Senate Minutes 3/20/2014

Thursday, March 20th, 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
   a. Called to order at 12:35pm.
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Agenda
   a. Anderson motions
   b. Bellanger seconds
4. Approval of Minutes
   a. Thursday, February 27th, 2014
   b. Matkins motions
   c. Jaddalah seconds
5. Hearing of the Public (10 minutes per topic)
   a. Jake and Oliver hear there may be a new rec center coming to campus and they propose that they should put a mini golf course in it.
   b. Carmen Vasquez says a Rec Center is in the future, but not the near future. She says it has been in the plans for 7 years.
   c. The funding for the Clinical wing in the nursing school has been approved. June 2014.
   d. The School of Engineering is looking to expand from Loma Hall. They have a new head of the school and a donor interested. But this will affect the Mail Center and the Bookstore. Marc Gonzalez is the student liason in this. Mail Center will be moved to the UC’s and SLP. Student feedback in encouraged.
   e. School of Business is also looking to expand. No decided date. Camino Hall may go offline in order to be used for classrooms for the expanding school. The timeline is not predictable for the expansions but they are looking for donors in order to do so.

At this time, any member of the public may address the body on non-Agenda items.

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6. 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. Welcome to our visitors.
   ii. Today is the special election due to the fact that the portal shut down early on the last vote. Our bylaws deemed invalid. So vote today on your portal!
   iii. They are conversing on relations with the UFMC.
   iv. Residents to RHA

b. Coral Anderson, Vice President
   i. March 31st is the due date for director positions
   ii. We need volunteers next Monday for the Not On My Watch recap. Free donuts and raffle prizes. 12-6pm in the UC’s

c. Colby Edson, Communication Chair
   i. There is a Special Elections Event on Facebook that has been sent out. So share with friends and invite people to vote.
   ii. Post on Facebook that you are in Senate.

d. Mallory Collins, Finance Chair
   i. She will start looking at Budget Committee and seeing what works and what does not. She wants feedback!

e. Marc Gonzales, Torero Program Board Chair
   i. Welcome back from Spring Break!
   ii. Support Crash at Mr. U, who will be representing AS!
   iii. Ole Music Festival: Delta SPIrít on April 5th. They are an up and coming band!
        TPB is looking to expand this festival. Free for all students. Please attend.
   iv. They will be announcing their April calendar soon (end of this month).
   v. March calendar is on Facebook and website.
   vi. The Blue Buzz format has been changing. He is looking for feedback to see whether it is a positive change or not.
vii. The SLIC Goes Global, May 30-June 12, applications on SLIC website March 24th applications due  
f. Feven Seid, United Front Multicultural Center Rep  
g. Joel Brodfuehrer, RHA Rep  
h. Sandra Gadow, PanHellenic Rep  
i. Philip Juarez, IFC Rep  
j. Greek Week is next week. Open to everyone so please attend! Skits are next Friday  
7. Reports from Chairs of Standing Committees (3 minutes each. Unless otherwise noted)  
a. Ashley Matkins, Academics Committee  
i. Working on getting a microwave in Shiley  
ii. Improving the Commuter lounge  
iii. Resolution for the Biomedical Ethics  
iv. Working with the Core Curriculum Committee. New proposal should be coming back soon. Feedback welcomed!  
b. Radylon Mina, Inclusion and Diversity Committee  
i. They are finalizing the design and locations for Keep on the Grass  
ii. Need more speakers for My Story  
c. Jordan Jackson, Student Life Committee  
i. They got three new carpool spots in the Law Lot, and they are working on getting 6 more in the Olin lot.  
ii. Just had a meeting with Carol from Dining Services. Powerpoint recap to come.  
d. Katie Coutemarsh, Student Organizations Committee  
i. Approval of Clubs and Organizations  
ii. ICC was Tuesday and it went really well. They are in the process of changing the dynamics and relay of information. They thought it got lengthy and repetitive. They want to improve it and have gotten feedback and suggestions.  
iii. They are working on transitions for their committee. Feedback welcomed to help next year.  
iv. Working on bylaws.
8. Unfinished Business

