

2016/2017 Academic Senate

MINUTES
February 13, 2017

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

Ex Officio:

Present: Kimbarow, Van Selst, Lee,
Pérea, Sabalius

CASA Representatives:

Present: Schultz-Krohn, Shifflett, Grosvenor, Sen, Lee
Absent: None

Administrative Representatives:

Present: Faas, Papazian, Feinstein
Absent: Blaylock

COB Representatives:

Present: Reade, Rodan
Absent: Campsey

Deans:

Present: Stacks, Jacobs, Schutten,
Green

EDUC Representatives:

Present: Laker, Mathur
Absent: None

Students:

Present: Spica, Tran, Caesar
Absent: Balal, Caesar, Medrano

ENGR Representatives:

Present: Chung, Hamedi-Hagh

Alumni Representative:

Present: Walters
Absent: None

H&A Representatives:

Present: Frazier, Grindstaff,
Miller, Khan, Ormsbee
Absent: Riley

Emeritus Representative:

Present: Buzanski
Absent: None

SCI Representatives:

Present: White, Cargill, Boekema, Kaufman

Honorary Representative:

Present: Lessow-Hurley

SOS Representatives:

Present: Peter, Wilson, Trulio, Hart

General Unit Representatives:

Present: Matoush, Higgins, Trousdale,
Kauppila

II. Approval of Academic Senate Minutes—

The minutes of December 12, 2016 were approved as written (46-0-0).

III. Communications and Questions –

A. From the Chair of the Senate—

Chair Kimbarow announced that Senator Sabalius was one of three finalists for the Faculty Trustee seat on the Board of Trustees. The Senate congratulated Senator Sabalius.

Chair Kimbarow thanked the Vice Chair and Senate Administrator for their hard work on the Senate Retreat on January 27, 2017.

The Spartans Supporting Spartans Campaign will be starting their campaign on March 13, 2017, and will be at the Senate meeting on that date during the break.

There will be an Essence of Blackness event in the Student Union at 5:30 p.m. also on March 13, 2017. The Senate meeting ends at 5 p.m. that day, and the event is right next door at the Student Union.

The Senate Elections for Spring 2017 have begun. Nominating petitions are due in the Senate Office no later than Friday, February 24, 2017.

B. From the President—

President Papazian congratulated Senator Sabalius on being a finalist for the Faculty Trustee position.

Many of us are concerned about the recent suicide in the MLK Library. This is a very complicated issue. We are working with the city to address the issues and see what kind of measures we can take to prevent this in the future. President Papazian commended the MLK Library staff for addressing very difficult circumstances. President Papazian also thanked the counseling staff for their efforts after this tragic event.

President Papazian congratulated the CSU Statewide Senate on what she thought was a wonderful meeting this past Thursday and Friday. It was one of those meetings where everyone from the Chancellor and the Chancellor's team came together with the faculty leadership from across the CSU. Significant issues were addressed.

The search for the new VP and CIO will be launched on February 17, 2017. Michael Kaufman will be chair of the search committee.

The decision about whether the Bart station will be on the West side at San Carlos and 2nd Street, or the East side at 4th Street and San Carlos will be made by the VTA Board at their September 7, 2017 meeting. However, the recommendation from their staff to the VTA Board will be made in July 2017. This is the time for SJSU to get our recommendation considered.

President Papazian is exploring a homebuyers program for the neighborhood around the university.

There is a gap in the budget approved by the Board of Trustees and what the Governor has proposed. The UC Board recently passed a tuition increase. Our Board of Trustees would like to avoid this if possible.

We are paying attention to the issues around immigration. We have a large number of faculty, staff, and students that could be impacted by the Executive Order from

President Trump. Fortunately, most of our students were already here prior to the passing of the Executive Order. We are advising any faculty, staff, and students not to leave if they are from one of the countries on the list.

President Papazian has scheduled meetings with faculty from all colleges in an effort to understand their issues. She has already met with the Engineering faculty.

Questions:

Q: Regarding the recent suicide in the MLK Library, tomorrow is Valentines Day and many of us are wondering if there are any special plans for suicide prevention in the MLK Library? Also, I received a notice that there is a 19 story student housing tower being built between 2nd and 3rd street, and in the same week I read that Camera 12 is going to be student housing. I'm confused because at one point we couldn't even fill student housing and now we have two new projects?

