

2012/2013 Academic Senate

MINUTES  
May 13, 2013

**I. The meeting was called to order at 2:03 p.m. and roll call was taken by the Senate Administrator. Forty-nine Senators were present.**

**Ex Officio:**

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

**CASA Representatives:**

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

**COB Representatives:**

Present: Nellen, Reade

**Administrative Representatives:**

Present: Dukes, Junn  
Nance, Qayoumi, Bibb

**EDUC Representatives:**

Present: Kimbarow, Swanson

**Deans:**

Present: Green, Vollendorf  
Bienenfeld, Stacks

**ENGR Representatives:**

Present: Gleixner, Backer, Du

**Students:**

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

**H&A Representatives:**

Present: Brown, Frazier, Bacich,  
Riley, Desalvo

**Alumni Representative:**

Present: Walters

**SCI Representatives:**

Present: McClory, Bros-Seemann, Cheruzel, Kress

**Emeritus Representative:**

Present: Buzanski

**SOS Representatives:**

Present: Ng, Peter, Rudy, Heiden, Wilson

**General Unit Representatives:**

Present: Kauppila, Feind, Rubio,  
Yi-Baker

**II. Approval of Academic Senate Minutes– No minutes available.**

**III. Communications and Questions –**

**A. From the Chair of the Senate –**

Chair Von Till thanked Senators for all their hard work this year.

Chair Von Till awarded University Governance Awards to the student senators, and Certificates of Service to departing senators.

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

President Qayoumi made the following announcements:

The May revised budget will be released tomorrow and is expected to be higher than the Governor expected.

President Qayoumi will be going to Sacramento with the other CSU Presidents to talk to our legislators. The Presidents will lobby for an increase in the CSU budget of \$54 million. Another agenda item is how we can increase our graduation rates for both 4-year and 2-year transfer students, as well as our minority student graduation rates.

The President thanked the Senate for delaying debate on *AS 1517, Sense of the Senate Resolution, Requesting a Temporary Moratorium on the Reorganization of Campus Auxiliary Organizations to Allow for Thorough Faculty and Student Consultation (Final Reading)* to allow him to speak to it at this meeting. President Qayoumi was under the impression that all the directors of the student boards would be available during the summer for him to consult with about the auxiliary task force recommendations, but he has learned only three work over the summer. Therefore, President Qayoumi has decided to delay any further action until the fall semester starts.

SJSU is moving from the Western Athletic Conference (WAC) to the Mountain West Conference. The Athletics Department is offering free tickets to all SJSU faculty, staff and their families for athletic events.

President Qayoumi recently found out that SJSU does not cover the cost of the rental of regalia for faculty to participate in commencement activities. The President's Office will cover these expenses in the future.

President Qayoumi presented Chair Von Till with a plaque thanking her for her service as Senate Chair over the last two years.

### **Questions:**

Senator Van Selst expressed concern about combining the roles of the different auxiliary boards since their functions are so different. President Qayoumi responded that the intention was never to combine the different boards, but only to make them into one 503b which would eliminate the need for things such as separate year-end audits.

Senator Peter thanked the President for his decision to delay action on the auxiliaries. The timeline in the auxiliary report contained a timeline that Senator Nance and Provost Junn indicated at the last meeting was only hypothetical. Senator Peter asked the President if he would speak to this. President Qayoumi explained that the draft report contained information about how long it should take to complete certain actions, but instead of listing this as 1 month or 2 months, etc. it gave actual months based on the report being completed in March and action starting immediately. This is what caused a lot of the concern and confusion. The President explained that action was not meant to start from when the report was completed, it was just the way the task force report was written.

Senator Worsnup thanked the President for delaying action until the fall on the auxiliary task force report, and asked if students not on the boards could still have input. President Qayoumi will be getting as much input as he can over the summer from students.

Senator Wilson commented that faculty in her college had expressed concern about online courses and asked what plans the President had going forward. President Qayoumi explained that at this time there were no plans for the fall. The only courses he is aware of at this time are with EdX and the courses tried as a pilot last fall that are continuing. These will be offered for all CSU campuses. Faculty are looking at what other courses EdX has that could be offered. In terms of Udacity for the summer, we are looking at expanding Math 6 and Math 8 to 200 students, and the Statistics course would be expanded to 1,000 students. In addition, the Psychology and career science courses would be offered to 1,000 students.

Senator Rudy asked for clarification as to what the President said in the article in which the President was quoted as comparing SJSU to Walmart. President Qayoumi responded that the question he was asked was, "If you are emphasizing more online classes does that mean that you are reducing or eliminating brick and mortar classes?" President Qayoumi's comment was, "look at Walmart. On one hand they are building the largest stores, but they have also been very active in ecommerce. The idea being that both of these two can work hand-in-hand. One is not replacing the other, they can work together."

Senator Lessow-Hurley commented that she believes faculty are not opposed to online education if the hardware and professional development are available. However, the concern is that faculty hear about these things after the fact and are not consulted beforehand. Senator Lessow-Hurley suggested that if there was going to be additional conversation about online classes this fall, the faculty should be consulted before any information is made public, and/or decisions are made.

