

2023-2024 End Committee Report Form

Committee: Organization and Government

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Number of Meeting held: 18

Items of Business Completed 2023/2024

1. O&G S23-2. Provost Del Casino referral to expand senate service eligibility to additional Academic Affairs admin and return a senate seat to a representative for research and scholarship. During F23 semester, senate voted to support the policy amendment. President Teniente-Matson supported as well. Per university policy, any changes to the SJSU Constitution and By-laws requires a majority vote of all faculty at SJSU. In spring 2024, the vote was opened to SJSU faculty who ultimately voted not to support the amendment. No further action taken.
2. Sub-referral from Curriculum and Research committee (C&R) to review proposed changes to membership of an updated Program Planning Committee to Academic Planning Committee. On 4/8/24, O&G voted to support C&R's proposed update to the committee composition. C&R presented a first reading of AS 1874 at the May 2024 Senate Meeting.
3. OG reviewed and declined to consider a referral from Senator Raman concerning adding "or designee" language to the Faculty Director of Assessment Seat (Seat C) on the Accreditation Review Committee. This referral was submitted because, at the time, Senator Raman was both acting ARC Chair as well as the Faculty Director of Assessment. Consequently, Senator Raman was filling two committee positions and requested that Seat C be changed to allow a designee to serve. O&G reviewed the referral and determined that, ordinarily, the Faculty Dir of Assessment would not also be serving as ARC Chair. This atypical staffing of the ARC was deemed to be an isolated event that does not necessitate amending senate by-laws and standing rules.

Unfinished Business Items from 2023/2024

1. Policy recommendation amending S19-2 - ISA Voting Rights. This referral has been on hold while the Senate considers Senate expansion.

2. Amend by Law 18C to replace "shall" with "may"

3. Ranked Choice Voting Referral. This referral from Senator Hart asks O&G to consider amending SJSU voting policy whereby any contested senate seat will be voted on through ranked choice voting, rather than repeated run-off elections. This referral was received late in the semester.

4. Referral seeking Senate action on more timely availability of Senate documents, including agendas, meeting minutes, committee reports, and any other documents that are presented to the Senate in the course of ordinary Senate business. This referral was received late in the semester.

New Business Items for 2024/2025

1. O&G has been requested to convene a hearing on the process by which a proposed merger between the Environmental Studies Department and the Department of Urban and Regional Planning occurred. The request for this hearing was received following the conclusion of the spring 2024 semester. O&G Chair Baur has been in communication with Senate Chair Sasikumar for consultation and guidance. Chair Baur has also been in regular communication with the EnvS faculty who submitted the hearing request. It is unlikely that additional substantive action can be taken by O&G on this matter until the first duty days of the fall 2024 semester.

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Please email to senate@sjsu.edu by June 14, 2024