

**Academic Senate Minutes**  
February 13, 2020  
3:00 – 5:00, Ballrooms C & D

**Abstract**

Approval of Agenda – item added: Request for Posthumous Degree for Kevin Patland – Approved. Minutes of 1/30/2020 – Approved. President Report. **Provost Report.** Vice Chair Report. Administration and Finance Report. Student Affairs Report. Associated Students Report. Staff Representative Report. Request for Posthumous Degree for Kevin Patland – approved by unanimous consent. Statewide Senators Report. Nominations for At-Large to Ex Com – voting result Amal Munayer. APARC Report. EPC Report. FSAC Report. SAC Report. Good of the Order.

**Present:** Laura Watt, Melinda Milligan, Hope Ortiz, Wendy Ostroff, Catherine Nelson, Sam Brannen, Melissa Garvin, Jim Robison, Carlos Torres, Angelo Camillo, Puspa Amri, Izabela Kanaana, Mary Ellen Wilkosz, Adam Zagelbaum, Kevin Fang, Amal Munayer, Judy Sakaki, Lisa Vollendorf, Melissa Kadar, Arcelia Sandoval, Sean Place, Jenn Lillig, Paula Lane, Hilary Smith

**Absent:** Joshua Glasgow, Jeffrey Reeder, Rajeev Virmani, Chiara Bacigalupa, Cookie Garrett, Erma Jean Sims

**Proxies:** Mary Wegman for Rita Primo, Laura Monje-Paulson for William Gregory Sawyer, Christopher Dinno for Joyce Lopes

**Guests:** Kara Rabbit, Mario Perez, Karen Moranski, Katie Musick, Kuyho Lee, Doug Jordan, Damien Wilson

**Chair Report – L. Watt**

No report.

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**President Report – J. Sakaki**

Mario Pérez, new Vice President of Advancement, was introduced to the Senate. He started this week at SSU. The Economic Outlook conference will be on campus next Thursday with Rob Eyler as the keynote speaker.

**Provost Report – L. Vollendorf**

- Preview Day will be February 29. The target audience is 9<sup>th</sup> through 11<sup>th</sup> grade students, although younger students and seniors who perhaps decided not to go

to college in the fall are also good targets for this day. Schools are being asked to have 2-3 representatives for Preview Day so we can have a good showing for prospective students.

- Seawolf Decision Day is April 4. Thank you in advance for participating in this important day for Sonoma State.
- Thank you for participating in the School of Education dean search.
- We have started the School of Social Science candidate interviews. Thank you for participating in those as well.

### **Vice Chair Report – M. Milligan**

M. Milligan reported that the Faculty Governance election will go forward once all eligible voters are identified. She requested that the Senate approve the election to go forward without the requisite number of candidates. **No objection.**

### **Administration and Finance Report – C. Dinno for J. Lopes**

- Christopher Dinno and Senate Chair Watt encouraged senators to take part in the focus groups about classroom design. A discussion ensued about the methodology of the focus groups and the rationale for requiring people to attend the full focus group. Vice Chair Milligan fielded these questions and reassured the group that all other data collection methods used to date also will be considered and folded in to the planning and decision process.

### **Student Affairs Report – L. Monje-Paulson for Wm. Gregory Sawyer**

- Student Affairs is the contact for the 2020 census for SSU.

### **Associated Students Report – M. Kadar**

M. Kadar reported on the AS efforts to register students to vote. ASP is starting a new event focused on snow. The AS is also holding town hall discussions. The AS has started a conversation with the government of Rohnert Park on the noise ordinance.

