

Executive Committee of the Academic Senate
Minutes of the Meeting of October 28, 2024
Clark 551, 12 p.m. to 1:30 pm

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

Minutes taken by Grace Barbieri

1. Approval of the Minutes of the meeting of October 21, 2024 - Approved unanimously as amended
2. Approval of the Election Calendar - approved unanimously as amended.

Q: The petition is due on February 14th. Does that suggest hard-copy petitions? Are they electronic or in multiple formats?

A: We are unsure, but we can change the wording.

3. Update by President Teniente-Matson

October has seen significant engagement, particularly with the recent Smith and Carlos Day of Recognition featuring Dr. Carlos and Dr. Smith. The Day of Activism on October 16th, held on the lawn with Dr. Carlos, prompts us as a community to reflect on the implications of the mayor declaring October 16th as Smith and Carlos Day at our request. For the past 16 years, Student Services have primarily led activities related to this day. However, with this formal recognition, it's important to consider what this means for our campus. We should explore how this day can be integrated across various aspects of our community, including academic initiatives, student services, and sports programs, fostering a more holistic approach to honoring this significant occasion.

Earlier last week, we had a state-of-election security panel with Assemblymember Gail Pellerin and Acting Registrar of Voters for Santa Clara County Matt Morales. It was well attended and discussed election security. I think it was very timely, given the conversations at the national level.

Last Friday, we hosted the African American College Readiness Summit on campus, which we host with community leaders like the Santa Clara Office of Education. About 500 high school students spent half a day exploring our campus, which is a significant outreach to the African American community. We do one high school initiative and one middle school initiative. This

also supports our strategic plan, specifically the Black Student Success Initiative. I was struck by how much conversation at this event was about Dr. Smith and Dr. Carlos. They played the videos of them at the Olympics. It just reinforced with me the significance of how we think of this across our community.

Both the Wang and faculty awards are out, and we are accepting nominations. There are a fair amount of activities going on to support this time of year and semester and what is happening in our community. In the next day or so, there will be an email about the system-wide CSU strategic plan. There will be an open invitation for the campus to participate in the system-wide CSU strategic plan, not to be confused with Transformation 2030. We are continuing to move forward with Deloitte. We had a cabinet briefing last week, and there was a presentation at the executive leadership team of Chancellor Garcia's cabinet about SJSU's work with Deloitte in this pilot. Last Thursday, we had a Heritage Society luncheon, which was also well attended. These are individuals who have left money to SJSU in their estate plans. We had a lively Fire on the Fountain and alumni events right before, during Homecoming Week.

Q: What sort of planning is in place at SJSU in anticipation of the election outcome? Also, is there anything we can do as faculty and community members?

A: I think all of you are aware of helping students understand their privileges and rights to vote and the opportunity to remember to engage in civil behavior. What we are doing as a cabinet, which we have previously mentioned, is tabletop exercises for various scenarios that could occur on our campus. We have not heard of any planned activities, but that does not mean there are unplanned activities. We are also working with the City of San Jose on city-wide plans they are engaged in for post-election results. I feel that we are prepared for circumstances that might come our way.

Q: The last time one of the candidates was elected, it was not so much the civil unrest or disobedience as the intense sadness/despair that students experienced. I know that ODEI is addressing those, but I can tell you that the level of despair already happening is intense because people are very afraid.

A: We are trying to ensure we have appropriate support and resources for those areas.

After the Michigan State shooting, I called Bob Lim, and said, "Can we hold what occurred at Michigan State in terms of logistics and mechanics behind the scenes?" I talked to Chief Carroll and said, "I know the Vice President there. Can we call them?" The chief has done an outstanding job of bringing leadership from Michigan State here to learn from. This is a signature part of campus safety.

4. [Presentation](#) by Chief Carroll on Campus Safety–Integration of Cameras (Time Certain–12:15 to 12:40)

The committee lost quorum, and minutes were stopped.

5. Update by Chair
6. Discussion of the Sense of the Senate on Time, Place, and Manner

The minutes were taken by Grace Barbieri on October 28, 2024, reviewed and accepted by Senate Chair Karthika Sasikumar on October 29, 2024, and approved by the Senate Executive Committee on , 2024.