

2012/2013 Academic Senate

MINUTES
March 11, 2013

I. The meeting was called to order at 2:06 p.m. and roll call was taken by the Senate Administrator. Forty-One Senators were present.

Ex Officio:

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

CASA Representatives:

Present: Schultz-Krohn, Semerjian, Hebert, Cara, Goyal

COB Representatives:

Present: Nellen
Absent: Reade

Administrative Representatives:

Present: Qayoumi, Dukes
Junn
Absent: Bibb, Nance

EDUC Representatives:

Present: Kimbarow, Swanson

Deans:

Present: Green, Vollendorf
Bienenfeld
Absent: Stacks

ENGR Representatives:

Present: Gleixner, Backer, Du

Students:

Present: Jeffrey, Postovoit
Absent: Condon, Holsey, Lee, Miller

H&A Representatives:

Present: Brown, Frazier, Bacich
Riley,
Absent: Vanniarajian, Desalvo

Alumni Representative:

Present: Walters

SCI Representatives:

Present: McClory, Bros-Seemann, Cheruzel, Kress

Emeritus Representative:

Present: Cody for Buzanski

SOS Representatives:

Present: Ng, Peter, Rudy, Wilson
Absent: Heiden

General Unit Representatives:

Present: Kauppila, Feind, Yi-Baker,
Rubio

II. Approval of Academic Senate Minutes–

The minutes of February 11, 2013 were approved as written.

III. Communications and Questions –

A. From the Chair of the Senate:

The chair made the following announcements:

The Acceleration Campaign is in the faculty/staff fundraising phase. Chair Von Till is a co-chair for this phase called, “Spartans Supporting Spartans. Donations can be made to the Senate, or other things such as scholarships, etc. Forms were distributed to Senators.

The memorial service for Senator Ted Norton is being coordinated by Chair Von Till and Senator Peter and will be held on Wednesday, March 20, 2013 from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the

Spartan Chapel. Senator Peter distributed a Memory Book for signature by Senators that will be given to Senator Norton's family after the service.

The deadline for textbook adoptions at the Spartan Bookstore is April 15, 2013. In order to receive federal funding, we must have 100% compliance by this deadline. The April 15, 2013 deadline is for summer and fall. Students get 50% of the textbook price when they sell a new book back to the bookstore, if the bookstore has that early textbook adoption.

Senators were asked to take back the information from the Senate and Policy Committee meetings and pass it on to their departments and colleges.

B. From the President of the University –

President Qayoumi made the following announcements:

Over a long period of time, even a small donation can amount to a lot. This is why the faculty and staff campaign is so important.

The Board of Trustees will be looking at the budget for the CSU next week. About \$10 million will be used for one-time online issues, then there is \$48 million that will be used for mandatory cost increases. The balance that is left will be used for some modest increases in enrollment as well as some compensation increases. There have been no compensation increases over the last six years. This still does not address the capital issue. The President will have a better idea after the budget is presented to the Board of Trustees next week.

IV. Executive Committee Report –

A. Executive Committee Minutes –

Executive Committee Minutes of February 4, 2013 – No questions.

B. Consent Calendar – The Senate voted and the consent calendar was approved as amended by Associate Vice Chair (AVC) Ng.

The AVC announced the winners of the Senate elections that were uncontested. The only college currently conducting an election is the College of Humanities and the Arts. Faculty in that college have until Friday, March 22, 2013 to vote. The online ballot is also linked to the Senate website under the forms section.

The AVC announced that the link to the Committee Preference Form had been sent to faculty by each college's Committee on Committees representative. The Committee Preference Form is also linked to the Senate website under the forms section.

The AVC encouraged any Senators who are interested in becoming policy committee chairs to email her so that she may see who is interested. The Chair will form a committee to solicit nominees at the beginning of April. The Senate will then vote and select the new policy committee chairs, the AVC, and the Vice Chair at the first meeting of the 2013-2014 Senate on May 13, 2013 from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m.

C. Executive Committee Action Items: None

V. Unfinished Business - None

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

A. Curriculum and Research Committee (C&R) –

Senator Bros-Seemann presented *AS 1503, Policy Recommendation, Temporary Accommodation for Degree Programs Reducing to 120 Units (Final Reading)*. Senator McClory presented an amendment that was friendly to change the word “should” to “shall” on page 3, 4a I 3), page 4, 5a i), and page 5, 6a i). Senator Gleixner presented an amendment that was friendly to change 5 a) i, ii, iii, to match 6 a) i, ii, iii. Senator Frazier presented an amendment that was friendly to change 6 c) to 6 b). **The Senate voted and AS 1503 was approved as amended with 1 Nay and 1 Abstention.**

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

Senator Kimbarow presented *AS 1502, Policy Recommendation, Amends S06-7, Merging, Dividing, Transferring, Eliminating Academic Departments (First Reading)*.

Questions:

Several Senators expressed concern that the policy was too long and complicated, and would impede change. Senator Kimbarow responded that O&G felt that the policy should be a roadmap/blueprint for the university. Senators suggested that the policy be streamlined to make it more expedient, a smoother process, and a lot less cumbersome. If there are objections along the way, then you could move to plan b.

The Senate discussed why there was a specific number of days listed and whether those were calendar or working days. Senator Kimbarow responded that by putting in a time frame O&G hoped to ensure that the process was completed in an academic year, and that there was plenty of time to do due diligence.

The Senate asked that the workload impact be reevaluated as it does not appear to be minimal as stated.

Several Senators expressed concern that the policy was overly prescriptive, and asked O&G to look for a smoother path. Senator Kimbarow responded that O&G would look for a quick path when there are no objections.

