

2011/2012 Academic Senate

MINUTES  
March 12, 2012

**I. The meeting was called to order at 2:05 p.m. and roll call was taken by the Senate Administrator. Forty-Three Senators were present.**

**Ex Officio:**

Present: Von Till, Sabalius  
Lessow-Hurley, Kolodziejak  
Van Selst  
Absent: Kaufman

**CASA Representatives:**

Present: Schultz-Krohn, Semerjian, Fee, Johnson  
Absent: Correia

**Administrative Representatives:**

Present: Junn, Nance, Qayoumi, Bibb,  
Bussani

**COB Representatives:**

Present: Nellen, Reade  
Absent: Campsey

**Deans:**

Present: Stacks  
Absent: Bienenfeld, Chin, Merdinger

**EDUC Representatives:**

Present: Kimbarow  
Absent: Swanson, P.

**Students:**

Present: Salazar, Choy, Minks,  
Sharma  
Absent: Swanson, K., Uweh

**ENGR Representatives:**

Present: Gleixner, Du, Backer

**H&A Representatives:**

Present: Brown, Frazier, Desalvo, Mok, Haramaki, Fleck

**Alumni Representative:**

Present: Walters

**SCI Representatives:**

Present: McClory, d'Alarcao, Wharton, Bros-Seemann

**Emeritus Representative:**

Present: Buzanski

**SOS Representatives:**

Present: Heiden, Ng, Peter, Rudy, Terry

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

Absent: Norton

**General Unit Representatives:**

Present: Bettencourt  
Absent: Kauppila

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

The Senate approved the minutes of February 13, 2012. Senator Van Selst made a correction to the minutes after approval.

**III. Communications and Questions –**

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

The 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Senate celebration will be held on April 4, 2012 from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in Tower Hall. Please wear regalia if you have it. Senator Buzanski and Wiggys Sivertsen will be giving a brief presentation on the history of the Senate during the celebration.

A Sense of the Senate Resolution honoring Senator Norton who was Senate Chair twice and also

has acted as our parliamentarian for many years, will be presented later today.

Chair Von Till urged Senators to pledge even a small amount in the Spartans Supporting Spartans Campaign.

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

President Qayoumi urged Senators to attend the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Senate Celebration on April 4, 2012.

There will be a series of three hearings on the Enrollment Plan changes that will be coming up for freshmen and transfer students.

About two weeks ago all of the CSU Presidents made their annual trip to Washington D.C. to lobby for support for higher education. This year the theme was the “maintenance of effort.”

Nationally, there is a trend toward lack of support for public education. A report put together by post-secondary education has an article called “The Race to Zero.” The article talks about when state support will get to zero if this trend of lack of support for public education continues. Colorado would be first to reach zero in 2020, and California could get there by 2048. California’s current funding is equivalent to the 1962 level.

There is a high likelihood that the CSU will see the \$100 million budget cut. However, according to the legislative analyst, the cut could be a minimum of \$200 million. This would mean a \$21.2 million cut for SJSU. President Qayoumi is very pleased that the Provost and Deans have been working on ways to increase revenue and increase efficiency to minimize the impact.

**Questions:**

A senator inquired as to why the Academic Plan seemed to be completely based on WASC. Provost Junn responded that the five goals came out of the university strategic plan.

A senator asked whether the President was lobbying our leaders in Sacramento, as well as making our case for public education with corporate leaders in Silicon Valley, while also trying to raise private funding. President Qayoumi responded that he has met several times with state legislators and has met with many private business leaders and organizations since he arrived at SJSU. SJSU will receive a total of about \$80 million from the state, while our total expenditures are more than \$400 million.

**IV. Executive Committee Report –**

**A. Executive Committee Minutes –**

**February 20, 2012** – A senator asked for elaboration on the drafting of a Sense of the Senate Resolution regarding the Smoke-Free Campus presentation, and whether a policy would be coming to the Senate for debate on this issue. Senator Heiden responded that a policy would be difficult to pass at this time for a number

of reasons including the fact that we do not own the sidewalks, there are also multiple unions on campus that would need to be consulted, etc. It was decided that a clear statement of the wishes of the Senate would be the best approach at this time.

**March 5, 2012** – A senator inquired as to why enrollment was expected to be 5% over target. VP Nance responded applications were up, show rates were up, and average unit loads were up.