9. New Business
   a. Second Year Experience, Margaret Leary
      i. Bodwel from ITS is also here.
      ii. She and Del Rio came last year to Senate to discuss the living situations.
      iii. They are in charge of working on a presentation to elaborate.
      iv. Task force of faculty, staff and students regarding SYE: advising, dining, living, etc.
      v. Important for the SYE:
         1. Academic plan: how does study abroad or internships fit into your major and your academic goals. What you want to do with your degree?
         2. Life Skills and Relationships: stress management, financial literacy, conflict management, taking care of yourself; expanding social networks,
         3. The SYE also carries over from the first year. It does not need to be left to the fourth semester. SO it includes the first four semesters of college.
            a. i.e. first midterms, registering for classes
         4. They are piloting with 160 students: begins with summer communication, some form of a conference that will let students explore internships and careers, looking at strengths and likes; orientation with new faculty so that they know how to advise students; new formats for information delivery (Ted Talks); peer advising network; the actual plan will be implemented the following year.
         5. Looking for feedback, especially with incentives to get students to take advantage of these. Points systems to reward those who do things: prizes, raffles, scholarships, badges, points, etc.
         6. ITS has been working with vendors to get platforms to adopt for incentives.
         7. Would USd students think its a good idea?
8. Nebres: the Vistas do a similar thing between the halls and some students really latch on, but a good amount do not. A clear incentive that would incentivize that particular student.

9. Darren: Maybe offering a credit for a class for doing these things. Response: credit outside of academics is tricky. It may not be able to go to core or anything

10. Coutermash: having an incentive makes people do it for the wrong reasons, but what happens when they get to junior year and the incentives go away? Response: the incentives would last the first four semesters and then would tip the scales so that they do not need it anymore.

11. Coutermash: use the upperclassmen to spread the word and get the younger students to come.

12. Matkins: working with the clubs and orgs on campus would be very strong, it would be good incentive to get people to go

13. Nebres: what types of events for the pilot? Response: conference, follow up with a career advisor, getting information online, different events in Laguna, need more student feedback for those events. Response: career discernment assessment to help people decide what they want to do. Training with faculty to help them be better advisors and become more capable to help the students. Choosing a major should be done third semester so that the students can move towards graduation.

14. Anderson: meet students where they are, work with the new core curriculum

15. Anderson: has the business school always done the passport points? Response: no, but for a long time. They are looking at the Passport points, but those are required for graduation, and this would not be.

16. Senate seems lukewarm about the incentives, leaning more towards using the upperclassmen and existing student orgs.

17. Russo: Thinks the peer advising is a great idea, they are relatable and helpful. they

18. Darren: there is a split between those who care and those who do not. Incentives may not help those who do not care. May be more useful to help those willing to care.
19. Edson: Agrues that those who do not care will be motivated by incentives, like scholarships to go abroad. In the end, it will be great for those a little less motivated. The gaming platform is a good way to motivate those with less motivation. Utilize technology to see how many points they have, where they rank, resources, etc.

20. Nebres: Motivation is in the right direction, but there are so many orgs already on campus that are geared towards helping students in this manner, like the PreLaw fraternity, Accounting Society, 

21. Matkins: those orgs are present on campus, but we are lacking this school culture, they are trying to tie all people together, not just within clubs. Begins with word of mouth, this program is not just for career paths, but for unity

22. Edson: this programs allows students to explore, because they do not know what they want to do, it is hard to join a club when you do not know what you want to do or where you want to go. This programs looks to be a feeder to these clubs and orgs, not competition.

23. Windju: speaking as a student, the best experiences have been the hands on, going to a conference or going to a career fair is not definitive, speaking to alumni or locals in order to discuss options would be better

24. 10 in favors

25. 20 on the fence

26. Approval of Clubs

27. Tau Beta Pi

28. Tower motions

29. Bellanger seconds

30. Has been approved

31. Jewish Student Union

32. Nebres motions to approve

33. Jadallah seconds

34. Has been approved
36. Be the Match-USD
37. Matkins approves
38. Via seconds
39. Leadership Advisory Board (LAB)
40. Windju motions to approve
41. Jackson seconds
42. has been approve
43. Beta Alpha Psi
44. Nebres motions
45. Via seconds
46. Linda Vista Dollars for Scholars
47. Matkins motions
48. Countermash seconds
49. Has been approved

10. Final Announcements and Hearing of the Public
   a. All of the dates from todays meeting will be in the email next Monday
   b. If you have any feedback on any of these issues, email Trent
   c. Support Crash at Mr. U tonight
   d. Jason: the SLIC is doing focus groups for the Student Leadership,
   e. Tierney: The SLIC is looking for junior and seniors to lead Leadership classes next year.
      Applications and information will be sent out.
   f. Hermann: Applications are up for Directors
   g. Jaddallah: thank you for those who served on the Parking Reappeals. They are working on cleaning up the bylaws. There will be 5 senators at each
   h. Anderson: Tidy UP Event, April 6th, mandatory
   i. Mina: FUSO this saturday at 5pm in Shiley, the play is also this weekend
   j. VP Vasquez: welcome everyone back from spring break, thank you to all the senators and exec board, as students and leaders for their involvement,

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At this time, any Senators, Ex Officio Members, or member of the public may voice any announcements or concluding comments.

11. Adjournment
   a. 1:29pm