

**Regular Meeting of the University Senate
Manchester Conference Center, Hazard Board Room
Thursday, February 28, 2008**

Attendance

Arts & Sciences: Pachence, Chair; Branch; Colombo; Ellis; Guerrieri; Lewis; Nadkarni; Otto; Pierson; Sheehan; Tsomo

Business: Barkacs; Gin; Lumori; Sumner

Education: Ammer

Law: Horton; Kelly; McGowan

Nursing: Clark

Ex-Officio:

Student Representative: Mabry

Guest: Douglas; Herrinton; Carmen Vazquez; André Mallié

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

I. Announcements

A. Chair

1. Committee reports. Three reports by Senate representatives to Board of Trustees committees were distributed: Academic Affairs Committee, Pachence; University Relations Committee, Sullivan; Athletics Committee, Pascuzzi. No Senate action was suggested by the latter two reports.

2. Confidentiality Agreement. In a written note included with agenda, Douglas responded to the questions raised at the last meeting regarding the Confidentiality Agreement. Pachence stated that Senate representatives to Board committees are expected to refrain from divulging confidential information in their reports to the Senate and it is the responsibility of the committee chair to indicate when information is confidential.

3. Report of Academic Affairs Committee: Pachence explained that this committee's discussions of emeritus-status recommendations and honorary-degree nominations centered on the selection criteria and nomination process for both. Board members asked the Provost to review the matter further, and she has contacted Pachence, who will take the matter to the Executive Committee.

Herrinton explained further that Board members noted the relative paucity of information provided with some honorary-degree nominations. In regard to the emeritus-status policy, he said that Board members wanted more specific grounds for recommendations of particular nominees (not necessarily more specific criteria in general) and that they also suggested that the Cabinet, because it now includes fewer faculty and academic administrators than when the procedures were originally established, may not be the best body to make the final recommendations to the Board. Following up on a question about the percentage of retired faculty routinely awarded emeritus status, Herrinton noted that, of those retiring in the last ten years, 61% received emeritus status.

II. Approval of the minutes of February 14, 2008

The minutes of February 14, 2008 were approved by unanimous consent.

III. Executive Committee Report

Charge to the Senate Committee on Benefits Policy: Policy on Voluntary Catastrophic Illness Sick Time Donation (included with the agenda). The benefits policy committee is charged with investigating the feasibility of proposing a policy on voluntary catastrophic leave donation (a “sick-leave bank” policy) and, if the committee finds it to be feasible, then proposing such a policy for Senate consideration by the end of the spring semester.

Motion by Horton/Sheehan to: RATIFY THE CHARGE TO THE BENEFITS POLICY COMMITTEE DATED FEBRUARY, 2008.

After Herrinton recommended reviewing the USD sick leave policy overall, especially in terms of the number of days it allows and how it relates to other policies, the charge was voted on.

Vote: 15 – Approve; 0 Opposed; 3 – Abstain. The motion passed.

IV. Continuing Business

A. Animals on University Property

Motion to amend by Ellis/Horton to: ADD “SPECIFICALLY APPROVED BY THE COGNIZANT DEPARTMENT OR SCHOOL” TO THE SECOND BULLET OF THE THIRD PARAGRAPH TO READ: Animals specifically approved by the cognizant department or school for academic research or other educational or public safety activities conducted at the university;

Requests for advance approval to bring an animal onto campus for educational or public safety activities would be directed to Public Safety or to the appropriate academic unit.

Horton called the question.

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

Motion to amend by Ellis/Clark to: ADD “EXCEPT WHEN LEFT IN CARS WITH A NOTE GIVING A WAY TO CONTACT THE OWNER” AT THE END OF THE SECOND PARAGRAPH TO READ: Dogs may not be tied to trees or any other structure and may not be left unattended except when left in cars with a note giving a way to contact the owner.

Ellis explained that a dog might occasionally need to be left in a car for a brief period. This motion would exclude that dog from being an unauthorized pet. Douglas noted that the policy states that a dog on campus must be under the control of the owner and that a dog alone in a car is not under anyone’s control.

Branch called the question.

Vote: 5 – Approve; 11 – Oppose; 3 – Abstain. The motion failed.

Motion to amend by Ellis/Horton to: REMOVE FROM THE FOURTH PARAGRAPH, SECOND SENTENCE “UNIVERSITY OFFICIALS” AND REPLACE WITH “PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICERS” TO READ: Public Safety officers may remove unattended or unrestrained animals from university property and transport them to the San Diego County Animal Shelter if the owner cannot be immediately located.

Ellis explained that he recommends this change because the definition of a university official is too broad.