A: The first project at the site of the old McDonalds is a private developer project by Barry Swenson, and it is a 1,000 bed unit that they are calling "The Graduate." We have no control over what private developers do, but we are talking with them about this right now. We have 4,000 beds on our campus and 35,000 students. That is not a good balance. We need more beds. Whether we build it, or someone else builds it, we just need to make sure it is suitable. Sobrato also has another tower over on the other side of the Hammer Theatre. Then there is the Camera 12 facility which is being sold and we are currently one of the players in that.

Q: There have been a lot of reports that anyone that is foreign born, even with a green card, as well as some U.S. born people being harassed when they return from other countries. In addition to a course monitoring what is being proposed, we need to have procedures in place that allow for extensions for dropping and adding classes for our international students. Shouldn't we have alerts to tell us if students from a particular region are being targeted, etc.?

A: The President appreciates the care and support for students our faculty is showing. However, it may not be the best idea to have a running commentary about how many students from what country are being treated badly. University personnel will let you know if a student in your class has an issue. These are serious issues and we have to handle this in a way that does not compromise our students. Some students do not want to be identified and just want to go to class.

Q: Regarding the CIO Search, can you give us dates for campus visits?

A: President Papazian commented that she did not have the schedule with her. However, it will happen before the summer so faculty will have a chance to meet candidates.

Q: On the question of housing downtown, when this was first announced in the San José Mercury News it sounded like this was campus housing. People in the downtown area thought this was SJSU housing. SJSU has a brand. If something goes down in these housing units it might look like it is SJSU's fault, even if it isn't our housing. We should be careful that these projects aren't being announced as

SJSU housing.

A: We have gotten involved since this occurred. We weren't having these conversations before this year and people thought they could do whatever they wanted. Barry Swenson thought he was doing us a favor. President Papazian has met with him since, and he is onboard with considering our ideas.

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

A. Associated Students President –

On March 1, 2017 AS will host their 150th anniversary celebration on Tower Lawn.

AS created a fund for departments/programs on campus that were typically underserved including MOSAIC, Pride, Gender Equity Center, etc. Our first event in support of this fund is being held today right after this Senate meeting.

Another event that AS is promoting is called, "Riding in Cars with Black People." This event talks about interracial upbringing and all the different experiences that people with interracial families typically deal with.

AS is also hosting an event to prepare gift boxes for our troops. Campus and local media will be invited.

AS is having a hygiene products and food drive that started last month and is continuing until February 28, 2017.

AS has scholarships available and applications are due May 1, 2017.

AS is filling two vacant Board of Director seats right now.

Questions:

Q: Has AS considered partnering with any of the local law schools to help undocumented students?

A: Yes, we are looking into that.

A: President Papazian announced that she has established a resource center for Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) students on campus. There have also been events and attorneys on campus to assist students from some of the non-profits.

B. Chief Diversity Officer (CDO)–

The CDO has been holding support groups for faculty to talk about what has been going on in their classrooms, etc. Generally, the atmosphere is very good. Faculty are focusing very hard on how to help their students. The CDO will continue to hold these support groups. One staff support group was held and attended by about 35 staff members as well.

The CDO has just finished meeting with the last team about orientation across all three platforms of students—freshmen, transfers, and graduate/international students. The CDO will be including a standardized two-hour diversity, inclusion, and equity training across all three platforms. There will also be Title IX training.

The CDO has been working with the Vice President for University Advancement to create a website that should be going live soon.

The CDO is working on a bias/discrimination incident report form. This is a requirement. This should be live in the next couple of weeks.

There has been a change in the Title IX Executive Orders regarding students training on campus. We are now required to give annual training to all students.

The Title IX Officer, Natalie Potts, and the CDO have asked that every college submit the name of one person from the college to be trained as the college's Title IX liaison. There will be a mass training for all of these personnel.

The CDO is participating with the WASC team to evaluate what has been done with regard to campus climate.

The CDO has also been reviewing faculty diversity research proposals. This was done in conjunction with the Center for Faculty Development.

