary.

The Executive Assistant to the Chancellor has confirmed that we will have a presidential search in Spring 2008. The Senate will need to choose representatives to the search committee in the Fall 2007. The election process requires the Senate to call for an elected member from every college and then choose from among those representatives.

We are still waiting to see what the outcome of the strike vote will be. The Executive Committee has discussed the need for collegiality in the event of a work action. Chair Lessow-Hurley said, "If it becomes necessary to convene the Senate in the event of a work action for the good of the faculty, then I will try to do so in a way that does not require me to break ranks with my colleagues."

B. From the President of the University –

Provost Sigler made the following announcements for the President:

President Kassing is in Sacramento for the CSU Legislative Day.

The College of Engineering received the largest monetary gift in the history of SJSU, \$15 million, on March 8, 2007. Congratulations to Dean Wei and VP Najjar.

The WASC team was here March 7-9, 2007. They visited 5 or 6 off-campus sites and

distance learning programs. The off-campus locations included Moss Landing Marine Laboratories, Lockheed Martin, the Monterey County Office of Education facility in Salinas, and Fullerton. WASC was pleased with the quality of the programs offered off-site.

The WASC team focused on ensuring the campus was making progress on issues identified during their special visit a year ago. The issues included; strategic planning, assessment of student learning outcomes, enrollment management, and collection of data. The team also looked at how the university was complying with substantive change regulations. Substantive change includes any major change to the mission of the university, the delivery of programs, or the creation of new programs. WASC was uncertain that SJSU was complying with regulations in the initiation of distance programs, and the delivery of more than 50% of our programs off-campus. The WASC team also looked at the 3 themes we identified in our report; integrative learning, community connections, and inclusive excellence.

The WASC team commended SJSU for making significant progress on all the issues they identified in their special visit, for preparing an excellent report, for having a great team, and for having an excellent writer (Kathleen Roe, CASA). The WASC team further commented that there was a lot of energy on campus, that the people were very frank and open, and that everyone was very committed to the campus. The WASC team commented on the impact SJSU has on the region, and the quality of our graduates. The WASC team congratulated the campus for its strong engagement with the community.

The WASC team's recommendations included; continuing our efforts in the area of assessment of learning outcomes, prioritizing in strategic planning, making more and better use of data to drive our decisions, creating a better definition of inclusive excellence, and enhancing our focus on bridging the achievement gap.

SJSU will receive a draft of the WASC team's report in a couple of weeks. The report can be reviewed for factual errors only. The report will then be sent to the commission, and after that the team will make their confidential recommendation to WASC. The commission will meet in late June, and SJSU will probably get a letter in July.

This has been a 5-year effort involving hundreds of people. Provost Sigler expressed both her and President Kassing's gratitude to everyone.

Provost Sigler announced the Outstanding Professor for 2007-2008, Dr. Ethel Walker.

Provost Sigler invited all Senators to attend the symphony on April 4, 2007, in celebration of SJSU's 150th Anniversary.

Provost Sigler wished everyone a happy spring break.

Questions:

Senator Peter asked, "Has there been an opportunity to comment to WASC about the length

of the review?" Provost Sigler said, "We will have an opportunity to comment to them at the end of the review about the process."

IV. Executive Committee Report –

A. Executive Committee Minutes –

February 26, 2007 - No Questions

March 12, 2007 -

Senator Stacks asked Chair Lessow-Hurley to elaborate on item number 4 in the March 12, 2007, minutes. Chair Lessow-Hurley said, "That is pretty much what I know." Senator Peter asked, "Why was the consent calendar of March 12, 2007, approved with a divided vote?" Chair Lessow-Hurley said, "I had a concern about students taking on more committees than they might be able to carry."

