

2008/2009 Academic Senate

MINUTES
May 11, 2009

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

Ex Officio:

Present: Whitmore, Sabalius,
Van Selst, Cavu-Litman,
Lessow-Hurley
Absent: Meldal

CASA Representatives:

Present: Canham, Schultz-Krohn, Hendrick
Absent: Fee, Kao

Administrative Representatives:

Present: Najjar, Sigler, Phillips
Absent: Lee

COB Representatives:

Present: Campsey, Roldan

Deans:

Present: Parrish, Merdinger, Stacks,
Meyers

ED Represent:

Present: Maldonado-Colon, Rickford, Langdon

Students:

Present: Cerda, Hypes, Levy,
Lichty, Linder
Absent: Palumbo

ENG Representatives:

Present: Gleixner, Du, Backer

Alumni Representative:

Absent: No representative assigned
yet.

H&A Representatives:

Present: Desalvo, Brown, Mok, Vanniarajan, Van Hooff,
Butler

Emeritus Representative:

Present: Buzanski

SCI Representatives:

Present: McClory, Kaufman, d'Alarcao, McGee
Absent: Hilliard

Honorary Senators (Non-Voting):

Absent: Norton

SOS Representatives:

Present: Von Till, Lee, Heiden, Hebert

General Unit Representatives:

Present: Sivertsen, Fujimoto
Absent: Romo

II. Approval of Academic Senate Minutes of April 20, 2009–

A motion was made to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded. The Senate voted and the minutes were approved.

III. Communications and Questions –

A. From the Chair of the Senate:

Vice Chair Kaufman announced that Chair Meldal was out for medical reasons and that he would be filling in for Sigurd for the last meeting of the 2008-2009 Senate, and then taking over as Chair for the first meeting of the 2009-2010 Senate at 4 p.m.

Vice Chair Kaufman announced that Senator Buzanski was about to celebrate a significant birthday, and the Senate sang Happy Birthday to him. Senator Buzanski commented that he started on the Senate in 1965. He has represented the Emeritus Faculty on the Senate for the past 11 years.

Vice Chair Kaufman presented certificates to departing Senators.

B. From the President of the University –

President Whitmore announced that two of the finalists for the CIO position have already visited the campus. The last candidate will be on campus Tuesday, May 11, 2009. The President expects to be able to appoint someone to that position very soon.

The Provost Search Committee has been formed and their first meeting is this Thursday, May 14, 2009. Senator Lessow-Hurley is chairing this committee. The Provost Search Committee should begin interviewing candidates in the early fall 2009.

The President commented that the budget is still up in the air. Our budget is likely to be cut further as we move into the spring and summer. The President will seek advice from the Executive Committee this summer if need be. The Trustees meet tomorrow and they will be considering a 10% increase in student fees. If that passes, it will help mitigate some of the budget cuts.

SJSU recently submitted a proposal for Impaction for the 2010/2011 Academic Year to the Chancellor's Office. We should know if it is approved within a couple of weeks.

President Whitmore thanked Senators for their support during his first year.

Questions:

Senator Sabalius asked, "Earlier this year, the CSU system announced there were 10,000 students that wouldn't be able to be admitted this year. SJSU's share of these students was supposed to be 3,000, but you later adjusted this number to 4,400. Last week at the CSU Statewide Academic Senate we were told that the number 10,000 was reduced to 5,000 students. How does that affect the share of students that SJSU won't be able to admit?"

President Whitmore said, "I have never heard anything about the amount going down from 10,000 to 5,000. The 3,000 is our target reduction. We had 3,000 more students than we were getting paid for. Provost Sigler said, "What the Chancellor said is that we may not be able to reduce our enrollment by our target of 10,000 students systemwide." Senator Phillips commented, "The 4,400 is the number of denial letters that went out. Out of that 4,400 only about 33% come even when they are admitted."

IV. Executive Committee Report –

A. Executive Committee Minutes –

April 20, 2009 – No comments

May 4, 2009 – Senator Stacks asked, "What was the issue around the Ph.D. in Nursing?"

Senator Van Selst replied, “Last year it was authorized by the legislature, but when it got to the Budget Committee it died there. The CSU is looking for the authorization to offer the Doctorate in Nursing program, but the UC has gone from support to neutral on it.”

May 4, 2009 – Senator Buzanski asked, “At the top of page 3, it is written that, “A committee member noted our policy on grade changes is much stricter than what is required.” My question is, is this correct and if not why was this statement made?” Senator Backer replied, “I made that statement, because I pulled the Executive Order and our proposed grade change policy is stricter. Section IV is not in the Executive Order.” Steve Branz said, “Section IV was included because we felt that everything dealing with change of grade should be in one policy.”