Horton called the question.

Vote: 18 – Approve; 0 – Oppose; 1 – Abstain. The motion passed.

Motion by Horton/Clark to: MOVE THE QUESTION ON THE MAIN MOTION.

Vote: 18 – Approve; 0 – Oppose; 1 – Abstain. The motion passed.

Vote on policy as amended: 18 – Approve; 0 – Oppose; 1 – Abstain. The main motion as amended passed.

B. Guest Speakers Policy

Motion to amend by Horton/Clark to: REORGANIZE AND REVISE THE PROPOSED POLICY.

Horton stated that amendments are non-substantive and merely reorganize and clarify the policy.

Vote: 18 – Approve; 0 – Oppose; 1 – Abstain. The motion passed.

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

IV. Conversation with Carmen Vazquez and André Mallié

Carmen Vazquez, Vice President of Student Affairs, introduced André Mallié, Executive Director, Auxiliary Services. Mallié gave a Powerpoint presentation titled “A New Vision for Dining Services,” highlighting the improved dining opportunities to be offered in the new Student Life Pavilion. In response to comments and questions, Mallié explained how sustainability principles will be built into the design and practices of all dining operations.

The meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Submitted by,

Eren Branch
Secretary

Peggy Agerton
Recording Secretary

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2.11.1 Animals on University Property

To promote a healthy and safe environment for the university community, the University of San Diego prohibits the presence of pets and other animals in all buildings, residence halls, athletic fields, outside dining areas, or other facilities that are owned, leased, operated or maintained by the university. Pets and other animals are not permitted at university events.

Dogs are permitted on roads and outdoor grounds (other than those specified above) on the university campus, provided they are on a leash. The owner is responsible for controlling the animal's behavior and for promptly removing and disposing of the animal's waste. All dogs on campus must be tagged, licensed, and vaccinated in accordance with California law. Dogs may not be tied to trees or other structures and may not be left unattended.

The following animals are not subject to this policy:

- Guide dogs, signal dogs, or other animals trained to provide assistance to an individual with a disability;
- Animals specifically approved by the cognizant department or school for academic research or other educational or public safety activities conducted at the university;
- Classroom pets at the Manchester Child Development Center;
- Fish in an aquarium not to exceed 10 gallons;
- Pets that were approved prior to the effective date of this policy and that are owned by employees who live in Residential Life housing; and
- Pets of employees who live in university-owned housing (other than Residential Life housing).

Individuals who bring unauthorized animals to university events or into university buildings or onto university property or who fail to properly supervise and/or control their animals will be asked to remove them. Public Safety officers may remove unattended or unrestrained animals from university property and may transport them to the San Diego County Animal Shelter if the owner cannot be readily located.

For employees and students, violation of this policy may result in disciplinary action up to and including termination, as appropriate under the circumstances. Others who violate this policy may be required to leave the campus.

All animals on university property including those that are otherwise excepted from this policy, will be treated in a manner consistent with applicable law.

To report the presence of an animal on university property in violation of this policy, please contact the Department of Public Safety.

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2.6.3 GUEST SPEAKERS POLICY

As part of its effort to help members of the university community make informed and responsible decisions in the political, social, professional and personal aspects of their lives, the university encourages the hosting of guest speakers. University employees and students are encouraged to discuss questions of interest to them and to invite guest speakers of their choosing. The intent of this policy is to provide a broad exposure to a diversity of issues and perspectives, and to ensure that all members of the university community engage those issues and perspectives in a manner consistent with the mission and core values of the university.

This policy governs the invitation of guest speakers to make presentations at the university to which members of the public have been invited. "Guest speakers" and "members of the public" for the purpose of this policy are persons who are not employees or students at the university. This policy does not apply to the invitation of a guest speaker by a faculty member to address students who are enrolled in a class taught by the faculty member. Nor does this policy apply to seminars, workshops, colloquia or other programs conducted by guest speakers where only university employees or students are invited to attend.

Only the university's administration, academic units, officially registered student organizations, and officially recognized employee organizations may sponsor a guest speaker. External organizations that host events on campus may invite guest speakers to participate in their events under this policy, provided that doing so is included within the external organization's contractual arrangement with the university.

The sponsorship of a guest speaker does not imply that either the university or the sponsoring organization approves or endorses the views expressed by guest speaker. The sponsor of the guest speaker may be required to communicate this position to all who are invited to or who attend the speaking engagement.

Advance reservation of university facilities for guest speakers is required. For more information, including reservation information, please contact the Office of Public Relations, or for sponsorship by registered student organizations, the office of the Vice President for Student Affairs.