

# AGENDA

**Academic Senate – Executive Committee  
June 1, 2020 12:00- 1:30 pm, Via Zoom:**

<https://sjsu.zoom.us/j/99244558389?pwd=WWc0UWJ6RVlXRkc5WUhhJWJlJFZW5nQT09>

Note: Password to meeting sent via email and invite.

1. Approval of meeting minutes of May 4, 2020
2. Consent Calendar
3. Review of Statements for Committee Seats
4. President's Update
5. SJSU Transcript Notation (see proposal)
  - a. Time Certain 12:15pm, Thalia Anagnos, VP, Undergraduate Education
6. University updates
  - a. Associated Students President
  - b. VP Student Affairs
  - c. Chief Diversity Officer
  - d. Provost and Senior Vice President
  - e. Statewide Senate
  - f. VP Administration and Finance
7. Policy committee updates
  - a. Professional Standards
  - b. Curriculum & Research
  - c. Organization & Government
  - d. Instruction & Student Affairs

Note Summer Executive Committee Meeting Dates and Times:

June 1st – 12pm-1:30pm

June 16th- 12:30pm-2:00pm

June 29th- 12:00pm- 1:30pm

July 20th - 11:00am- 12:30pm

Aug 3rd - 12:00pm-1:30pm

**Executive Committee Minutes**  
**June 1, 2020**  
**via Zoom, 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.**

Present: Curry, Faas, Frazier, Marachi, Mathur, McKee, Peter, Shifflett, Sullivan-Green, White, Day, Parent, Wong(Lau), Papazian

Absent: Del Casino

Guest: Thalia Anagnos

1. Chair Mathur welcomed the new AS President Zobeida Delgadillo.
2. Chair Mathur informed the Committee that the University Writing Committee, the University Library Board, and the University Sustainability Board were inadvertently left in the category of Special Agencies in the Senate bylaws passed at the last Senate meeting of the 2019-2020 Academic Senate. Due to changes in policies linked to these committees, and in consultation with past Chair of O&G Bethany Shifflett, they will be moved to the category of Other Committees in accordance with these policies. This matter will be addressed at the first full meeting of the Senate in Fall 2020.
3. The Executive Committee approved the minutes of May 4, 2020 (14-0-0).
4. There was no dissent to the Consent Calendar of June 1, 2020.
5. The Executive Committee reviewed statements from faculty seeking Faculty-at-Large appointments to the Sustainability Board. The committee discussed appointing interested members that had time remaining on their current appointment to the open Faculty-at-Large seats to ensure continuity on the board. A motion was made to approve the four current members. The motion was seconded. The committee voted and the motion was approved (14-0-0).
6. Updates from the President:  
The President announced that there had not been a big mutation of the Coronavirus and this was a good sign. Over the summer the campus is being evaluated to determine how we can bring employees and students back with physical distancing. As far as academic planning, we are working to determine what courses can be held face-to-face, and what courses can be held in a hybrid mode. VP Day is also working on plans for physical distancing in housing, dining and athletic areas. We have 85% occupancy in deposits right now, but we expect to land somewhere around the 50%-60% occupancy. VP Day and VP Faas are working together as far as dining is concerned. We will be moving away from buffets. As far as Athletics is concerned, we are looking for guidelines from the NCAA and the Chief Health Officer for higher education. There are five campuses in the Mountain West division and five campuses in the Big Sky division. We are waiting for guidelines on returning to competition and are also concerned about the health of our athletes.

**Questions:**

Q: What if the NCAA has a different standard than Santa Clara County?

A: All campuses are not being treated the same. We are going with local guidelines and health advice for our students.

Q: How will this affect student scholarships?

A: We will be allowing students to come back, but we won't be giving out new scholarships right now.

Concerning current community issues, we shouldn't be surprised that there is such outrage from the community, and we have seen peaceful demonstrations. However, the looting is unfortunate. The University Police Department (UPD) is responsible for protecting the campus and they have been locking the doors. UPD has been instructed not to engage demonstrators, but Friday night there were attempts to start fires downtown. The only violence on campus were a couple broken windows and some graffiti. There is concern that the DACA ruling may come down from the Supreme Court and if rescinded it could add fuel to the protests. We are looking at the safety of our employees and have even told our custodians to stay home.

Q: Is UPD ready to handle the response if the DACA ruling is rescinded?

A: The DACA ruling means a lot to our students. However, we may not see an onslaught here on campus since no students are here right now. Our students are following social media. We don't know how their anger will be expressed.

C: Even though students are not present on campus, they live in the community. This is a moment of great emotion and fear. My recommendation is to issue a statement from the President saying we have a team working on this and will have a town hall meeting. We are living in challenging times.

C: Also, we should be prepared when the DACA decision comes down.

7. The committee discussed notation on transcripts and the need for a statement to indicate shifts in Spring 2020 grading. The committee reviewed the proposal and discussed wording of the statement, location of the statement, and clarity of the statement. Vice Provost Anagnos provided information regarding logistics and reasoning as well as comparison with other CSUs. Student perspectives on transcript notation were also shared. The committee provided several suggestions (e.g., a longer more explanatory statement was suggested, using the words- "global pandemic" or "pandemic" vs. COVID-19 or Coronavirus, including language that refers to the disruption of the online modality shift). Also noted were concerns about placement of notation. The committee noted the positive that students had the option to remove the statement upon request.

8. Updates from Associated Students:

AS held its first new AS Board meeting this week.

9. Updates from the VPSA:

VP Day announced that we have met 94% of our goal of 4,000 frosh. We have met 108% of our goal of transfer students. Our continuing students are up 2%. However, there has been a significant decline in International students.

**Questions:**

Q: Will students have to use WIFI in the parking lot since the library isn't open and there are limited meeting places on campus, or will we provide WIFI access at home for them?

A: Students will be able to use spaces in the Student Union and won't have to be using WIFI in the parking lots.

10. Updates from the VPAF:

Chair Mathur commented that she had heard very positive statements regarding the new Director of FDO.

**Questions:**

Q: How is the Cares money going to be used, do we know?

A: The student funding part of Cares has already been dispensed. We will not draw down on the campus funds until probably July 2020. There are lots of places that money will be needed this year such as extra funds for additional custodial staff to wipe down the campus.

Q: Can we open the SJSU part of the MLK Library and not the public side of the Library?

A: The library is one blended unit. We reopened with our librarians, but it is very big and hard to clean. The library will probably not be the first building we open.

C: We have academic experts that have researched pandemics and could help the community cope.

11. Chair Mathur announced the next meeting would be on Tuesday, June 16, 2020.

12. The meeting adjourned at 1:47 p.m.

These minutes were taken by the Senate Administrator Eva Joice on June 1, 2020. The minutes were transcribed by Senate Administrator Eva Joice on June 12, 2020. The minutes were reviewed by Chair Mathur on June 12, 2020. The minutes were approved by the Executive Committee on June 16, 2020.