B. Consent Calendar – None

C. Executive Committee Action Items: Senator McClory presented *AS 1412, Policy Recommendation, Senate Elections (Final Reading)*. The Senate voted and AS 1412 passed.

Vice Chair Kaufman presented *AS 1418, Sense of the Senate Resolution, Honoring and Thanking Dr. Sigurd Meldal for his Service to the Senate and to the University (Final Reading)*. Senator Stacks made a motion to approve by acclamation. The motion was seconded and approved.

Senator Lessow-Hurley presented *AS 1419, Sense of the Senate Resolution, Expressing our Appreciation to Dr. Carmen Sigler (Final Reading)*. The Senate gave Provost Sigler a standing ovation. Provost Sigler thanked everyone and said how much she would miss her colleagues. Provost Sigler also commented that she had been a Senator for half of her career at SJSU. Vice Chair Kaufman made a motion to approve by acclamation. The motion was seconded and approved.

V. Unfinished Business: None

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

A. Instruction and Student Affairs Committee (I&SA) –

Senator Sivertsen presented *AS 1414, Policy Recommendation, Grading Symbols, Drop and Withdrawal; Retroactive Drop and Retroactive Withdrawal; Assignment of Grades and Grade Appeals; Change of Grade; and Integrity of the Academic Record (First Reading)*. Senator Hebert presented an amendment to add a new section IV.F. to read, “If a request for a change of grade is approved by the instructor but denied at a subsequent level of review, a written explanation for the denial shall be provided to the student.” Senator Lessow-Hurley presented a friendly amendment to the Hebert Amendment to change it to read, “...provided to the student and faculty member.” Senator Van Selst made a friendly amendment to the Hebert Amendment to change it to read, “...provided to the student, the faculty member, and the department chair.” The Senate voted and the Hebert Amendment passed with 2 abstentions. Senator Backer presented an amendment to delete VI. C. The Senate voted and the Backer amendment failed. Senator Lee presented an amendment to

change V. C. to read, “After a degree has been posted, no further adjustments can be made on the record unless a grade appeal or approved change of grade has been received.” Senator Van Selst presented a substitute amendment to the Lee amendment to read, “After a degree has been posted, no further adjustments can be made on the record except under extraordinary circumstances as determined by Graduate or Undergraduate Studies.” Senator Lee withdrew his amendment. The Senate voted and the Van Selst substitute amendment passed. Senator Lessow-Hurley made an amendment to strike “reliable” in IV. C. The Senate voted and the Lessow-Hurley amendment passed. Senator Sivertsen presented an amendment to IV. C. to strike “both.” The Senate voted and the Sivertsen amendment failed. **The Senate voted and AS 1414 passed as amended with 1 Nay.**

Senator Sivertsen presented *AS 1417, Policy Recommendation, Priority Registration (Final Reading)*. Senator Sivertsen made two friendly amendments to the policy to change the first Resolved clause to read, “Resolved: That all groups currently receiving priority registration shall continue to have this privilege through the spring 2010.” and to change the last line of the last Resolved clause to read, “in time for priority registration for fall 2010.” **The Senate voted and AS 1417 passed with no Nays, and no Abstentions.**

B. University Library Board (ULB) – No report.

C. Professional Standards Committee (PS) – No report.

D. Curriculum and Research Committee (C&R):

Senator Von Till presented *AS 1413, Policy Recommendation, First-Year Experience (FYE) Courses (Final Reading)*. **The Senate voted and AS 1413 passed with 1 abstention.**

E. Organization and Government (O&G) –

Senator Backer presented *AS 1407, Policy Recommendation, Strategic Planning Policy (Final Reading)*. **The Senate voted and AS 1407 passed with no Nays, and no Abstentions.**

VII. Special Committee Reports –

Senator Parrish, Lynn Trulio, and Carol Beebe gave a report from the Sustainability Task Force. (See attached powerpoint)

President Whitmore announced that as a result of the task force’s work, he has asked for a retreat to be held in June with the Deans, VPs, etc. to learn more about what this task force has learned, and then figure out what our next steps should be. The President is also establishing a full-time faculty-in-residence position for sustainability in his office.

VIII. New Business – None

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

- A. Statewide Academic Senators – No report.**
- B. Provost – No report.**
- C. Vice President for Administration and Finance – No report.**
- D. Vice President for Student Affairs – No report.**
- E. Associated Students President – No report.**
- F. Vice President for University Advancement – No report.**
- X. Adjournment** – The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.