The CDO has two faculty-in-residence, Susan Murray and Soma de Bourbon.

Question:

Q: You were speaking about a bias reporting mechanism, what is the plan for summary reporting and the distribution of those summary reports?

A: The CDO will be putting together some regular reports on these issues, but has not had a chance to do this yet. However, that is the plan. There have also been questions about the President's Commission on Diversity. That commission has been officially closed. A new commission will be established to advise the President in the future.

C. CSU Statewide Senators –

The Academic Senate California State University (ASCSU) has been very busy since you last heard from us. The ASCSU passes resolutions and not policy proposals, but the intention is to prompt action by the CSU. The first resolution involves a resolution in support of a letter the Chancellor wrote supporting DACA.

The ASCSU also passed a resolution encouraging each campus to review

existing lactation resource policies, and to develop and implement policies if none exist.

The ASCSU passed a resolution in opposition to our new Secretary of Education.

The ASCSU gave advice to the CSU regarding its tenure density task force. SJSU has one of the worst tenure density in the CSU system.

The Senate vigorously debated the proposed tuition increase under consideration by the Board of Trustees. Senator Sabalius actually proposed an amendment to eliminate tuition.

There was a presentation by the Vice Chancellor General Counsel about what we can do and cannot do to protect free speech.

The ASCSU spent a lot of time on Academic Freedom and approved a draft policy. The issue at hand seems to be that the CSU sees the Academic Senate as an external body to the CSU and says we are not allowed to discuss this under the collective bargaining agreement.

Things to look for in the future include a resolution to provide employment security for lecturers in the CSU.

There is also a sentiment that we need to stop using a passing grade in the area of B4 as evidence of passing the ELM requirement. The ASCSU is also a little concerned that C- is now a passing grade for the golden four. We requested that it return to a "C," but the Chancellor has said it will be a C-.

There was also a wonderful academic conference. The topic was, "Closing the Achievement Gap." This was a very well done conference.

D. Provost –

We will be starting our call for nominations for the AVP for Student and Faculty Success Search Committee this week. This will be an internal search.

The Provost was at the Student Success Summit on ~~Feburary~~February 3, 2017 and it was a great success. There were over 30 principals and superintendents from our community discussing remediation challenges. We came up with five or six ideas and hope to come up with several pilot programs. We had a number of Assemblymen there as well.

Today we kicked off the Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activity (RSCA) Advisory Council. We now have a group from all the colleges talking about what RSCA means on this campus and ways we can improve opportunities for our faculty and students to engage in research, scholarship, and creative

activities.

Provost Feinstein and VP Blaylock spent about ~~four~~ two hours talking with new Provosts and VPs of Student Affairs about how Academic Affairs and Student Affairs can work together more effectively.

The Provost and VP of Student Affairs will host the 2nd Annual Interdivisional Competition this year on February 25, 2017. This is at our women's basketball game. There will be food and pre-game activities and challenges.

E. Vice President of Finance and Administration –

The newsletter sent out last week from the Administration and Finance Division has the campus safety plan in it. Please take a look at it. This will also be on the website within a week.

As for student housing, those fees come out of the student fees and not state funding. When Campus Village 2 (CV2) went up that was student funding. If we have a hand in the design of buildings built around the campus by local contractors, then we might be able to purchase some of this housing down the road if it meets our specifications.

Questions:

Q: We had to require freshmen to live in housing in the past in order to meet our payments, and we are a little concerned that we make sure we are able to make use of all the housing we build and acquire.

A: Absolutely, we need to make sure there is a demand for it. We haven't signed any agreements with anyone, we are just talking with the local contractors about the design.

Q: At a previous institution where I worked, we would have a private company build the on campus housing on campus. Is that something we are considering here?

A: That is exactly what is happening here, except this is off campus housing built on the developer's land.

Q: I have forensic science equipment that is student funded, so what does that mean?

A: Students pay fees and part of those fees go to service the debt for student housing.

Q: Why are we making a difference in where the funds come from? Isn't it all from student fees, so why don't we call it all university funds?

A: Because the legislature requires it.

