

Regular Meeting of the University Senate

Hahn Pavilion, Room 108

February 19, 2004

Attendance

Arts & Sciences: Dobkin, Chair; Branch; Herrinton; Lewis; Loer; Liao; Otto; Pachence; Payne; Pierson; Sullivan; Walsh; Williams

Business: Ayers; Smith

Education: Gonzalez

Law: Horton; Kelly

Nursing: Orsi

Ex-Officio: Drinan; Rodriguez

Representative: Castanos; Gallant; Niederkorn

Guest: Donald McGraw

Dobkin opened the meeting at 12:20 p.m.

1. Announcements

a) Update on Mission Statement. The draft mission statement to appear before the Board of Trustees now reads: *The University of San Diego is a Roman Catholic institution committed to advancing academic excellence, expanding liberal and professional knowledge, creating a diverse and inclusive community, and preparing learners dedicated to ethical conduct and compassionate service.* The Steering Committee on Strategic Directions is still working on revisions of the “Core Values”; Senators who have additional comments should contact the Senate Chair. Dobkin distributed the latest draft of Suggested Strategic Directions of the Strategic Directions Steering Committee.

b) Policy approval. A new policy approval flow chart is being developed by Finance and Administration. Recent versions identify the University Senate as the “last stop” before new or amended policies are sent to the President for approval. This means that the Senate will need to meet at least twice during the summer; the Executive Committee has agreed to take responsibility for reviewing policies to determine Senate jurisdiction.

c) Senate retreat. The Executive Committee proposed that a Senate retreat be held during the summer; Senators will be asked via email to identify periods over the summer that they might be available. A retreat would provide an opportunity to revisit objectives, raise issues for the coming year, discuss Senate roles and responsibilities, and discuss strategies for operating more effectively. It was recommended that the retreat be held before the end of the semester.

d) Senate priorities for Spring 2004. The Executive Committee has identified two Senate priorities for Spring 2004: completing work on tuition remission benefits, and addressing potential problems with the ARRT appeals process. Other issues that the Senate may wish to address this semester include revisiting parking fee structure and space allocation, student voting membership, and graduate student funding.

e) Faculty Status Committee. Horton, committee chair, said that the committee took up the faculty appointments policies of the College and schools but has not been able to complete this work. The committee also has the rank and tenure appeals process and rank and tenure policy on its agenda.

2. Approval of Minutes of Feb. 5, 2004

Motion by Walsh, seconded by Kelly, to: APPROVE THE MINUTES OF FEB. 5, 2004 WITH THE FOLLOWING CHANGES.

- 1) p. 2, section c), Motion to amend by Horton, replace “for” with “with” to read: “Exchange the second sentence with the first sentence.”
- 2) p. 3, third paragraph from bottom, end of line six, change “agreed” to “agree.”
- 3) p. 4, Motion by Horton, replace “as” with “in” and “foreward” with “foreword” to read: “Section A shall be included in the Foreword of the *University Policy and Procedures Manual*.”
- 4) p. 4, section d), insert new paragraph between last two paragraphs to read: “Herrinton stated that his recollection of the motion passed by the Academic Assembly is not in accord with how the motion is stated on the Senate’s agenda. Dobkin responded that that is the wording she received from the Chair of the Academic Assembly.”

Vote: 19 – Approve; 0 – Oppose; 0 – Abstain. The motion passed.

3. Committee reports

Dobkin stated that the Honorary Degrees Committee recommended that the candidate’s name not be forwarded. She asked for discussion of the candidate. Horton thanked the committee for making an exception to bring it forward to the Senate. Senators discussed the qualities and exemplary service of the candidate.

Vote to support the recommendation of the Honorary Degrees Committee: 8 – Approve; 9 – Opposed; 3 – Abstain. The nomination passed.

Motion by Horton, seconded by Payne, that: THE SENATE AUTHORIZE ITS CHAIR, WHO IS ALSO AN EX-OFFICIO MEMBER OF THE ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, TO PREPARE AND PRESENT A REPORT ON THE HONORARY DEGREE NOMINEE THAT COMPORTS WITH THE HONORARY DEGREES COMMITTEE BY-LAWS OF THE SENATE.

Vote: 17 – Approve; 0 – Oppose; 0 – Abstain. The motion passed.

Herrinton said at the last meeting the Senate passed a resolution on the assumption that the Academic Assembly had passed a motion whose wording was identical.

Motion by Herrinton, seconded by Sullivan, to: RECONSIDER AND PLACE ON THE SENATE AGENDA LAST MEETING’S RESOLUTION WITH REGARD TO THE ACADEMIC CALENDAR COMMITTEE.

The meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Submitted by,

David Sullivan
Secretary

Peggy Agerton
Recording Secretary