Senate Minutes

Thursday, February 13th, 2014
12:15pm
University of San Diego, Salomon Hall

The public is invited and encouraged to attend and participate in all Associated Students Senate Meetings. All meetings are open to the public, and are accessible to those with disabilities. Public participation in all discussions is welcomed, and the public is invited to address the Student Senate on non-Agenda items during the Announcements and Hearing of the Public portion of the Agenda.

1. Call to Order—12:29
2. Roll Call—(Gabriella Russo absent)
3. Approval of Agenda
   a. approved
4. Approval of Minutes
   a. Thursday, December 5th, 2013
      i. Approved
5. Hearing of the Public (10 minutes per topic)
   a. Brittany Card—PR chair for Campus Connections
      i. Supported by Health and Wellness center
      ii. Fliers about Peer educator training in SLP 412
      iii. Saturday and Sunday (2/15-16)
6. Introduction of AS Directors
   a. Coral and Colby introduce the AS Directors
   b. Kaitlyn Finegan
      i. Director of Public Affairs
      ii. Philanthropy/ Community Service Events
      iii. Trying to do possibly some soup kitchen work this semester
   c. Courtney Atienza
      i. Director of Social Media
      ii. Facebook Contest!
   d. Rommel Pinlac—Director of Student Organizations
      i. Directing iCC
      ii. Making sure that senate is transparent
e. Spencer Lee—Changemaker
   i. Changemaker Challenge—Food For Life
   ii. Look out for dates from him
   iii. USD chopped—cooking competition outside of SLP
       1. Students can apply
f. Dom Pere
   i. Wellness and Sustainability
   ii. Sexual Health awareness week
   iii. April—Earth Month
   iv. Tobacco Free Initiative
   v. Not on my watch
g. Mark Finan
   i. Controller
   ii. Working with new ASBC bylaws

7. Reports of Executive Board and Ex Officio Members (1 minute each, unless otherwise noted with agenda items)
   At this time, any AS Executive Board Member and any Ex Officio Member may address the body on non-Agenda items.
   a. Alex Hermann, President
      i. Congrats! No one was dropped for GPA!
      ii. Met with provost this week
          1. Core curriculum
          2. Coral sits on the committee for Core Curriculum
          3. Moving forward with that
      iii. Mary Lyons resignation
   b. Coral Anderson, Vice President
      i. Elections! Informationals this week and next week (senators, Speaker, VP, President)
      ii. Share the Flyer for the Informationals on facebook!
iii. Core Curriculum
   1. There has been a proposal drafted
   2. Will bring it to the academic committee
      a. If you want to help out with it, contact Coral
   3. Robert Martinez, Courtney Ochi were not here but are also two directors

c. Colby Edson, Communication Chair
   i. Corey Salas—Web Director
   ii. New Director of Marketing—Alexis Adams—say hi to her!
   iii. Please check in when you are at Senate meetings
      1. Want students to actually come
      2. Use hashtag #senateinsession

d. Mallory Collins, Finance Chair
   i. NO report

e. Marc Gonzales, Torero Program Board Chair
   i. Two events every week until May
   ii. Next week:
      1. SLP shutdown tailgate
         a. February 20th—use meal plan at jenny craig and go to game
         b. USD vs. Portland
         c. Let your constituents know about this!
      2. Tailgate on February 15th—against Gonzaga
         a. Trams! Student life committee

e. Mayte Perez-Franco, United Front Multicultural Center Rep
   i. Absent

g. Joel Brodfuehrer, RHA Rep
   i. Tonight cohosting relay for life dance-- $2 at the door to get, $1 in advance
1. Don’t need a date!
   ii. Applications for RHA available February 23rd

h. Sandra Gadow, PanHellenic Rep
   i. Cosponsoring a blood drive with IFC—February 24th 10am-4pm
      1. Not just greek community!
      2. There will be tabling the next few weeks for supports

i. Philip Juarez, IFC Rep
   i. Rush Week!
   ii. Blood Drive!
   iii. GO like the IFC USD page to get more info
   iv. Email: philipjuarez@sandiego.edu

j. Johnathon Garcia
   i. Gonzaga Game— get out there
   ii. 6pm on Friday—Baseball opening Game

