

**2006/2007 Academic Senate**

**MINUTES  
May 14, 2007**

**I. The meeting was called to order at 2:07 p.m. and attendance was taken. Forty-five Senators were present.**

**Ex Officio:**

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

**Administrative Representatives:**

Present: Sigler, Najjar, Phillips  
Absent: Lee

**Deans:**

Present: Merdinger, Hegstrom,  
Stacks, Wei

**Students:**

Present: Dresher, Henderson, Reyes,  
Patel, Bridgeman

**Alumni Representative:**

Present: Lewis for Thompson

**Emeritus Representative:**

Present: Buzanski

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

Present: Norton

**General Unit Representatives:**

Present: Thames, Liu

**CASA Representatives:**

Present: Perry, Fee, Canham  
Absent: Hooper

**COB Representatives:**

Present: Jiang  
Absent: Gehrt, Campsey

**ED Represent:**

Present: Rickford, Parsons  
Absent: Maldonado-Colon

**ENG Representatives:**

Present: Backer, Meldal, Gao

**H&A Representatives:**

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

**SCI Representatives:**

Present: McClory, Kaufman, Bros, Hilliard, Hamill

**SOS Representatives:**

Present: Peter, Hebert, Von Till

**II. Approval of Academic Senate Minutes –**

Minutes of May 7, 2007, were approved as amended by Senator Sabalius and Senator Meldal.

**III. Communications and Questions –**

**A. From the Chair of the Senate –**

Chair Lessow-Hurley acknowledged their service to the Academic Senate and presented certificates to departing Senators. Senator Veregge was presented with a plaque acknowledging her 12 years on the Senate.

**B. From the President of the University -**  
Senator Sigler made the following announcements.

President Kassing is in Long Beach attending a meeting of the Board of Trustees today.

Provost Sigler presented Chair Lessow-Hurley with a plaque in appreciation of her service as Chair of the Academic Senate for 2006-2007.

**IV. Executive Committee Report –**

**A. Executive Committee Minutes –**  
May 7, 2007 - No questions.

**B. Consent Calendar –** None

**C. Executive Committee Action Items:**

Senator Thames presented *AS 1363, Sense of the Senate Resolution, Creation of An Annual Celebration of SJSU's Legacy of Poetry (Final Reading)*. Senator Thames made a friendly amendment to change the 5th line of the Workload section to read, "articles were written" instead of "an article was written." Senator Sabalius made a friendly amendment to fix the "Vote" from "14-1-0" to "12-1-0."

**V. Unfinished Business -** None

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

**A. Curriculum and Research Committee (C&R):**

Senator Kaufman said, "Just a brief report. There was a question a few weeks ago about whether we had received the report from the Institutional Review Board (IRB) Task Force. We received the report at the end of April. The policy recommendation will come before the Senate in the Fall 2007. The Task Force was formed by a Senate Management Resolution about two years ago. The idea was that IRB policies have not been reviewed for more than a decade, and there were changes in what was going on in the IRB. The IRB is the group that reviews protocols for research that involves human subjects. The Task Force was chaired by Jan English-Leuck and co-chaired by Mike Gorman. Senators Van Selst and Stacks were also on the Task Force. The IRB Task Force report is about 25 pages, and there is an additional 25 page policy recommendation. There were three policy recommendations having to do with changing the size of the IRB, including the federal definition of research, and adding some appeals processes to the program. There are also some recommended changes to practices on the IRB including training for board members, and increasing transparency. Curriculum and Research will be posting both the report and the policy recommendation on the website in the next few days, and if you have questions you may

direct them to me." Senator Stacks said, "This was incredible task for the IRB Task Force. One of the aspects of the task force was to ensure that we had very wide representation. The IRB Task Force had two different forums that were widely attended. What we found was that these are very discipline-based issues, and getting your feedback will be very helpful to us."

**B. Organization and Government Committee (O&G):**

Senator Hebert presented *AS 1361, Policy Recommendation, Amendment of Bylaw 10 (Special Agencies) Responsibility to Stagger Faculty-at-Large Terms (Final Reading)*. Senator McClory presented an amendment to change "appointing body" in the Resolved clause to read, "the Associate Vice Chair." The Senate voted and the McClory amendment passed. **The Senate voted and AS 1361 passed as amended with 1 abstention.**

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

Senator Meldal presented *AS 1360, Policy Recommendation, Student Fairness Dispute Resolution (Final Reading)*. Senator Meldal made several friendly amendments to change "appointed" to "nominated" in the first and second bullet under section I.A.1., to remove "and approved by the Academic Senate" in the third bullet, and to remove "appointed by the Academic Senate" in the fourth bullet. Senator Rickford made a friendly amendment to change the fifth line of A. 4. from, "began. She or he shall, however," to read, "began. However, she or he shall." Senator Van Selst presented an amendment to change the second line of I. A. 4. from, "member shall continue" to "member shall normally continue," and to change the fourth line of I. A. 4. from, "A newly appointed member shall not be considered" to read, "A newly appointed member shall not normally be considered." Senator Bros presented a substitute amendment to the Van Selst Amendment to change the first and second lines of A. 1. 4. from, "that member shall normally continue" to read, "that, if possible, the member should continue." Senator Peter made a motion to move the question. The Senate voted and the motion passed with 3 Nays. The Senate then voted on the Bros substitute amendment and the amendment passed. **The Senate voted and AS 1360 passed as amended with 2 abstentions**

**D. University Library Board (ULB) – No report.**

**E. Professional Standards Committee (PS) –**

Senator Bros thanked the Professional Standards Committee members for their hard work this year on how to evaluate teaching.