**B. Consent Calendar – The consent calendar was approved as written.**

**C. Executive Committee Action Items:**

Chair Von Till presented *AS 1478, Sense of the Senate Resolution, Honoring and Thanking Senator Ted Norton for his service to the Senate and the University on the Senate's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary (Final Reading)*. **The Senate voted and AS 1478 was approved unanimously.**

**V. Unfinished Business:**

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

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

Senator Ng presented *AS 1470, Policy Recommendation, Faculty Office Hours (Final Reading)*. **The Senate voted and AS 1470 was approved (vote 26-7-5).**

Senator Ng presented *AS 1471, Policy Recommendation, Confidentiality; Access (Final Reading)*. **The Senate voted and AS 1471 was approved unanimously.**

**B. Curriculum and Research Committee (C&R) –**

Senator Bros-Seemann presented *AS 1475, Policy Recommendation, Bringing San José State University Policies into compliance with Federal Regulations Regarding the Definition of the Credit Hour (First Reading)*. Senator Bros-Seemann explained that the purpose of this policy is to put us into compliance with federal regulations on the definition of the credit hour. Although this has already been a practice in the CSU, the Chancellor's Office has now put the requirement into a coded memorandum. The C&R Committee came up with the idea of incorporating it into the green sheet policy and course proposals in order to minimize faculty workload.

**C. Organization and Government Committee (O&G) –**

Senator Kimbarow presented *AS 1473, Policy Recommendation, Modifies Standing Rule 9A, Addition of the Chair of UCCD on the List of Individuals to be Recognized by the Chair of the Senate (Final Reading)*. Senator Kimbarow announced that he had been informed him that the Senate can modify its standing rules without the need for a policy recommendation. **The Senate voted and AS 1473 was approved.**

Senator Kimbarow gave the Senate an update on the O&G hearings relative to S06-7. The committee's work is complete and the final report has been issued. If you would like a copy of the report, please email Senator Kimbarow. An abstract will be posted on the Senate website. Senator Kimbarow thanked his committee members for their hard work.

Senator Kimbarow presented *AS 1474, Senate Management Resolution, AUTEK Committee (First Reading)*. The AUTEK Committee submitted a referral to the O&G Committee to revise their membership and charge. Questions were asked as to what was meant by "nominated" in items 10 and 11, whether AUTEK would still handle waivers, and why the Senate would be appointing the coordinators when the Senate typically only appoints faculty members from the various colleges.

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

Senator Gleixner presented *AS 1476, Policy Recommendation, Appropriate Content for Material Containing SJSU Logo or Name (First Reading)*. This policy came about from a referral from the Office of Student Conduct and Ethical Development. It addresses the type of content you can have on something that uses the university logo or name. Several issues were raised regarding whether this policy should be limited to students, and whether it would violate a faculty member's academic freedom.

Senator Gleixner announced that *AS 1477, Sense of the Senate Resolution, Recommends Amendment to PD-2008-02, S66-20, Disclosure of Student Information (Final Reading)*, had been withdrawn. The President's Office has agreed to review and make any necessary changes to PD-2008-02.

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

**VII. Special Committee Reports – None.**

**VIII. New Business – None.**

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

**A. VP for Student Affairs (Out of Rotation by request) –**

VP Nance announced that the final enrollment for California residents for 2011-2012 was 22,600, or 6% over our enrollment target of 21,045. The CSU had a system-wide allowance of 3% over target. For every 1% over that 3% window, the campus is penalized \$1 million from our student fees. Our penalty this year will be about \$3 million for excess enrollment. The positive side is that students are having the opportunity to enroll in the classes that they need.

For 2012-2013, we are operating under a program impaction plan that is identical to what was in place for 2011-2012. Our enrollment target for Fall 2012 remains the same as this year at 21,045 for California residents. After looking at the projections for 2012-2013, we were looking at 7% to 8% above target. However, the Chancellor's Office just issued a coded memorandum stating that any campus that

comes in over 3% above target for 2011-2012 may not open for Spring 2013 admissions. For Fall 2012, we will be taking all of the local area applicants that meet CSU minimum eligibility standards both for Frosh and for transfers, and a subset of non-local area Frosh that meet higher admission standards. However, we will be turning away a number of CSU-eligible non-local Frosh, and we will be denying all non-local transfer students who do not meet major level admission standards. We should come in next year in the 3% to 5% above our enrollment target.

For the 2013-2014 year, the university is in the final planning stages of reviewing and making changes to the impaction plan for the 2013-2014 academic year. AB 2402 requires public forums with school boards and community college trustees for impaction planning. The university is proposing three primary changes for the 2013-2014 academic year. The first change is to define the major of “undeclared” as an impacted major. “Undeclared” as a non-impacted major has a GPA of 2.0. Once “undeclared” is impacted, the university can establish a higher GPA. The second change is to define a campus-level minimum GPA. The last change is to develop “Spartan Pathways” which is a process where students that do not meet their major criteria or the university minimum criteria, but do meet university criteria can submit additional materials such as letters of recommendations, personal essays, etc. and admission is not based on strictly quantitative analysis of GPA and SAT scores.