8. Reports from Chairs of Standing Committees (5 minutes each. Unless otherwise noted)
   a. Kristen Daus, Academics Committee
      i. Raising student voice and participation (RSVP)
      ii. Microwave in shiley
      iii. Main focus is Core Curriculum
          1. Come to us!
   b. Radiyion Mina, Inclusion and Diversity Committee
      i. MyStory event with Life Week
      ii. 3-4 student speakers (12 minutes about their lives)
          1. Students will be able to see that all students have stories to share
          2. Show the vulnerable side of students
      iii. Schedule for classrooms are not in sessions so that students can use the rooms
           for studying
          1. Dr. Avery has been talking with others to discover how this can work
      iv. How to use the underused areas on campus
1. Dr. Del Rio
2. Many students do not use the grass—don’t feel comfortable using the grass
3. Advertise areas that are available and unused
4. Immaculate Lawn—have students org events on that lawn
5. “Keep on the grass” campaign
c. Jordan Jackson, Student Life Committee
   i. Valley Basketball court has finally been paved
   ii. 22nd—Gonzaga game—partnering with TPB for beach tram
      1. 8pm pick up in Mission Beach
      2. Talk to Jordan if you want to volunteer!
d. Katie Coutermash, Student Organizations Committee
   i. Approval of Clubs and Organizations
      1. The Linda Vista dollars for scholars
         a. Approved
      ii. Scheduling process for when student orgs want to meet with this committee to make it more efficient
      iii. Working with Rommel to make ICC more beneficial for everyone
      iv. Send Student orgs committee to various events to show face
      v. Making changes to bylaws for committee

9. Unfinished Business
   a. None

10. New Business
   a. Tobacco Free Proposal, Dr. Baron
      i. Received 350 signatures from nursing students in support!
      ii. Currently
         1. Smoking is prohibited inside the university
         2. Outside—must be 20 ft. away from the door
            a. This is hard to regulate
3. Do not sell any materials related to tobacco/smoking products

iii. Issues
1. Enforcement
2. Second hand smoke
3. Impact on smokers health
4. No incentives to quit
5. Litter cost
6. Decrease in productivity

iv. Rationale for smoke-free campus
1. Lots of data/science that supports this: proposal has the science described

v. Impact of new policy
1. Ban has been shown to drastically cut heart attacks
2. Decrease current smoking prevalence in students
3. Decrease the amount of cigarettes used by those who continue to smoke

vi. Prevalence of smoking on campus
1. 10.7% of students within the last 30 days
2. 2.8% reported smoking during 10 or more days in the last 30 days
3. Our rates are lower than the national rate

vii. We are the only university in San Diego that does not have a smoke free campus policy

viii. Guiding Principles for implantation
1. Focus on smoking, not the smoker
2. Health and safety regarding secondhand smoke, not individual rights
3. Obtain campus leadership commitment
4. Allow 10 months from the time of announcement of the new policy to the effective date for a thorough and supportive implementation plan
5. Provide real and visible opportunities for employee participation in policy planning and implementation
6. Provide training for managers and supervisors on policy communication and enforcement (through education)

ix. Implementation

1. Target implementation: Fall 2015
2. Environment: all USD owned facilities

x. Discussion

1. Tyler: only 10% of the student body smokes. How many people participated in this survey?
   a. 2,353 USD students participated in 2012
   b. The survey is conducted every 2 years

2. Jesse: Is the law school included?
   a. Yes, the data has been collected from undergraduates and graduates

3. Kaitlyn: E-cigarettes, will they be included?
   a. Yes, there will be no exceptions for anything related to tobacco

4. Omar: International students—It may be difficult for them to completely stop. Have smoking zones been contemplated?
   a. Great idea. Institutions that have smoking zones end up getting rid of them in 2 years because they end up causing more harm than good. Before students decided to come study here, we will make all international students knowledgeable of our policy. It may end up changing their mind regarding the matter

5. Brooke: It may discourage students from coming here in the first place. It may change the diversity of our campus.
   a. There is no research to show how this could necessarily affect inclusion and diversity. When talking with peer universities, it doesn’t seem like it is a huge problem.
6. Kelsea: If a student is looking to come here, all other institutions are smoke-free, therefore, a student should acknowledge the fact that this area is relatively smoke-free. I don't think this will discourage students.

7. Crash: Implementation post 18 months? Will there be a fine/ ticket?
   a. Throughout the 18 months, signage and marketing will continuously become greater and greater. At first, it will be a warning/ conversation, talk about change. Won’t be a punitive process at first. Want to include the whole community throughout the process.

8. Tyler: What aid/ resources will the health center provide to students who are trying to quit?
   a. Partner with students to discover how to make this process as easy as possible for them. Want to make this as cheap as possible as well for the students. Will be very public about resources for quitting

9. Omar: It seems like a huge disadvantage to students who want to continue smoking.
   a. Smoking is not a right. We need to focus on the whole student body. If a student doesn’t want to quit, they will have to figure out their own way to smoke outside of campus. What tends to happen is that the process of trying to get off campus to smoke becomes such a hindrance, they tend to quit smoking.