B. Consent Calendar – Approved with one addition.

C. Executive Committee Action Items:

Senator Van Selst presented *AS 1355, Sense of the Senate Resolution, Commending the Leadership of the WASC Re-Accreditation Review for Service to the University (Final Reading)*. Senator Stacks proposed an amendment to add "Sutee Sujitparapitaya" to the list of honorees. The Senate voted and the Stacks amendment passed. **The Senate voted and AS 1355 passed as amended.**

Senator Thames presented *AS 1356, Amendment of AS Policy S00-4 - Policies and Procedures for Naming of Colleges, Schools, and Other Academic Entities at San José State University (Final Reading)*. **The Senate voted and AS 1356 passed.**

V. Unfinished Business - None

VI. Special Order of Business:

Approval of the Academic Senate Calendar for 2007/2008 --

Chair Lessow-Hurley made a motion to approve the calendar. The motion was seconded. The Senate voted and the calendar was approved.

VII. Policy Committee and University Library Board Action Items. In rotation.

A. University Library Board (ULB) -

Senator Peter presented *AS 1351, Sense of the Senate Resolution, Library Resources to support the Independent Ed.D. (Final Reading)*. Senator Peter made an editorial change correcting a misspelling in the last sentence on the first page from "legislature" to "legislatre." **The Senate voted and AS 1351 passed unanimously.**

B. Professional Standards Committee (PS) - None

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

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

Senator Hebert presented *AS 1354, Policy Recommendation, Repeal of S05-10 and Adoption of The Planning and Budget Process at SJSU (First Reading)*. Senator Hebert said, "This policy will eliminate the Resource Planning Board (RPB) as presently constituted and then take many of the same people and place them on a new board called the Resource Review Board (RRB). This policy was referred to O&G, because many members of the RPB committee felt they were not doing enough work. Also, the University Planning Council (UPC) has been doing most of the functions that were assigned to the RPB. We (O&G) noticed that the campus was lacking an oversight and reporting committee or board, and we thought it would be a good idea to have one so that is what we propose to do here. We are replacing the RPB with a new Special Agency that will suggest improvements in the process involved in resource allocation, suggest procedures for evaluating the effectiveness of expenditures, and consult with the appropriate offices that recommend to the President how to communicate this often very complex financial data loved by the accountants, into a form that ordinary professors and the citizens of the state of California can understand."

Questions:

Senator Gorman asked, "What do you see this as doing?" Senator Lee replied, "The intent is to change the board from a RPB to a RRB. It turns out that in the planning process, the timeline is not long enough for yet another group to review the requests. The requests are reviewed in the UPC and recommended to the President, and as currently written, should have another review by the RPB. There have been so many initiatives that it took 3 - 4 months to listen to all the groups and budget requests, and it was impossible to fit the RPB in there as yet another group to listen to the same requests and make a recommendation. It was thought that perhaps the RPB might not be dissolved, but that the purpose of the group could be redirected and refocused on reporting and questioning alignment of the budget in the overall sense. And, the RRB could serve the purpose of helping to disseminate budget and financial information to the campus as a whole."

Senator Gorman said, "I'm still a little confused." Senator Norton said, "Perhaps I can suggest you look at 2.2.2.5 (a typo - should be 2.2.2.4) where it says, "The Resource Review Board advises the President on alignment of resources to priorities and on the effectiveness of allocation and expenditures of campus financial resources. The RRB will review processes and results to determine whether:

2.2.4.1. Sources of funding are correctly identified and employed;

2.2.4.2. Allocations have been timely and appropriate in amount;

2.2.4.3. Allocations have been consistent with established priorities

2.2.4.4. Expenditures have resulted in accomplishment of the intended goals and

objectives."

Senator Gorman replied, "I understand the rhetoric." Senator Norton said, "No, that's not rhetoric." Senator Gorman said, "My question is, isn't this kind of redundant?" Senator Norton said, "No, a review board is 100% justified." Senator Lee said, "Part of the RRB's task is review, and the other part is to report to the Chancellor budget and financial information. The hope was that the RRB would research any questions and report back, and it would also review the process instead of looking at the specific requests, which is what the UPC does. It was thought the RRB would be an evaluative as well as a reporting group." Senator Gorman said, "I understand that. My question is what is the larger or specific role of the RPB?" Senator Lee said, "The RPB has been in place for 2 years, and quite frankly we are reviewing to see what works and what doesn't work. What didn't work was that the RPB just could not get in there and do what was defined in the resolution." Senator Hebert said, "The UPC currently prioritizes Goals Advisory Committee (GAC) recommendations. The GAC recommends long-term goals, and the UPC prioritizes them. The members of the UPC found it impossible to do so without considering how much in terms of resources should be devoted to each goal. Because they couldn't do that, that left very little for the RPB to do. The RPB is supposed to allocate resources to the goals prioritized by the GAC."

