2014-2015 Academic Senate

SENATE MINUTES
May 11, 2015

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

Ex Officio:
Present: Sabalius, Heiden, Lessow-Hurley, Miller
Absent: Van Selst

Administrative Representatives:
Present: Feinstein, Terry, Larochelle
Absent: Mendoza, Qayoumi

Deans:
Present: Kifer, Steele, Stacks
Absent: Green

Students:
Present: Blaylock, Hernandez, Romero, McPherson, Jeffrey, Amante

Alumni Representative:
Present:: Walters

Emeritus Representative:
Present: Buzanski

General Unit Representatives:
Present: Matoush, Fujimoto, Huang

CASA Representatives:
Present: Schultz-Krohn, Shifflett, Lee, Grosvenor

COB Representatives:
Present: Sibley, Campsey

EDUC Representatives:
Present: Kimbarow, Mathur

ENGR Representatives:
Present: Backer, Fatoohi, Sullivan-Green

H&A Representatives:
Present: Frazier, Brown, Bacich
Brada-Williams, Grindstaff
Absent: Riley

SCI Representatives:
Present: White, Muller, Kress

SOS Representatives:
Present: Peter, Coopman, Ng, Feist, Rudy

II. Approval of Academic Senate Minutes–
The minutes of April 27, 2015 were approved (43-0-2).

III. Communications and Questions –

A. From the Chair of the Senate:
Announcements from the Chair:

Chair Heiden informed any Senators appointed to the 2015-2016 Senate that were visiting that they could not vote during this meeting.

Chair Heiden informed the Senate that even though the community colleges have received notification from the CSU that at least 30 days are needed to review any proposed 4-year degrees, they recently sent yet another proposal with only a 1 ½ day turnaround. As a result, the CSU Statewide Senate sent a reply that it would be impossible to review the proposal in only 1 ½ days

and would refrain from trying to do so. The Chancellor sent a request for a 30 day review period to the community colleges, but has not received a response. The CSU Statewide Senate is going to draft a resolution, and the CSU chairs plan to write a letter to the community colleges endorsing that resolution, that calls for more consultation and respect for the process.

Chair Heiden presented certificates of service to departing Senators.

Chair Heiden will be sending out a call for nominations for a CSU Statewide Senate seat with a two year term ending 2017 today. There is also a call for nominations for a Senator from the College of Humanities and the Arts. Both the CSU Statewide Senate and the Humanities and the Arts petitions have deadlines to be submitted to the Senate Office by May 18, 2015.

Vice Chair Kimbarow presented a plaque from the Senate thanking Chair Heiden for her service as Senate Chair from 2013-2015. Chair Heiden thanked all Senators for their service to the Senate and for their support during her term as Senate Chair.

B. From the President of the University – Not Present.

IV. State of the University Announcements –

A. Vice President for Student Affairs –
Interim Vice President Terry announced this was her last Senate meeting as the Interim VP of Student Affairs.

There will be 5,225 students graduating this spring. Of these 5,225 students, 3,611 are undergraduates and 1,614 are graduate students. In August 2015, 480 additional students will graduate. Of these 480 students, 337 are undergraduates and 143 are graduate students. By Fall of 2015, a total of 5,705 students will have graduated.

B. Associated Students President –
AS President Miller announced that AS had narrowed their search for a new Executive Director down to two finalists. They have made a recommendation to their board.

Looloo Amante will be the new AS President for 2015-2016. Josh Romero will be the new Vice President.

There is a faculty vacancy on the AS Personnel Committee. Senators should email the AS President if they are interested.

AS hosted their first annual Spartan Showcase last week and it was big success.

AS President Miller thanked the Senate for their support and said he had learned a lot.

C. Vice President for University Advancement – None

D. CSU Statewide Senators –

SJSU and the CSU Statewide Senate passed resolutions calling on the Board of Trustees to draft a new Academic Freedom policy. As of today, 15 CSU campuses have passed similar resolutions.

There has been discussion about a 24th CSU campus that might go to Stockton.

Cal Poly SLO Statewide Senators wrote the CSU Statewide Senate about their concern over a move by administrators to replace the department chair with a department head. This will be discussed again this week. The understanding is that department heads are hired and appointed by the administration and serve for indefinite terms.

E. Provost –
Provost Feinstein announced that he thought the April 27, 2015 Senate meeting was "one of the finest displays of shared governance I have had the pleasure to participate in."

There was some concern at the last meeting over administrator retreat rights and the financial impact on a department. Provost Feinstein and Senator Peter have done some work in this area and have come up with a preliminary plan that has now been implemented.

When an external candidate appointed to an MPP position with retreat rights retreats, the division of Academic Affairs will provide funds for the administrator to the college upon retreat at the academic year rate. When the faculty member fully retires or terminates, the salary dollars will be returned to the division. Academic Planning & Budgets will track these positions and maintain responsibility for calling back funds when the position is vacated. The division will maintain a prudent reserve to cover administrators with retreat rights. The reserve will be based on past retreat history and may be adjusted from year to year as events warrant.

