

**Senate Executive Committee**

March 25, 2024

Clark 550, 12:00 – 1:30 p.m.

**Present:** Baur, Curry, Dukes, French, Fuentes-Martin, Kataoka, Multani, Sasikumar (Chair), Sullivan-Green, Teniente-Matson, Wong

**Absent:** Del Casino, Faas, Hart, McKee

Minutes: Julia Curry

1. Approval of the agenda – There was a statement regarding the lateness.
2. Approval of the minutes of the meeting of Mar 11, 2024 – Tabled to be reviewed.
3. Chair’s Update (none)
4. President’s Update – Slides are in the folder.
  - a. On rebuilding the culture of trust (from 5 priorities on the cabinet level), VP Fuentes-Martin made a brief update on TPM policies and procedures.
    - i. VP Fuentes-Martin visited with Jen Malutta, Dawn Lee and Sonja Daniels, co-chairs of the TPM committee.
    - ii. With the February 19 incident, the execution of strategies is being reconsidered. There is a need for training. Disruption with the February event occurred because it was a class, which was also promoted as a public event. The President and the Provost discussed the outreach to faculty advisors and for future events from classes that transition to public events, including threat assessment- procedures, size/capacity, and related decision tree. The Vice president addressed AS President Multani their upcoming meeting and what is going to happen to ensure maximum support . Monday’s Turning Point event went without disruption.
    - iii. Dawn Lee is going to develop a training module – virtual /in person. Strategy is being developed on the academic side to offer engaging training.
    - iv. Question is how to define a public meeting. Preliminary thing to consider: non-members of the university (anyone without ID) are to be considered public. Defines access: buildings are public buildings but only those with ID can enter.
  - b. VPRI – will have an interim appointment in a couple of weeks.

- c. Enrollment Manager – This position will become vacant. This is a relatively recent hire, the pool of two candidates will be reviewed based on recommendations from the Search committee, the original search concluded in mid-September. We will draw a candidate from that pool.
- d. A 5-year review of Provost will take place. The president will work with Chair Sasikumar for the framework and process. A call will be out to colleges for elected nominees to begin the process including a survey and review in fall.
- e. April 19<sup>th</sup> – Futures Forum as a part of Research Week. An AI Vision Statement will be introduced. There will be a campus-wide conversation with Congresspersons Lofgren and Eshoo – federal discussion of AI.

**Q/A**

**Q:** What is the TPM definition of public space, legally, on the nature of classroom visit?

**A:** We don't need a legal definition; we know what a public space is. What we want is what the faculty understand when they use the term public – to hold in a place that is accessible to 'general' public.

**Q:** So the classroom is not a private place?

**A:** A classroom building is public. But if someone walks into your office, the person is asked the reason.

**Q:** Would a VPRI be hired internally, or nationally?

**A:** There will be a one-year hire internally. Then it will be evaluated.

**Comment:** Another issue is a zoom bombing. Committee can also consider protocol to prevent hijacking.

**Comment:** Futures Forum with a Congressperson Zoe Lofgren is great.

5. Approval of the [Senate Calendar](#) for 2024-25

- a. It is prepared by Administrator Joice.
- b. All dates are Mondays and major holidays were checked.
- c. The calendar will be presented to the Senate and published on the website.

**Q/A**

**Comment:** This year's retreat conflicted with the Associated Students' event.

**Q:** Is the weekly EC meeting institutionalized in constitution or bylaws? Could it be bi-weekly?

**A:** The possibility will be checked.

Discussions followed on the frequency, the time duration, and the modality of the Executive Committee meeting, together with the impact on the meetings of policy committees. As per

the Standing Rules, 17-A, regular meetings shall be held on Mondays that the senate does not meet.

It is tabled to April 8<sup>th</sup>.

6. Presentation of the report of the Committee on Senate Representation by co-chairs Kataoka and Sundrud - Document is in the shared folder.
  - a. First Report to the Senate: 02/05/2024, from the first two meetings (12/01 and 12/05)
  - b. Meetings after 02/05
    - i. February: 02/06; 02/15; 02/20; 02/29
    - ii. March: 03/05; 03/14; 03/19 (03/28 – upcoming)
  - c. Aims of the Committee
    - i. List of Recommendations by 04/15
    - ii. Draft Report by 04/15
    - iii. Final Report by 05/06
  - d. Recommendations agreed thus far:
    - i. Language change (Background: while most SSPs are unit 4 members, there are some unit 3 SSP members, currently they are all General Unit members.)
      1. Faculty = Unit 3 employees
      2. Staff = Non-MPP, Non-unit 3 employees of the SJSU
    - ii. Add “Staff” representatives to the Senate
    - iii. Change General Unit Members: Only Faculty (=unit 3) outside the represented colleges
  - e. Recommendations deliberated on 03/28 and after
    - i. Membership Changes
      1. Add 2 SSPs as Staff representatives
      2. Add 2 more Staff representatives (non-MPP, non-SSP)
      3. Change the President’s membership to non-voting member
      4. Reduce the number of Dean’s representatives by 1  
(Total number of non-faculty voting members = 20)
      5. Total number of college/GU faculty representatives will be 40.
      6. Changes will be implemented from the next election.
    - ii. Adding language to bylaws for
      1. faculty protection from scheduling conflicts
      2. staff protection to attend meetings and as free Staff representatives.
      3. broader consultation (e.g., Lecturers’ Council on lecturer policies, UCCD)

## Q/A

**Comment:** Mandating for freeing Mondays may cause a problem for the department and the students. Consider language such as “as much as possible.”