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

- A. Vice President for Administration and Finance - None**
- B. Vice President for Student Affairs – None**
- C. Associated Students President (AS) -**

Senator Reyes said, "AS President Gutierrez had a meeting, so he had to leave. He wanted me to convey his thanks to everyone for being on the Senate. It was a great experience for him." Senator Reyes announced that the last and first AS Board meeting is on Wednesday (May 16, 2007). Senator Reyes thanked Senators Patel, Bridgeman, and Drescher for all their hard work and dedication. They will not be returning to the Senate next year. Senator Reyes then introduced Stephanie Lazarowich who will be taking his current position on the AS Board of Directors next year. Ms. Lazarowich will be a new Student Senator.

**D. Vice President University Advancement - No Report**

**E. CSU Statewide Senators -**

Senator Sabalius said, "Senator Van Selst was elected Secretary of the CSU Statewide Senate. As Secretary, Senator Van Selst will also sit on the Executive Committee. I am sure he will represent SJSU and the CSU to the utmost of his ability in deliberations with the administration. Also, as Secretary, you can count on getting precise, accurate, and timely reports from the CSU Statewide Senate."

Senator Van Selst said, "A number of items that were discussed at the last meeting included a resolution that passed on the Lower Division Transfer Patterns and the descriptives attached to those. The CSU Statewide Senate came up in favor of advocating a possibility of having campuses articulate their courses against those descriptors, that way they become transferable statewide within the CSU. Right now, in many cases, there isn't CSU articulation. There was also a resolution on sustainability. If you were looking at some of the earlier versions of this resolution, this was a much more scaled back and realistic version. There were two resolutions on financial aid. One resolution was for people without documentation that graduate from high school and their eligibility for financial aid. The other resolution was on increases in state tuition. There was another resolution on textbook affordability. As for the elections, Barry Pasternack was elected Chair of the CSU Statewide Senate, John Tarjan was elected Vice Chair, I was elected Secretary, and Darlene Yee and Rochelle Kellner were elected members-at-large."

Senator Sabalius said, "We also had a presentation by Ralph Wolff, who is the Executive Director of WASC. The way he presented WASC was as a buffer to prevent us from much further standardization and assessment requirements from the legislature. The way he expressed it is that the legislators want uniform standards throughout the university system that we have to adhere to. That would be almost an attack on the curriculum. WASC is trying to fend them off. WASC is trying to appease the legislature, while at the same time maintain the autonomy of the various institutions. This put WASC's role in a different light for me. We also had a change in leadership. The new CFA President is Lillian Taiz. Although the contract was settled, there was some lingering anger and misgivings between CFA and the Chancellor. The CFA was criticized by many Senators for their tactics. Hopefully time will heal certain wounds."

Senator Gorman said, "There clearly needs to be a process whereby we work with WASC, and we have dialogues with the legislature. It is pretty clear to me that there is an agenda here. One of the strengths we can bring is the experience of our own students with so many of them working and being immigrants."

**F. Provost -**

Provost Sigler said, "I have a very brief report. First, as you probably read in the minutes of the Executive Committee, President Kassing and I have appointed Barbara Conry as the Interim Dean of the College of Applied Sciences and the Arts. Dean Magid from the College of Business has also resigned. We will be conducting a national search for a replacement as soon as possible. This week on Thursday, the President and I will be meeting with the department chairs and then the staff. We hope to appoint an Interim Dean by July 1, 2007." Provost Sigler asked Senator Stacks to report on our students' success in the research competition. Senator Stacks said, "The Graduate Studies and Research Committee oversaw the nominations from the faculty, there were about fifteen students. Four of these students were sent to the competition in the CSU at Dominguez Hills. Two of our students received first prize nominations. One student was from Biological Sciences, and the other was from Art and Design."

Provost Sigler said, "We have received the report from the WASC visiting team. There were no major surprises. We have until May 21, 2007 to send our response. Our report is then forwarded to the commission. On June 20, 2007, President Kassing, Associate Vice President Bob Cooper, and I will meet with the commission and hear the verdict. I will report back next year. In the meantime, the report will be posted on the website."

**Questions:**

Senator Buzanski said, "I do have a question Senator Sigler. If you recall, two meetings ago I asked a question about the student loan situation and whether we were squeaky clean and you thought we were. I read the remarks from President Kassing in the minutes from the last meeting, and it appears to me that we have received kickbacks and we are not squeaky clean. The question is what are we doing about it?"

Provost Sigler said, "I would probably defer to AVP Najjar to respond, because I was talking about financial aid." AVP Najjar said, "The minutes refer to NELNET's relationship with the Alumni Association. We are only one of 120 universities that use NELNET. This is under review by the CSU." Provost Sigler said, "I know that in the area of financial aid, the Chancellor's office has issued instructions to all the campuses. I also know that everyone that is involved with financial aid will be required to file a disclosure form."

Senator Van Selst said, "If my memory serves me correctly, in the Chancellor's report to the Senate, he said that the affiliation is being undone at the CSU statewide level."

Senator Jiang asked, "Will the Interim Dean for the College of Business be selected before July 1, 2007 with an Interim appointment effective date of July 1, 2007?" Provost Sigler said, "Hopefully, selected before July 1, 2007."

**VIII. Adjournment and Break for Cake – 3:30 p.m.**