

San Francisco State University
Strategic Issues Committee
Annual Report 2016-2017
Submitted to the Academic Senate Committee on Committees May 1, 2017

I. Executive Summary for the Academic Year:

- A. While we were able to successfully pass multiple resolutions on various topics, this year's focus for the SIC was budget transparency. This was the first foray into collecting and examining budget data, so we struggled at first with our role in relation to the budget and how best to proceed. We decided that it would best to first meet with the major figures involved with the budget at various levels in the university to gain a foundational understanding of our current (and to some degree historical) situation. Armed with that information, we thought the best course of action would be to provide a set of recommendations around budget transparency that may guide the future SICs in the continued pursuit of budget literacy.
- B. One major obstacle this year was changing group membership. We lost our student representative and three other members were replaced mid-year. Losing the Vice President of Administration & Finance/Chief Financial Officer was particularly impactful to our group.

II. Committee Information and Review of Activities for the Academic Year:

A. Roster

Membership in the SIC changed a lot in the middle of the year. List below is the final membership as of writing this report with notes on previous members.

- Alvin Alvarez
- Wilfred Denetclaw
- Sheldon Gen
- Alan Jung
- Ethel Konopka
- Dylan Mooney (Chair)
- Belinda Reyes
- Todd Roehrman (replaced Mike Hammer for College of Liberal & Creative Arts)
- Ann Sherman (replaced Ron Cortez for VP of Admin & Finance)
- Tom Thomas (replaced Sada Soorapanth for College of Business)

***No student representative – Jeremy Porr attended two meetings in the fall semester and then had to vacate the position due to scheduling conflicts.

B. Regular Meeting Schedule and Committee Meetings:

- Regular scheduled meetings are bi-weekly, Tuesdays, 2:10-4:00pm, Administration Building 354. The use of this space was generously offered to us by the then VP of Administration & Finance, Ron Cortez. We hope to be able to continue using this space in the future, but the future SIC chair will need to check with the interim and future Vice Presidents of Administration & Finance.
- **August 30, 2016**
 - Members present: Alvin Alvarez, Ron Cortez, Wilfred Denetclaw, Sheldon Gen, Mike Hammer, Dylan Mooney (Chair), Belinda Reyes, Sada Soorapanth
 - Members excused/absent: Ethel Konopka
- **September 13, 2016**

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- Members excused/absent: None
- **September 27, 2016**
 - Members present: Alvin Alvarez, Wilfred Denetclaw, Brian Fahnestock (designated by Ron Cortez), Sheldon Gen, Mike Hammer, Alan Jung, Ethel Konopka, Dylan Mooney (Chair), Sada Soorapanth
 - Members excused/absent: Belinda Reyes
- **October 11, 2016**
 - Members present: Alvin Alvarez, Wilfred Denetclaw, Brian Fahnestock (designated by Ron Cortez), Sheldon Gen, Mike Hammer, Alan Jung, Dylan Mooney (Chair), Jeremy Porr, Belinda Reyes, Sada Soorapanth
 - Members excused/absent: Ethel Konopka
 - Guest: Jennifer Summit, Interim Provost & Vice President of Academic Affairs
- **October 25, 2016**
 - Members present: Alvin Alvarez, Ron Cortez, Wilfred Denetclaw, Sheldon Gen, Mike Hammer, Alan Jung, Ethel Konopka, Dylan Mooney (Chair), Jeremy Porr, Belinda Reyes, Sada Soorapanth
 - Members excused/absent: None
 - Guest: Robert Nava, Vice President of University Advancement
- **November 08, 2016**
 - Members present: Ron Cortez, Wilfred Denetclaw, Sheldon Gen, Mike Hammer, Ethel Konopka, Dylan Mooney (Chair), Belinda Reyes, Sada Soorapanth
 - Members excused/absent: Alvin Alvarez, Alan Jung, Jeremy Porr
 - Guests: Ernita Joaquin, Caroline Johansson, Florence Tu
- **November 29, 2018**
 - Members present: Alvin Alvarez, Ron Cortez, Sheldon Gen, Mike Hammer, Alan Jung, Dylan Mooney (Chair), Belinda Reyes, Sada Soorapanth
 - Members excused/absent: Wilfred Denetclaw, Ethel Konopka, Jeremy Porr
- **January 31, 2017**
 - Members present: Alvin Alvarez, Ron Cortez, Sheldon Gen, Alan Jung, Ethel Konopka, Dylan Mooney (Chair), Belinda Reyes, Todd Roehrman, Tom Thomas
 - Members excused/absent: Wilfred Denetclaw
 - Guests: Ruth Cortez, Sesar Morfin, David Ott, Dylan Reynolds
- **February 14, 2017**
 - Members present: Alvin Alvarez, Wilfred Denetclaw, Sheldon Gen, Alan Jung, Ethel Konopka, Dylan Mooney (Chair), Sesar Morfin (designated by Ann Sherman), Belinda Reyes, Todd Roehrman
 - Members excused/absent: None
- **February 28, 2017**
 - Members present: Wilfred Denetclaw, Sheldon Gen, Alan Jung, Ethel Konopka, Dylan Mooney (Chair), Todd Roehrman, Tom Thomas
 - Members excused/absent: Alvin Alvarez, Belinda Reyes, Ann Sherman
- **March 14, 2017**