**Q:** With more staff members, is Monday still the best day for the Senate meetings?

Prompted a discussion about Mondays. It was noted that each day of the week has pros/cons.

**Comment:** Do you consider keeping the number of deans the same but change them to be non-voting members? They are not overrepresented because of their critical role in management and faculty.

**Q:** How would the two staff members be selected?

**A:** Staff Council is the only assembly for all of the SJSU Staff members, but it may be too much of a burden to organize elections. How to implement elections is not discussed yet.

**A:** We talked with the UP to ask for circulating the materials.

**Comment:** Senate election is administered through the colleges. So maybe UP can perform the election for the staff, as assisting the election.

**Q:** Have you considered that these four additional senators (2 SSPs and 2 non-MPPs) would also serve on policy committees?

**Comment:** Officially formalizing release time needs to go through UP.

**Comment:** Release time for staff members would open the possibility for lecturers, too.

**Comment:** General unit members cannot chair committees because they cannot accept release time.

**Comment:** There is precedent for accommodations for staff members to attend union meetings. It is time for accommodation, not ‘release time.’

7. Constituting a Naming Committee for the former CPGE (Proposal is [here](#))
  - a. Due to the absence of the Provost and the President, Chair Sasikumar presented the proposal.
  - b. As per the policy, a naming committee is necessary. This proposal is just for the constitution of the committee and its membership, not on the name. The committee will bring back the name to be considered. The proposal was approved (9-1-0).
8. University Updates
  - a. VPSA: Fuentes-Martin
    - i. There are a lot of events: AS election, board members for Student union, etc.
    - ii. Had a tour of the student union, SRAC and event center and saw both potential and need of repairs.
    - iii. On housing: (1) High return rate of students, frosh starting in, at 55% occupancy for fall, with space for frosh. (2) International House will be

moving into the Student Affairs out of CPGE. It will be a traditional residence house and as an international learning community, partnership with global engagement. (3) Spartan Village has 100 returning, and 50-60 frosh choosing to live there.

- iv. Admitted Spartan Day on April 13. Turning point to yield SJSU students. Some trips to Oakland, Long Beach, and Seattle.

Q/A

**Q:** I-House had its own board, will that still exist?

**A:** They had a gift from the Simpkins family, had a discussion with Rotary VPSA is working with Andrew Exner on MOU, transferring contracts, etc. The advisory board may stay.

**Comment:** Communication may be sent to the members of the Advisory Board.

b. AS President: Multani

- i. AS allocated 150K to student orgs, may have to go into reserves to allocate more money to registered student orgs. Exciting that they are using funds.
- ii. Lobby Corps passed many resolutions. He will be stepping back to do structural changes to the board. Positions to dissolve one into VP role, and internal affairs director which do kind of the same thing. Scope of work will add director of research and technology. Other internal committee changes. Positions for the senate and elsewhere.
- iii. Working on SOS on TPM, with community safety, positive learning environment, intergroup dialogue training from CDO, encourage respectful discourse.
- iv. Spartan Squad – name in progress. It is the student section of SJSU. Over time not the best job of delivering – t-shirts, end game experience, building event camaraderie sports large experience. He came here because of athletics. Camaraderie.
- v. Advising referral in ISA
- vi. The Athletics Board will have recommendations from external review. Financially, it's not smart to leave the current status.
- vii. Recommendations about NIL. Strength in supporting students. Offsetting the financial burden, SDSU has an NIL (name image and language) coordinator for deals to prevent exploitation of student athletes. In CA it is not legally required.

c. Provost (none) – not present

- d. CFO – no time for him to give a report.
- e. CSU Statewide Senator - not given time, but written into notes.

Shared resolutions summary packet from March Plenary.

To access the Resolution page, please click [here](#) (requires inserting number)

To access the Resolution summary, please click [March Resolution Summaries](#)

BOT meetings began on Sunday and go through Wednesday. As I indicated in my report at our senate meeting, if people would like to participate in public comment regarding the impending decision on GE and single transfer pathway, that would be a good idea. Public comment is on Tuesday, the deadline for participation closed on Friday, but written comments can be sent to the trustee secretariat at [trusteesoffice@calstate.edu](mailto:trusteesoffice@calstate.edu).

We will continue to work on the resolutions introduced which will be voted at the May plenary, including the DACA Workers resolution.

- f. CDO – no time to report.
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- 9. Policy Committee Updates – no time to report.
    - a. Organization and Government
    - b. Instruction and Student Affairs
    - c. Professional Standards
    - d. Curriculum and Research