

2022-2023 Year-End Committee Report Form

Committee: Organization and Government

Chair: Dr. Tabitha Hart

Chair-Elect for 2023-2024:

Dr. Joshua Baur

Number of Meetings held: 18

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Items of Business Completed

1. Responding to Referral O&GF21-1, O&G determined to draft a policy recommendation establishing a special committee to study the issue of staff representation on the Senate. However, a subsequent referral, dated September 14, 2022 and titled “Academic Senate Expansion- Request for Special Committee,” was submitted directly to the Senate Executive Committee, which led to the issue of staff seats being moved from O&G to the Senate Executive Committee, where it now remains.
2. Responding to Referral O&G-S21-9, O&G presented a Senate Management Resolution (SMR), AS 1832, to modify the SJSU Senate’s Standing Rules in regards to modality. It was modified and passed by the Senate at the February 6, 2023 meeting. As an SMR, it did not require any further ratification.
3. O&G reviewed and deliberated on Referral O&G-S23-1, which proposed changes to the Senate Bylaws and also the Constitution. Specifically, the referral asked that the Bylaws be made more equitable to encourage broader staff participation on the Academic Senate. Further, the referral suggested *removing* the following highlighted language from the Constitution to allow more equitable and broader staff participation on the Academic Senate: Constitution: Article II - Membership, Section 3. a) For the purposes of this Constitution, the faculty consists of all University staff holding the title of Professor, Associate Professor, Assistant Professor, Instructor or Lecturer, and holders of such other **professional and administrative** staff positions as may be declared by bylaw **to be directly related to the instructional program of the University**. After careful consideration, O&G determined not to take up the referral, reasoning in part that the Senate Executive Committee is working on a draft SMR to create a Special Committee to study the larger issue of Senate Representation.
4. Responding to the ASCSU’s new policy, AS-3584-22/FA, “Establishing Timely Responses to Campus Senate Resolutions and Policies,” O&G presented a Senate Management Resolution (SMR), AS 1847, to modify the SJSU Senate’s Constitution. It was passed by the Senate at the April 17, 2023 meeting. Thereafter it was ratified by the SJSU faculty electorate. Of a total of 264 responses (roughly 10% of SJSU faculty), 91.3% (241 people) voted to approve/ratify the amendment; 6.4% (17 people) voted no:

and 2.3% (6 people) abstained. With this ratification, the SMR was then forwarded to the President.

5. Responding to Referral O&G-S22-1, O&G presented a policy recommendation, AS 1843, to modify University Policy S16-1 on the Faculty Athletics Representative (FAR). It was passed by the Senate at the April 17, 2023 meeting.
6. Responding to Referral O&G-S23-1, O&G presented a final reading of its policy recommendation, AS 1855, to modify University Policies F18-3 and F17-1 on the Institutional Review Board (IRB). This was passed by the Senate at the May 8, 2023 meeting.
7. Responding to Referral O&G-F21-2, O&G presented an SMR, AS 1856, to modify the Instruction and Student Affairs Committee Membership. It was considered by the Senate as a First Reading at the April 17, 2023 meeting.
8. Responding to the Sense of the Senate (SOS) Resolution, SS-F20-2, O&G considered the issues of the diversification of Senate membership and the creation of a steering committee to organize a Senate Speakers Series. After consultation with the Senate Executive Committee, it was determined that additional discussion is required of Senate leadership/Senate Exec to provide more guidance on next steps.

Unfinished Business Items

Responding to Referral O&G-S23-2 from the Provost, proposing to modify the Senate Constitution such that representatives from Academic Affairs could include not only academic deans but any member of the Academic Affairs Leadership Team (AALT) to sit in one of the 4 seats currently assigned to Academic Affairs leadership, O&G had some discussions and also established a date for the Provost to visit the committee in early Fall 2023.

O&G's response to Referral O&G-F21-2, O&G's draft SMR, AS 1856, proposing modifications to the Instruction and Student Affairs Committee membership, needs to be followed up on.

O&G discussed the idea of proposing ranked choice voting (RCV) for Senate elections, and deemed this a worthwhile issue to pursue.

As regards the Sense of the Senate (SOS) Resolution, SS-F20-2, specifically the issues of the diversification of Senate membership and the creation of a steering committee to organize a Senate Speakers Series, O&G should continue its consultation with the Senate Executive Committee and receive their guidance on next steps.

New Business Items

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