F. Vice President for Finance and Administration –
The 2015-2016 budget has been planned for. A budget forum was held a few weeks ago and can be viewed on the budget central website.

The SSETF has been set for next year. This information is posted on the Finance website. A call for proposals has been sent out campus-wide.

Either this week or next week, the Administration and Finance Division will launch a new transparency tool on the web at opengov.com. Everyone can access the information on this site.

Question: Do we have any guarantee that the promised equity payments will be made in 2015-2016?
Answer: Provost Feinstein responded that the money was "not going anywhere."
VP Larochelle responded that it is planned in the budget process to remove that money first from the budget for each of the next three years.

V.

Executive Committee Report –

A. Executive Committee Minutes –

Executive Committee Minutes of April 20, 2015 – No Questions.
Executive Committee Minutes of May 4, 2015 –
Senator Buzanski asked for clarification as to what "doodle" referred to in item 14. Chair Heiden responded that doodle is a commonly used software tool for scheduling meetings that anyone can use located at http://www.doodle.com.

B. Consent Calendar – None

C. Executive Committee Action Items:

Senator Backer presented ***AS 1571, Sense of the Senate Resolution, Supporting the Resolution Prepared by the Coalition on Intercollegiate Athletics (COIA) (Final Reading).***

The Senate voted and AS 1571 passed as written (36-4-5).

Senator Heiden presented ***AS 1572, Sense of the Senate Resolution, Endorsing the Statement on Shared Governance at San José State University (Final Reading).***

The Senate voted and AS 1572 passed unanimously as written (45-0-0).

Chair Heiden and the Executive Committee presented ***AS 1569, Sense of the Senate Resolution, Honoring and Thanking Dr. Judith Lessow-Hurley for her Dedication and Service to the Senate and the University (Final Reading).*** **The Senate voted by acclamation and AS 1569 passed unanimously (45-0-0).**

Senator Lessow-Hurley was given a standing ovation by the Senate, and was presented with a plaque honoring her service to the Senate and the University.

Senator Lessow-Hurley commented on how important the work of the Senate was and stated that she was proud to have served on the Senate for so many years.

Vice Chair Kimbarow and the Executive Committee presented ***AS 1570, Sense of the Senate Resolution, Honoring and Thanking Dr. Lynda Heiden for her Dedication and Service to the Senate and the University (Final Reading).***

The Senate voted by acclamation and AS 1570 passed unanimously (45-0-0).

Provost Feinstein presented Chair Heiden with a plaque for her service to the university

on behalf of the Provost and the President.

Chair Heiden thanked the Senate, the Provost, and the President.

VI. Unfinished Business - None

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

A. Professional Standards Committee (PS) – None

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

Senator Grosvenor presented ***AS 1564, Policy Recommendation, Change to the membership and charge of the Strategic Planning Board (SPB) and the Strategic Planning Assessment Agency (SPAA) (Final Reading).***

Senator Lessow-Hurley presented an amendment to add the Chair of the Senate (or designee) (voting) to the SPB. The amendment was seconded. The Senate voted and the Lessow-Hurley amendment passed (40-2-3).

Senator Sabalius presented an amendment to remove the cabinet member (non-voting) from the SPB. The amendment was seconded. The Senate voted and the Sabalius amendment passed (13-3-29).

Senator Shifflett presented an amendment that was friendly to add to the last sentence at the end of the 2nd Resolved clause, "effective with the Fall 2015 semester."

Interim VP Larochelle presented an amendment to add a member from Student Affairs, Academic Affairs, Administration and Finance, Athletics, and University Advancement. The amendment was seconded.

Senator Peter made a motion to refer the Larochelle amendment and the policy back to the committee with the instruction that they consult with the President on what membership he would want the committee to have in order to sign off on this policy. The motion was seconded. **The Senate voted and the motion to return to committee passed (42-2-1).**

C. University Library Board (ULB) – None

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

Senator Brada-Williams presented ***AS 1555, Policy Recommendation, Credit By Examination (CBE), and Challenge Examinations (Final Reading).***

Senator Shifflett presented an amendment to strike section D. The amendment was seconded. The Senate voted and the Shifflett amendment passed (21-9-10).

Senator Backer presented an amendment that was friendly to make item "E" a new item "D."

Senator Brada-Williams presented an amendment that was friendly to add a new sentence to the end of item "C" to read, "Departments may set deadlines for students to request the exam be given in a given semester."

The Senate voted and AS 1555 passed as amended (32-6-2).

E. Instruction Student Affairs Committee (I&SA) – None

VIII. Special Committee Reports: None

IX. New Business: None

X. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.