A: President Papazian commented that this is a way of being clear about exactly where the funding is coming from. There is certain criteria about what fees can be used for what purpose and we can be audited on this. You are right when you say we are talking about the cost of attendance to a student and it

includes tuition and fees for books as well as other student fees.

A: However, the students back in 2007 approved an increase in student fees to pay for the Student Union, the Recreation Building, and the Wellness Center. Those fees were collected starting after student approval and are being used to pay the debt for those buildings. Once those buildings are completed these fees will no longer be collected.

Q: What plans do you have for where the bookstore used to be?

A: The CIES group is moving into the Student Union from 4th Street in early June 2017.

F. Vice President for Student Affairs – No report.

V. Executive Committee Report –

A. Executive Committee Minutes –

EC Minutes of November 28, 2016 – No questions.

EC Minutes of December 5, 2016 – No questions.

EC Minutes of January 11, 2017 – No questions.

EC Minutes of January 30, 2017 – No questions.

B. Consent Calendar –

The consent calendar of February 13, 2017 was approved as amended by AVC Schultz-Krohn (46-0-0).

C. Executive Committee Action Items:

The Senate Calendar of 2017-2018 was approved as written (34-0-1).

VI. New Business – None.

VII. Unfinished Business: None.

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

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

Senator Kaufman presented AS 1644, Policy Recommendation, Final Examinations, or Culminating Activities Policy (Final Reading).

Senator Kaufman presented an amendment that was friendly to the body to remove, "(180, 184, 297, 298, 299)" on line 48. Senator Peter presented an amendment to replace, "first day of the final examination period" on line 44 with "beginning of the scheduled final examination time for the course." Senator Lee presented an amendment to the Peter amendment to change it to read, "beginning of the scheduled culminating activity for the course." The Lee amendment to the Peter amendment was not seconded. **The Peter amendment passed (24-9-2).** Senator

Sabalius presented an amendment to reverse the change made to b. iii. as shown now to what it read at the first reading. The Sabalius amendment was seconded. Senator Sabalius withdrew his amendment. Senator Laker presented an amendment to change "c. In the case of either a verifiable emergency or the student..." to read, "c. In the case of either a verifiable emergency or accommodation request or the student..." and also to make the same change to "a." The Laker amendment failed (13-15-6). Senator Van Selst presented an amendment to line 60 to add, "b. Other such circumstances as approved by the chair with notification and rationale to be provided to the dean." **The Van Selst amendment passed (34-0-5).** Senator J. Lee presented an amendment to line 48 to replace, "are not required to have a culminating activity" with "are exempt from this policy." The Lee amendment failed (1-36-3). Senator Frazier made a motion to refer the policy resolution back to committee to resolve the question of when the final paper is due, what the final day of the semester is, and what the final exam days will be." The Frazier motion failed (9-22-5). Senator Buzanski called the question. **The Buzanski motion passed (28-3-4). The Senate voted on AS 1644 as amended and it passed (25-5-4).**

B. Professional Standards Committee (PS) –

Senator Peter presented *AS 1633, Policy Recommendation, Adopting New SOTE and SOLATE Instruments (Final Reading)*.

The Senate voted on AS 1633 and it passed as written (33-1-1).

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

Senator Shifflett presented *AS 1645, Policy Recommendation, Rescinds S82-10 and F86-7 Pertaining to Technology-Related Advisory Board (Final Reading)*. **The Senate voted on AS 1645 and it passed as written (28-0-1).**

D. University Library Board (ULB) – None.

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

Senator Mathur presented *AS 1641, Policy Recommendation, Amendment A to University Policy S16-14, Clarification of 'Internship' (Final Reading)*. Senator Shifflett presented an amendment to add a new Resolved clause to read, "Resolved that responsibility for the renewal of UOAs rests with the Office of Student and Faculty Success in consultation with the originating department." The Shifflett amendment was seconded. Provost Feinstein suggested that before responsibility for renewal of UOAs is assigned to one of his offices, he and the Curriculum and Research Committee should meet and discuss this. **In light of the Provost's comments, Senator Buzanski made a motion to adjourn and resume debate at the next meeting. The Senate voted and the Buzanski motion passed (24-6-0).**

IX. Special Committee Reports – None

X. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.