#### **IV. Executive Committee Report –**

##### **A. Executive Committee Minutes –**

###### **Executive Committee Minutes of April 29, 2013 –**

Senator Stacks suggested that the AVC and Senate Chair may want to talk with AVP of Technology, Kathy Shields, because she has been working on getting the best deal for the university with regards to clickers for online voting. Provost Junn replied that the CSU has asked every campus to establish a standard clicker so that students aren't being asked to buy several. Provost Junn has asked that the clicker be able to be used in the cloud. However, Provost Junn noted that no decisions have been made yet.

##### **B. Consent Calendar – None**

##### **C. Executive Committee Action Items:**

Senator Heiden presented *AS 1519, Sense of the Senate Resolution, Honoring and Thanking Beth Von Till for her Service to the Senate and the University (Final Reading)*.

**The Senate voted and AS 1519 was approved unanimously with no Abstentions.**

Senator Worsnup withdrew *AS 1517, Sense of the Senate Resolution, Requesting a Temporary Moratorium on the Reorganization of Campus Auxiliary Organizations to Allow for Thorough Faculty and Student Consultation (Final Reading)*.

V. **Unfinished Business - None**

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

A. **Instruction and Student Affairs Committee (I&SA) – No report.**

B. **University Library Board (ULB) –**

Dean Ruth Kifer reported that there is a task force called LOFT, Library of the Future Task Force, that was put together in Southern California and includes about six CSU libraries, their Provosts, etc. This task force was put together as a result of a report called, “Redefining the Academic Library.” At SJSU, the MLK Library has been working on responding to changes in student learning with advances in online technology, etc. Recommendations from this task force were put out this past year. Some of the recommendations included assessment of library services and selections. The ULB completed a vision statement that needs to be submitted to the Chancellor’s Office by the middle of June.

One area the task force specifically looked at was combining selections across campuses. The MLK Library would like to deselect a number of books, and is looking at the possibility of combining storage areas across campuses. SFSU, Sonoma, Long Beach, and Northridge all have storage areas with automated retrieval systems.

At the start of this semester the MLK Library created a learning and research commons space right above the children’s room. Students really like the space and technology is embedded. It has good space for students to work together on projects, and students really like the mobile whiteboards.

Another area the MLK Library is looking at closely is providing a learning commons area with more academic student success units, such as having tutoring and/or peer mentoring, etc. However, the MLK Library will not really know how much space they will have until they finish their analysis about combining collections.

**Questions:**

Senator Lessow-Hurley commented that while the L.A. library may have space we aren’t really that close, and the MLK Library doesn’t seem to be all that space-challenged. In addition, concern was expressed over our relationship with the city of San José Library and what problems any merging of collections might cause.

Senator Lessow-Hurley also expressed concern about deselecting older books and only having them available online. Also, the assessment piece that is ongoing is looking at being able to track individual library users by ID number to figure out who is using the library and what they are checking out. This is alarming since we have a joint library with the city of San José and are trying to encourage the parents of our school children to use the library more often, but some of them may be undocumented workers, and this could discourage them from participating.

Dean Kifer responded that the assessment committee is looking at swipe cards to see how often someone uses the library and to see if there is any correlation to their success as a student. The only thing that would be linked is whether the student graduated or not. The details of what they checked out wouldn't be identified. There are a couple of CSU campuses that are using the swipe cards and Dean Kifer thinks our Student Success Centers are using them as well. Dean Kifer also explained that your identity is only linked with what you check out of the library until you return it. Once you turn your book in, it is wiped away. It is only recorded in the circulation numbers after that.

Senator Peter commented that there was a "weeding" incident when he was Senate Chair and he learned that "de-selection of books is tantamount to murder to faculty in the History Department." Senator Peter suggested that Dean Kifer may want to involve the History Department in the de-selection process and be as transparent as possible so that faculty can be reassured.

### **C. Professional Standards Committee (PS) –**

The PS Committee has been hard at work on a faculty RTP survey led by Senator Gleixner. Senators should have received a copy of the report. Senator Peter will go over the results in the early Fall.

Senator Peter just received a report from AVP Sutee Sujitparapitaya about online SOTEs. As of this morning, a total of 89,596 responses or 68.7%, have been received including 1,727 opt-outs. Without opt-outs, we had a 67.4% response rate as of this morning. AVP Sujitparapitaya anticipates a response rate over 70% by the end of the day.

Our paper response rate was about 70%. San Diego State has been getting an 85-90% response rate, but they have done that by extending the period for responses well into final exams.

Senator Junn commented that one data point used to determine teaching effectiveness are the SOTEs. However, as she has read the evaluations some faculty have high SOTEs, but their student's GPAs are low. There is some kind of disconnect there. The Provost will be looking at other ways to measure student learning to produce greater graduation rates.

Concern was expressed about SOTEs for classes that do not meet on the normal semester schedule. This was a glitch that SERB worked on this semester.

Senator Postovoit expressed concern that qualitative evaluations are not a part of the SOLATES which are used to evaluate labs and activity classes. Senator Peter responded that SERB will be revising the SOLATE.