Senator Van Selst asked, "I think this simplifies the resource allocation process. My question is regarding 2.2.7. (2.2.6. on the screen), the Executive Order referred to a budget advisory or a budget review committee, and I was wondering if the UPC might be the correct body there? I'm not sure exactly what the Executive Order entails." Senator Hebert said, "It calls for an advisory board."

Senator Veregge said, "Having been on the RPB for about three years, I think these are excellent changes. My only question is does there need to be new language regarding the UPC, since that body is now dealing with the funds that go to various proposals. Is it explicit in this document that the UPC is now going to deal with the budgetary aspects that used to be part of the RPB?" Chair Lessow-Hurley said, "I am on the UPC and RPB. The strategic planning process is going to assess itself. When you realign one piece, there may be a need to realign another piece. This will actually come to the Senate Executive Committee." Senator Norton said, "There is a great overlap between the two committees. I would also point out that the RPB was created before the other committees. This created an overlap in functions, and we are trying to straighten that out."

Senator Stacks asked, "Is 805 the appropriate Executive Order?" Senator Kaufman said, "Executive Order 805 is correct."

Senator Maldonado-Colon asked, "Are we saying that this committee is now going to be an auditing committee instead of a planning committee? If so, did you look at the membership of the committee?" Senator Hebert said, "I don't know that the intended purpose of the committee is supposed to be auditing, which seems to imply expertise in financial documents, but rather that it would serve as a liaison between the accounting side, the general professorship, and the campus community on how to translate financial documents into readily understood forms."

Senator Peter asked, "It seems to me that you might want to consider building into the membership someone with some accounting expertise to serve in the translation activity you just described." Senator Norton commented that there are three faculty-at-large selected based on their knowledge and interest in understanding university finances, and a staff member familiar with university budget procedures on the committee.

Senator Van Selst asked, "Are all the policies listed in the 3rd Resolved clause going to be repealed?" Senator Hebert said, "Yes."

Senator Bros asked, "How does the number of faculty on the UPC compare with the number of faculty on the proposed RRB?" Senator Hebert said, "I don't have the membership of the UPC with me." Chair Lessow-Hurley said, "There are two faculty-at-large that serve on the UPC along with the Senate Chair and Vice Chair. Then the UPC has panels that are made-up largely of faculty. The RPB has three faculty-at-large, a department chair, the Senate Chair and Senate Vice Chair. In the proposed RRB the Vice Chair and a faculty member would be removed." Senator Bros said, "What I wanted to know is if there was a decrease in the number of faculty on the proposed RRB?" Senator Hebert said, "The number of faculty on the RRB has remained the same. I'm not sure about the UPC." Senator Bros said, "The reason why I ask that is that the function would no longer be advisory. The original function of the RPB was to advise and set priorities, so my question is has the amount of faculty input changed in that process of setting priorities?" Senator Hebert said, "The RPB was supposed to allocate resources to goals prioritized by the UPC, which is one of the reasons we are revisiting this."

Senator Gorman said, "I'm wondering if it would appropriate for the next meeting to have a display showing what the current make-up of the RPB is, and what the proposed changes are. It is difficult when you are listening to it to keep track of the changes." Senator Hebert said, "By changes do you mean a flow chart or a strikeout version?" Senator Gorman said, "No, a comparison." Senator Hebert said, "Are you referring to the policies repealed in the resolved clause?" Senator Gorman said, "Yes." Senator Hebert said, "All of these policies had previously been repealed by S05-10, and I was unsure of the effect of repealing S05-10 as to whether that would bring these policies back to life or not. No new policies have been repealed except S05-10."

Senator Wei said, "I think it would be nice if we had a table displaying the functions and roles and responsibilities of the RPB and the UPC. One table should show the current functions and membership and the other would show the proposed functions and membership."