A Senator expressed concern that there was no student involvement in the process. Senator

Kimbarow will bring this back to O&G for discussion. The Senate discussed whether this could also be used for department naming issues as well. Often when departments are moved or merged there is also renaming involved. Senator Kimbarow responded that O&G had not considered this, but he would bring it back to the committee for consideration.

A suggestion was made to look closely at what the objective of the policy is—whether it is to facilitate mergers or to impede. Senator Kimbarow responded that the whole reason they brought forward the resolution was to facilitate mergers.

A Senator noted that the intent of the O&G Committee in bringing this resolution was to try and anticipate some of the issues that could possibly come up ahead of time and prevent them.

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

Senator Du presented *AS 1504, Policy Recommendation, Amendment to S07-6, Student Fairness Dispute Resolution (Final Reading)*.

Senator Backer made a motion to refer the resolution to the Organization and Government Committee with instructions that they expedite revisions. The motion was seconded. The Senate voted and the motion failed (10-27-1).

Senator Lessow-Hurley presented an amendment that was friendly to change the last Resolved clause to state that this amendment would expire “Spring 2013” and not “Spring 2015.”

Senator Peter presented an amendment that was friendly to change the first Resolved clause to read, “Resolved: 1. The size and membership of the SFC can be changed by act of the Organization and Government Committee (O&G) to adapt to current needs.”

Senator Lessow-Hurley presented an amendment to change the first resolved clause number 4 to read, “4. Besides faculty and student members, the staff members of the SFC can be assigned to investigate grade appeals.” Senator Hebert presented an amendment to the Lessow-Hurley amendment that was friendly to eliminate, “Besides faculty and student members,”. The Senate voted and the Lessow-Hurley amendment passed.

The Senate voted on AS 1504 and it passed as amended with 4 Nays.

D. University Library Board (ULB) – Senator McClory regularly submits written reports, which are included in the meeting materials.

E. Professional Standards Committee (PS) –

Senator Peter presented *AS 1500, Policy Recommendation, Amendment to F12-6, “Evaluation of Effectiveness in Teaching for all Faculty” (First Reading)*. Senator Frazier made a motion to suspend the rules and move the resolution to a final reading. The Senate voted and the motion was approved by a two-thirds vote. **The Senate voted and AS 1504 was approved with No Nays or Abstentions.**

Senator Peter presented *AS 1501, Policy Recommendation, Outstanding Professor, President's Scholar, Distinguished Service Award, and Outstanding Lecturer Awards, Replaces S00-9 and S05-1 (First Reading)*.

Senator Peter went over some of the proposed changes in the resolution including combining the Outstanding Lecturer Award with the other awards, and revisions to the requirements for the Outstanding Lecturer Award to make the requirements less restrictive and more in line with the other three awards.

The Senate discussed whether faculty that are FERP should be excluded.

VII. Special Committee Reports –

VIII. New Business – None

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

A. Vice President for Student Affairs – No Report.

B. Associated Students President –

AS is currently holding their annual elections. They have 36 candidates. There are also three referendums coming from the AS Board of Directors. The first referendum is related to alternative transportation and sustainability and continuing the ECO Pass. This would be an increase of \$5. The second referendum is related to community development, and the community garden project on 8th and San Salvador would be funded by this referendum. This would be an increase of \$4. The third referendum is to support student organization funding, and would be a \$2 increase.

Chair Von Till thanked AS President and Senator Wornsup for his service on the Senate and other committees this year.

C. Vice President for University Advancement –

VP Dukes announced that the campaign is at \$198.9 million of its goal of \$200 million.

VP Dukes thanked those that attended the Spartans for Spartans kickoff.

VP Dukes announced that University Advancement would be doing a text to give program for donations for the class gift.

D. Statewide Academic Senators –

Senator Lessow-Hurley announced that the CSU Statewide Senate would be meeting this week. Senator Sabalius is on leave, but will be attending the upcoming meeting. Also, on March 14, 2013, the CSU Statewide Senate will be celebrating their 50th Anniversary.

E. Provost –

The Provost thanked Senators for their work today.

The Provost congratulated Vice Chair Heiden on her hard work on the Senate Retreat.

The Provost gave updates on Udacity. The SJSU Plus courses had their first exam, and they are doing okay. The Statistics class is doing quite well. There are several additional courses being proposed in Computer Science, Introduction to Java, Human Genetics, and some Psychology courses.

Eleven different colleges' engineering programs have expressed interest in doing what SJSU has done with EdX. Our students passed at a 91% pass rate, as compared to the average rate of 59%. The second pilot done this spring has even higher scores.

Provost Junn announced that she would be going to the Provost's meeting this week. She still doesn't have clarity on what the CSU wants from Prop 30.

A committee has been established to recommend the ten worst classrooms to work on this summer to convert to 21st century classrooms.

The Provost hopes she can augment RSCA with \$300,000 at \$5,000 per faculty member.

The Provost hopes to create a new fund called, "Student Learning Funds." She will offer \$15,000 to benefit a department to offer retreats, bring in new courses, etc.

Regarding the Academic Plan, our Academic Affairs Fellow, Lynne Trulio, has been working with a group on what the priorities should be, and she will be meeting with the Senate, Chairs, etc.

The Student Engagement Task Force presented the data on SNAPS and NSSE, they will be providing suggestions on how to use that data for the future.

Senator Annette Nellen, our other Academic Affairs Fellow, will be working on a project to offer Professional Development and Leadership to faculty and staff

interested in professional development. Senator Nellen hopes to announce this in May.

F. Vice President for Administration and Finance – No Report.

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