

Executive Committee of the Academic Senate
Minutes of the Meeting of August 19, 2024

Clark 551, 12 p.m. to 1:30 pm

Present: Joshua Baur, Julia Curry, Vincent Del Casino, Charlie Faas, Tabitha Hart, Ranko Heindl, Colleen Johnson, Ariana Lacson, Shannon Rose Riley, Karthika Sasikumar, Laura Sullivan-Green, Cynthia Teniente-Matson, Hiu Hiu Yung Wong

Absent: Kristin Dukes, Mari Fuentes Martin

Minutes taken by: Grace Barbieri

I. Chair Welcome:

The chair welcomed everyone back for the start of the fall semester. The Senate executive met once over the summer for an optional meeting on Zoom on June 18th. Additionally, voting was held via email about the renaming of the Spartan Athletics Center. Please try to attend the Fall Welcome Back event today at 3, with a social hour following. There will be a memorial held for Senate Administrator Eva Joice on September 4th from 3-5; more details will come in a message on August 21st.

II. Approval of the Minutes of the meeting of June 18th, 2024:
approved unanimously 9-0-6

III. Consent calendar: Pending corrections to a couple of items, it was removed from the agenda.

IV. President's Presentation:

The President will be presenting all her updates to the committee through the lens of the goals and priorities in the strategic plan. There are five goals, each with a goal lead who is a part of the administration. They will work with committees whose members were recommended by the Strategic Planning Steering Committee. The President will help to oversee all goals so she can report back to the Chancellor's office or trustees. The rosters of the goal leads will be updated on the website. One of the themes for priorities is holistic student engagement, for this we will work to communicate and coordinate existing activities across campus, and integrate new activities to maximize participation in student development. Some events to look out for in

September include Constitution Day on September 17, and a Free Speech convention hosted by Georgetown on September 18 and 19. These events work to promote civic engagement to our students. Additional events include PIT-UN, Public Interest Technology University, and an AI conference with the College of Business hosted by Intel. The Dean of Undergraduate Education, Melinda Jackson, the point contact for this, and UMC are working to create a common platform to communicate these different events. Under goal 3, SJSU is implementing a CSU Pilot administrative initiative with Deloitte support for future state design. Kristin Dukes will come to the committee to discuss the inclusive excellence model, also under goal 3. For the business of running the university, tabletop exercises will be implemented at the cabinet level.

In response to the CA legislature, The Office of the Chancellor has created systemwide standards to determine the “time, place, and manner” in which free speech activities may be conducted on university property. Individual universities have provided Addenda to the policy that identifies the specific time, place, and manner of regulations for their respective campus. The university’s existing campus time, place, and manner policy will continue to apply to represented employees until bargaining is complete for the interim time, place, and manner policy and campus addendum. Under the law, notification and acknowledgment of this policy to students is required, and a message will be sent to campus at 1 pm today. Students will also need to complete training through a Canvas shell. Student organizations, groups, activities, and workers have been given training. The university anticipates responding to questions regarding the new policy and working to support them.

V. Questions (sent ahead of the meeting)

To Provost Del Casino: What stage are we in the search for the Dean of the new College of Information, Data and Society (CIDS) as well as the AVP for Center for Faculty Excellence and Teaching Innovation (CFETI)?

The official launch of the search for the Dean of CIDS will start in September; after meeting with the college on September 5th, the call for nominations to sit on the committee will go out. The call for the AVP is already out, and the Provost is hopeful they will both start in January 2025. The Executive Committee will be involved in the nominating process because it relates to academic affairs and its members will make recommendations to the Provost.

To Provost Del Casino: Effect of FAFSA debacle on our admissions and what steps did SJSU take to clarify aid availability for prospective students?

We have not seen it affect returning students or admission. We have 86% retention and are shooting for 87%. We are enrolling more than ever at the freshman level. However, it has produced more work for financial aid and IT and continues to cause problems with verification. Since verification cannot get all students through at a time, we have delayed payment requirements so they can get through the process.

To CFO Faas: What substantive action has been taken to secure non-state funding? When can the campus expect to start receiving these dollars? What will the dollars be used for?

50% of our funding comes from the state, and 50% from tuition. We are very limited in the general fund outside of these. Outside funding is problematic since it is likely to be not consistent, unlike the state and tuition, which can pay for payroll. We continue to look for other sources of revenue, such as the new money that came in for renaming the Spartan Athletic Center. Provost Del Casino added that Professional and Continuing Education (PACE) dollars are increasingly available as another source of income when our regular sources fall short.

To Provost Del Casino: What is the current status/nomenclature of Undergraduate Education?

This question was discussed over the summer.

To Chair Wong: You have been co-chairing a working group over the summer on GE changes. Can you please give a brief update on the timeline?

Over the summer, we worked with 12 faculty members to draft a new GE policy and guidelines in response to AB928. We had 10 meetings and hope to present and pass the policy at the senate meetings in September. This policy should not be very controversial since it mainly aligns with the CSU policy.

VI. Further Discussion

Spartan Village on the Paseo and Student Housing

We are currently at full capacity for housing, with a few beds open for emergency housing. However, if there are no-shows, we work through the waitlist of students still trying to get student houses. Of the just over 5,000 beds, 124 are subsidized funding, which will grow to over 500 next year. SJSU used to be a majority commuter campus. Still, with more and more students living on campus, we are sure to see a difference in the culture of SJSU and downtown and are looking to refresh the master plan to reflect this continuing change. With the gap between the main campus and the new housing on the Paseo SJSU, has worked with the city for the last year to improve lighting and refresh branding. Additionally, they continue to work to add emergency call buttons in that area. If a student experiences any disturbances in the area around Spartan Village on the Paseo, they should always call UPD. This has been expressed to the students and their families. There are also trained RAs and housing staff on site.

VII. Enrollment update by Provost

- Stateside overall headcount is up by nearly 600 incoming students
- We are up 110 freshmen over last year and 51 transfers over the same point in time
- As part of our growth, graduate enrollment is up for CA residents, but down slightly in new and continuing non-resident students (leading to about a 5% growth overall in graduate students)
- Self-support enrollment is up over 550 students from point-in-time last year.

- Re-enrollment efforts are working; we are usually at 94% of all spring students who re-enroll in fall (currently we are at 91%) however, we will still see more enrollment this late.
- Of students who stopped out for a semester, we have historically returned 31% of those students; we are exceeding that number right now at 34%.

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 PM

The minutes were taken by Grace Barbieri on August 18, 2024; reviewed and accepted by Senate Chair Karthika Sasikumar on August 20, 2024, and approved by the Senate Executive Committee on August 26, 2024.