**B. CSU Statewide Senators –**

The CSU Statewide Senate meets this week in Long Beach, CA. Senator Van Selst recently sent out a list of resolutions being considered.

**C. Provost –**

Provost Junn announced that the url for the Academic Plan was posted on Sunday. The open forums and dates the Provost will be visiting with various groups on campus are also listed on the Provost’s website. There is a place on the website where suggestions can be left.

A total of 35 people signed up for the Learning Management System (LMS) Committee. The co-chairs of the committee are Stephanie Coopman, and Debra Caires. Both of the co-chairs have strong experience in LMS. The committee will meet again on Monday, March 26, 2012.

The WASC Steering Committee hosted a day-long retreat last Friday (March 9, 2012). Jill Ferguson gave the most recent updates from WASC. The WASC Steering Committee has also been expanded to include more faculty than in the past. In addition, the WASC website should go live at the end of this week or next week.

Provost Junn announced that the university would be working with a search firm, R.H. Perry, on two national searches for a new Dean of the College of Humanities and the Arts, and a new AVP of Academic Technology. R.H. Perry has handled three or four searches for San José State.

In addition, AVP Joan Merdinger has announced her intent to retire at the end of the August 2012 and the Provost will be conducting a local search to replace her.

**Questions:**

Concern was raised about the Academic Plan being drafted and then submitted for comment, instead of consultation with faculty being completed first. The Provost responded that she and her leadership team drafted the plan so as not to start from scratch. However, the Provost plans on having widespread consultation.

**D. VP for Administration and Finance –**

The Administration and Finance Division has sent a draft to the Chancellor's Office detailing SJSU's plans for the 2012-2013 budget. First, the university is looking at ways to enhance revenue through our continuing education programs, ways to restructure to improve efficiency including the possibility of campuses using centralized service centers, and the use of whatever one-time funds are available to get us through 2012-2013. SJSU is fortunate that we have more reserves than most campuses. However, this will be the last year we have any substantive amount of cash to help make it through a budget crisis.

The CSU is looking for ways to make the impact of the budget cuts on campuses more visible to the legislature. They have asked campuses to submit what it would look like if we took the budget cuts across the board. We have submitted our data. As an example, Academic Affairs spends about 71.2% of its budget on non-fixed costs. If you apply the 71.2% to the \$21.2 million, that would be \$15 million.

The Senate discussed the need for the public to be made aware of the impact the budget cuts are having on their children.

Senator Bussani noted that there was a CSU study done last year on how the economy prospers from the CSU. SJSU has an economic impact of \$970 million a year that creates 8,500 jobs. The study states that for every \$1 invested in the CSU, \$5.43 is produced. The study talks about the fact that if 2% more Californians got an Associate degree, and 1% more Californians got a Baccalaureate degree, the economy would grow by \$20 billion, state and local revenue would grow by \$1.2 billion, and 174,000 new jobs would be created.

The Senate discussed possible ballot measures to fund higher education that might not be so good for California in the long run, such as oil money. The Silicon Valley Leadership Group has undertaken higher education as an area they want to put resources and advocacy behind to make sure that there is more funding for higher education. There are currently three initiatives being proposed. The Silicon Valley Leadership Group will be supporting the Governor's initiative. It would only be a temporary four-year fix, but it allows for the opportunity to have a longer term dialogue around a general fund solution.

VP Bibb clarified that the Administration and Finance Division has withheld \$3 million to cover the money that is expected to be taken back by the Chancellor's Office as a penalty for our enrollment exceeding 3% over target this year.

**E. AS President –**

AS has been working on Vision 2017. AS hopes to present it to the Senate very soon. There are three elements to the Vision 2017 plan; student advocacy, student outreach, and organizational development. AS is also participating in the Academic Plan, and has been meeting with Provost Junn.

AS has received very good feedback about the night shuttle service by UPD.

AS is also encouraging students to run for the Student Trustee position. Last year an SJSU student was one of the top finalists.

**F. VP for University Advancement –**

VP Bussani thanked Chair Von Till for her willingness to Chair the Spartans-Supporting-Spartans Faculty/Staff Campaign. The kickoff was last Thursday and there were over 250 people at the event. During the two-day event over 100 people signed up and made contributions. You can give to anything you would like such as the Library, Science, and the Academic Senate. If you didn't want to choose a category, three suggestions were made including RSCA, general scholarship, and global and community engagement. The campaign runs through April 27, 2012.

VP Bussani announced that University Advancement is embarking on an integrated marketing plan. University Advancement is putting together 14 focus groups. This plan will bridge all areas including students, faculty, alumni, athletics, etc.

**X. Adjournment –** The meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.