Senator Thames said, "What was the rationale for removing one faculty member and the Vice Chair of the Senate?" Senator Norton said, "There was no rationale. We just wanted to reduce the size of the committee. My original proposal called for increasing the number of faculty, but the RPB reviewed this and recommended that we cut back on the membership." Senator Buzanski asked, "Senator Hebert are you aware you are truly a revolutionary individual here? I am not aware of bureaucratic agencies ever going out of business. This

Senate does not go around abolishing agencies, and you are proposing to do so." Senator Hebert said, "Yes, and they make nice things in kevlar now."

Senator Sabalius said, "Despite that oversight, I would like to commend Senator Hebert on the financial impact and workload comments here for their refreshing style."

VIII. Special Committee Reports – None

IX. New Business –

A. Senate Calendar for 2007/2008 -- approved as is.

B. Resolution from the floor of the Senate --

Senator Buzanski presented a *Sense of the Senate Resolution, Opposing Proposed Name Change (Final Reading)*. Senator Sabalius proposed an amendment to change "faceless" to "uniform" in the 4th whereas clause. The motion was seconded. Senator Norton made a friendly amendment to the Sabalius amendment to change "uniform" to "uniformity of the." Senator Hebert proposed an amendment to the Sabalius amendment, as modified by the Norton amendment, to change "uniformity of the" to "homogeneity." The Hebert amendment was not seconded. Senator Jiang proposed an amendment to the Sabalius amendment to change "uniformity of the" to "generic." The Jiang amendment was seconded. The Senate voted and the Jiang amendment to the Sabalius amendment failed. Senator Stacks proposed a substitute amendment to the Sabalius amendment to strike the word "faceless." The motion was seconded. The Senate voted and the Stacks substitute amendment failed. The Senate then voted on the Sabalius amendment, as amended by the Norton amendment, and the Sabalius amendment failed. **The Senate then voted on the main resolution and the resolution passed with 1 abstention.**

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

A. Vice President for University Advancement -

VP Najjar announced that April 4, 2007, is the Symphony Silicon Valley concert in honor of SJSU's 150th Anniversary. In addition, the San Jose Mercury News will be running a series on SJSU's 150th Anniversary on April 29, 2007. VP Najjar announced a new area in University Advancement called Government relations. Larry Carr, a graduate of SJSU, is the new AVP for that area. AVP Carr came to SJSU from Stanford hospital where he ran the government relations area. VP Najjar also announced that the Engineering Building had been renamed the Charles W. Davidson College of Engineering, and thanked Dean Wei for her hard work. VP Najjar announced that as of the end of February, University Advancement had raised more money to date than they had in any previous year. University Advancement hopes to have a record fundraising year.

B. Statewide Academic Senators -

Senator Van Selst commented on several issues before the CSU Statewide Senate including; a motion of support for the Carnegie Student Community Engagement

Classification, support for professional science masters programs, a statement of concern regarding "No Child Left Behind," encouraging the graduate differential funding, enhancing the doctoral culture within the CSU, the community college ballot initiative, the voluntary system of accountability, disability accommodation issues, lower division transfer program, and professional doctorates in Nursing.

C. Provost - None

D. Vice President for Administration and Finance - None

E. Vice President for Student Affairs - None

F. Associated Students (AS) President --

Associated Students President Alberto Gutierrez announced that AS elections would be held Tuesday and Wednesday (March 20-21, 2007). Students may vote online through MYSJSU. President Gutierrez said that 55 students would be honored as stars of SJSU on April 26, 2007. Wiggys Sivertsen will be the guest speaker. Nomination forms can be picked up at AS. Eighteen students will be attending the California Higher Education Student Summit on April 13-15, 2007. Students will be lobbying legislators to provide more funding for the CSU system. AS is participating in a CSU letter-writing campaign in opposition to the 10% CSU student fee increase. AS has collected over 500 letters from students opposed to the fee increase. AS President Gutierrez announced that Senators Bridgeman and Henderson were running for AS President for 2007/2008.

XI. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.