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- Members excused/absent: Sheldon Gen, Belinda Reyes, Todd Roehrman
- **March 28, 2017**
 - Members present: Alvin Alvarez, Wilfred Denetclaw, Sheldon Gen, Alan Jung, Ethel Konopka, Dylan Mooney (Chair), Belinda Reyes, Todd Roehrman, Tom Thomas
 - Members excused/absent: Ann Sherman
- **April 11, 2017**
 - Members present: Alvin Alvarez, Wilfred Denetclaw, Sheldon Gen, Alan Jung, Ethel Konopka, Dylan Mooney (Chair), Tom Thomas
 - Members excused/absent: Belinda Reyes, Ann Sherman, Todd Roehrman
- **April 25, 2017**
 - Members present: Alvin Alvarez, Wilfred Denetclaw, Sheldon Gen, Alan Jung, Ethel Konopka, Dylan Mooney (Chair), Belinda Reyes, Tom Thomas
 - Members excused/absent: Todd Roehrman, Ann Sherman

C. Action Items

- Revised the Strategic Issues Committee charge.
 - Amended the language in the first sentence of the charge.
 - Updated the membership of the committee.
- Completed Resolutions
 - Resolution in Support of CSU Academic Senate Resolution AS-3267-16/FGA and CA PROP 55 (RF16-352)
 - Resolution in Support of a Staff Emerita/Emeritus Program (RF16-354)
 - Resolution Opposing ASCSU Resolution 3244-16/APEP (RF16-355)

III. Committee Recommendations for the upcoming Academic Year:

A. Re: Committee Charge:

- The committee charge was updated this year and should be reviewed annually. However, it is recommended that the voting rights and membership should be revisited annually to ensure that the committee is comfortable with the balance of students, faculty, staff, administrative membership and voting privileges.

B. Re: Committee Membership:

- The membership of the committee was updated this year to include a representative from each college, a staff member, the Associate Vice President of Academic Resources (Ex Officio), and the Vice President of Administration & Finance/Chief Financial Officer (Ex Officio). The membership of the committee should be reviewed annually, especially in light of future campus re-organization.
- The committee recommends that future membership include someone with marketing or communications expertise.

C. To the Senate:

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- Provide recommendations to the Senate on specific policy that could support the Committee's work in the upcoming school year.

D. To next year's Committee:

- With a deeper understanding of the complexity of the budget process, we recommend that the committee continue to examine and resolve the feasibility of a budget oversight function.
- Continue work on understanding and communicating the university budget to the senate, specifically focusing on the Academic Affairs cabinet area. The SIC will need to work closely with the Academic Senate office staff to set-up a good web-based communication strategy. See the SIC Budget Transparency recommendations.
- Ex-Comm suggested looking into the existence of and possibly updating the University Code of Conduct/Ethics/Collegiality. This is in response to concerns about Human Resources lacking a process of responding to staff/faculty concerns that is respectful, compassionate & swift/timely. There are concerns about the clarity of scope of this request and Ex-Comm should provide more explicit direction as to what desired outcomes are the SIC being asked to produce.
- Resolution in Support of CSU Academic Senate Resolution AS-3285-17 (REV)
- Resolution in Support of CSU Academic Senate Resolution AS-3290-17

IV. Endorsement by the Committee

- This annual report has been read and endorsed by the Strategic Issues Committee.