10. Motion to extend time by 5 minutes
    a. Denied

11. Tabled issue to Student Life Committee
    a. If you want to participate, contact Jordan Jackson, Dom Pera, and Trent Mendenhall
    b. Introduction of AS Spring Budget for Approval, Mallory Collins
       i. All centers have remained the same
ii. Changes: the extra money from Fall was drained and distributed to new Spring tasks

iii. Budget Committee in December decided where the extra money went

iv. Finance Committee pushed off the car purchase until next semester
   1. Decided to use the money for other purposes

v. Will be voted on in two weeks at the next Senate

vi. Any questions: contact Mallory Collins or Trenton Mendenhall

vii. Discussion
   1. Jesse: Items that go into Miscellaneous, are those reviewed by committee?
      a. IT is a way to help POETs. If a task is not specified, it will go into Misc.

c. Student Health Fee Increase Discussion
   i. $19 increase was originally presented
   ii. Will not be a $19 increase, we do not know what the increase will be at this point
   iii. Student Health Service Fee: supports all health services
   iv. Other institutions: student health fee is in the tuition (no transparency with money)
   v. USD: decided to make the money more transparent so students could see where there money was going
   vi. Student population change—11%
      1. Student visits have increased by 300%
   vii. Currently, staffing is not sustainable for the amount of students that use these services
   viii. New Federal Law: everyone must have health care
      1. Caused a serious shortage in physicians
      2. May not be able to retain the staff we currently have/ may not be able to recruit new physicians
ix. Students going abroad has also impacted the amount of money the Student Health Center gets

x. Discussion

1. Ashley: Do we see a future increase or will this be it?
   a. When they made the increase a few years ago, they did not take into account students going abroad/ new federal law. The Board is trying to address issues now so that they don’t have to revisit it in a few years. Looking at the data to see how they can make this a one time thing.

2. Jordan J.: What happens if we don’t do the increase?
   a. We will lose all of the staff. Health providers elsewhere have increased by 25%. The Staff recognizes that they are not getting paid what they could be get paid elsewhere. Ability to attract people to work here will be almost impossible as well.

3. Darren: The increase would be to just maintain what we have or to improve the health center?
   a. Trying to maintain and expand the services so that they can accommodate the increase of students who are using the facility. 22,000 visits every year. Want to make some part-time doctors, full-time. Address the increase in student patients.

4. Darren: Have there been any internal reviews for reallocations of money?
   a. The board has looked into it. They are only doing this because they realize they have to. We have the lowest fee of our peer institutions.

5. Jordan J.: Is the only need for the increase, salary?
   a. One component is to adjust salary. Another part is to make sure we have premium coverage. Another part is to make sure
we remain sustainable. Another component is to get new staffing for the increase of students. Another part is to address students studying abroad. We have a wonderful staff that we don’t want to lose.

6. Any questions: contact Trent Mendenhall

7. Alex: POC. Board of Trustees meeting is next week. If you want to do something about it, make it apparent now. They will be voting on it next week.

8. Ashley: Can we present a number/ percent/ feedback?

9. Trent: As a senator, reach out to your constituents so that their feedback can make it to the Board.

10. Jordan: motion to extend by 5 minutes
   a. Approved

11. Katie: if we go back on what we said 2 years ago, will it look like AS is not standing for what they have already presented. However, if this proposal was never passed then I guess we can move forward.

12. Ashley: Moving forward we need to make a concrete proposal of what we are okay with so that future years don’t have this same problem.

13. Alex: Increasing by 3.5% is the same as the inflation rate in America; therefore, it’s really not making that much of a difference on the Health Center. Look forward at what we can do.

11. Final Announcements and Hearing of the Public
   a. Alex Bullock: Accepted into Law School!
   b. Billy Anderson: monthly meeting with Belmont Council
      i. Jamaica Block Party: labeled USD and USD students about that
         1. Not happy
      ii. San Gabe: there will be more cops there! Be safe!
      iii. 531-2000
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1. Non emergency number

iv. Ashley Matkins: Look out for information about the Core Curriculum
   1. Get feedback from constituents

v. Nathan Resnick: One more day for the kickstart of Yes Man Watches

vi. Courtney Windju: A nutrition minor
   1. Reaching out to faculty/staff regarding it
   2. Reach out to constituents regarding it

vii. Marc: Tailgate for Basketball game
   1. Has been in AS/TPB since freshman year
   2. Look at executive position

viii. Lauren: Vagina Monologues!

ix. Jordan J: Parking Reappeals
   1. Look out for emails!
   2. Car Club on campus is having a show next weekend

x. Katie: The Culture of Giving
   1. Trying to give undergraduate students to go back to undergraduates
   2. Choose where your money is going
   3. Tell constituents about this
   4. In the book store, you can make a donation until 2/28
   5. Meetings on Thursdays at 4 pm
   6. Supporting your own peers
   7. Contact Katie Coutermash

xi. Brianne: Pass evaluations to Brianne

xii. Jesse: When will we be voting on Tobacco Free draft
   1. In the future. No exact time

xiii. Crash: Thank you everyone for the experience at the golf course!

12. Adjournment: 1:52 pm