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

Senator Bros-Seemann thanked C&R Committee members for going above and beyond this year.

Senator Bros-Seemann presented *AS 1513, Policy Recommendation, Review and Approval Process for Academic Certificate Programs, Replaces S12-5 (Final Reading)*.

Senator Bros-Seemann announced that she had sent out a substitute to the original policy recommendation via the Senate email list due to receiving a number of amendments from the Deans and AVP Stacks after she had sent out the policy recommendation in the Senate packet. The members of C&R approved the substitute policy recommendation. Accepting the substitute policy recommendation instead of the original policy recommendation in the Senate packet was friendly to the Senate.

**Debate:**

Senator Frazier presented an amendment that was friendly to change number 7, the first line, under “Specific to Academic Basic Certificate Programs” to read, “7) Students must have a minimum GPA of 2.0 in basic certificate coursework in order to be awarded a certificate.”

Senator Nellen presented an amendment that was friendly to change number 2, the second line, under “Specific to Academic Advanced Certificate Programs” to read, “100 through 299.”

**The Senate voted and AS 1513 passed as amended with 1 Abstention.**

**E. Organization and Government Committee (O&G) -**

Senator Kimbarow presented *AS 1514, Senate Management Resolution, Establishment of a Senate Archives Task Force (Final Reading)*. **The Senate voted and AS 1514 passed unanimously.**

Senator Kimbarow presented *AS 1515, Policy Recommendation, Reestablishment of the Academic Assessment Committee (Final Reading)*. Senator Kimbarow presented an amendment that was friendly to strike the fourth line, “work with the Board of General Studies in its GE assessment,”

Senator Nellen presented an amendment that was friendly to the first resolved clause to change it to read, “Resolved, that an Academic Assessment Committee be established as an operating committee reporting to the Curriculum and Research Committee of the Academic Senate with its charge as described in the next three resolved clauses; be it further.”

Senator Lessow-Hurley presented an amendment to change the fifth resolved clause to read, “Two faculty members from each of the colleges, or one faculty member and an Associate Dean as determined by the college dean.” Senator Lessow-Hurley withdrew her amendment.

Senator Van Selst presented a motion to approve the resolution and to refer the resolution to the Executive Committee to fix the membership. **The Senate voted and the Van Selst motion was defeated with 1 Abstention.**

Senator Brown presented a motion to refer back to O&G Committee for clarification. The motion was seconded. **The Senate voted and the Brown motion was approved with 4 Nays and 1 Abstention.**

Senator Kimbarow presented *AS 1516, Senate Management Resolution, Procedures to Consider Rapid Response Sense of the Senate Resolution in Response to Emergent and Internal Issues (Final Reading)*.

Senator Van Selst presented an amendment to change 5c to “1 week.” The Senate voted and the Van Selst amendment failed.

**Senator Heiden presented an amendment that was friendly to change “48 hours” in 5a. and 5c. to “2 business days.”**

Senator Backer presented an amendment to change number 1 to read, “1. Any member of the San José State University campus community may initiate a Sense of the Senate Resolution during the academic year.” **The Senate voted and the Backer amendment passed with 5 Nays and 2 Abstentions.**

**VII. Special Committee Reports – None**

**VIII. New Business –**

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

**A. Vice President for University Advancement –**

Senator Dukes reported that we are at the close of the campaign, but we would really like to beat Fresno. Fresno went over their goal and we would like to compete. Please encourage anyone that you know that hasn't contributed to do so.

**B. Statewide Academic Senators –**

Senator Van Selst announced that there were a number of long term Senators that were not reelected to the CSU Statewide Senate. The CSU Statewide Senate will be meeting this week.

**C. Provost –**

Provost Junn just let the President know today that faculty had to pay for the rental of their robes for commencement, and she is very happy the President has agreed to pay for this.

Provost Junn will be sending an email in the next day or so requesting nominees to sit on a task force on underrepresented and minority students.

Provost Junn announced that 80 people signed up for the Academic Affairs Leadership Discovery Group that Senator Nellen is chairing. They were expecting only 20 or 30 people. Provost Junn and Senator Nellen are very excited about this.

Provost Junn will host an end of year celebration maybe at Flames on Friday for Senators. The CSU Statewide Senators noted that they would be unable to attend as they will be in Long Beach.

Provost Junn announced SJSU has been listed as only one of five CSU campuses that have a high return on investment in terms of our graduates having strong economic potential.

**D. Vice President for Administration and Finance – No report.**

**E. Vice President for Student Affairs –**

Senator Nance announced parts of the Student Union are still scheduled to open this summer.

Senator Lessow-Hurley asked if faculty and staff were going to get a faculty/staff dining area in the new Student Union. Senator Bibb responded that this would occur in phase II.

Senator Nance announced that May 1, 2013 was the intent to enroll deadline.

**F. Associated Students President –**

Senator Worsnup thanked the Senate for allowing him to participate and learn about university governance.

**X. Adjournment –** The meeting adjourned at 4:08 p.m.