### **Staff Representative Report – A. Sandoval**

A. Sandoval reported on the Staff Council meetings and business.

### **Request for Posthumous Degree for Kevin Patland**

D. Jordan described the department's request for a B. A. degree in Business with a concentration Wine Business Strategies. Mr. Patland was very close to finishing his degree and has met the criteria for a posthumous degree. Professors Jordan, Lee and Wilson spoke movingly about Kevin and his potential in Wine Business, his warm heart, his support of diversity and his excellent relationships with other students. **The degree was approved by unanimous consent.**

## **Statewide Senators Report – C. Nelson**

C. Nelson reported on legislative concerns in the ASCSU. The first concerned the Ethnic Studies requirement making its way through the legislature. The California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation wants to allow any Associate degree held by an inmate to be able to transfer to any CSU BA completion program. C. Nelson discussed the questions the ASCSU has about this proposal. The Community Colleges are interested in transfer pathways for their students to attend the UC and CSU and are now proposing legislation towards this idea which brings up a number of complications. There was some discussion.

## **Nominations for At-Large to Ex Com**

One of the At-Large members to the Executive Committee had to step down. The floor was opened to nominations for a new At-Large member from the Senate. Adam Zagelbaum and Amal Munayer were nominated. At the end of the meeting, Amal Munayer was elected by ballot.

## **APARC Report – S. Place**

S. Place reported that APARC is working on cleaning up the Program Review policy. Last week APARC unanimously passed an update to the accessible syllabus policy bringing it in line with legal mandates. He noted that syllabi need to be posted to the LMS system so that the compliance aspect of the legal mandates can be determined. In a recent audit process, the campus could not indicate how many syllabi were accessible. There was some discussion.

## **EPC Report – J. Lillig**

J. Lillig reported that EPC is working on the Internship Policy. She described the process going forward to inform faculty about the policy process and give more feedback. She asked that faculty give their feedback via their EPC reps. She noted the campus was very late in creating this policy. She reported that the Overlay Subcommittee was approved at the Ex Com and the call for this subcommittee will happen in the Schools. She said EPC approved the academic calendar and cleaned up the extra days. EPC received feedback from S&F about the process for revising the GE curriculum and they will be discussing that at their next meeting. She noted that EPC is working hard on improving transparency issues in the new GE program process. There was a question about whether the Senate approves the calendar. It was clarified that the calendar guidelines come to the Senate for approval. The Chair addressed negative rumblings about the GE subcommittee and EPC and noted that all their meetings are open for anyone to attend and any concerns about the functioning of faculty governance should be brought to her attention.

## **FSAC Report – P. Lane**

P. Lane reported on FSAC's subcommittees. She reported that AFS, PDS and FSAC are working on a joint statement about teaching sensitive materials. She reported on discussions about the work of PDS moving towards overseeing teaching awards and

efforts toward innovative teaching. FSAC began work on the side by side document for the RTP policy revision. She said they hoped in April to present their progress at that point. A member asked FSAC to look at electronic SETEs and provided an example of how the difficult it is to get students to complete the electronic SETEs and voiced concern about getting comments about other classes on his SETEs. This question prompted a substantial discussion about SETEs, bias and low response rates. It was decided to look back at the historical SETE information at SSU before proceeding further.

### **SAC Report – H. Smith**

H. Smith reported that SAC has assembled their Priority Registration subcommittee and are ready to review requests. They discussed a potential revision to the Cheating and Plagiarism policy, but decided that the suggestion to specifically identify sites used to upload class materials was covered under other parts of the policy. However, they will be suggesting language to be used in syllabi about intellectual property rights for students and faculty and suggest that faculty include a statement on their syllabi about what types of sharing class materials they approve. She noted she attended the Basic Needs summit for the CSU and found it very useful. Discussions centered around housing insecurity and food insecurity and how faculty can be part of helping with efforts to alleviate those problems. It was distressing to learn about UC Santa Cruz students holding a wildcat strike about housing and being treated harshly by police.

### **Good of the Order**

A member talked about visiting the Sustainability Executive Committee and found out they would like to hear from the Senate on any sustainability issues. They will be putting out a report quarterly. A member noted that the Study Abroad deadline is March 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **Adjourned.**

*Minutes prepared by L. Holmstrom-Keyes*