Senate Minutes

Thursday, February 27th, 2014
12:15pm
University of San Diego, Salomon Hall

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1. Call to Order: 12:31
2. Roll Call: Absent: Dillon Olagaray, Nathan Resnick, Chloe Spears, MJ Marconi
3. Approval of Agenda
   a. Approved
4. Approval of Minutes
   a. Thursday, February 13th, 2014
      i. approved
5. Hearing of the Public (10 minutes per topic)
   a. none
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. Today is primary elections! Vote
      ii. Have a safe break!
   b. Coral Anderson, Vice President
      i. Primary Elections—Vote
         1. To find the
      ii. National Eating Disorder Week
         1. Be comfortable in your genes: Friday
            a. Wear jeans
      iii. Ashoka U Conference
         1. Congrats members who went
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c. Colby Edson, Communication Chair
   i. AS fb page—there is a social media competition
      1. What can your AS senate do for you?
      2. Students who respond will be put into a raffle for bake bear
   ii. Need a senator for comm board
      1. Help represent Senate
      2. Talk to Colby

d. Mallory Collins, Finance Chair
   i. No report

e. Marc Gonzales, Torero Program Board Chair
   i. Next week is Diversity week
      1. Variety events from Tuesday-Friday
      2. Thursday: March of the Toreros (6th year)
         a. March from SLP- IPJ
         b. Come Support

f. Feven Seid, United Front Multicultural Center Rep
   i. March community lunch with March of the Toreros
      1. support

g. Joel Brodfuehrer, RHA Rep
   i. Exec and council want to help with Blue Fridays!
      1. Help relay to constituents
   ii. RHA exec applications are available now

h. Sandra Gadow, PanHellenic Rep
   i. Thank you to those who came to the blood drive
   ii. Getting excited for Greek week
      1. Philanthropy: Feed my Starving Children
         a. Already have raised $9,000

i. Philip Juarez, IFC Rep
   i. Thank you for your support during Greek Weeks!
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ii. Please donate to Feed my Starving Children

7. Reports from Chairs of Standing Committees (3 minutes each. Unless otherwise noted)
   a. Kristen Daus, Academics Committee
      i. Biomedical ethics resolution
      ii. Core Curriculum
         1. Trying to get a link on fb to keep constituents aware
   b. Radiylon Mina, Inclusion and Diversity Committee
      i. Finalized date for mystory—April 1st
         1. Uc forum C
         2. Looking for 2 more speakers
         3. Contact radiylon or crash
      ii. Finalizing design for “Keep on the Grass” campaign
      iii. Have a great spring break
   c. Jordan Jackson, Student Life Committee
      i. Thank you to SLC, Ashley, Jesse, and TPB for helping with trams
      ii. Meeting with dining services tomorrow morning
         1. Talk to Jordan if you have any suggestions/ ideas
   d. Katie Coutermarsh, Student Organizations Committee
      i. Working with Rommel and Coral to make ICC more efficient and effective
         1. Many do not feel it is necessary
         2. Any feedback please reach out to Coral, Rommel, or Katie
      ii. Online automated process for registering to meet with Students Org
         1. In process
      iii. Approval of Clubs and Organizations
         1. Association of Environmental professionals
            a. Approved
         2. Saudi Student Association
            a. Approved
         3. Model United Nations
4. Cars@USD
   a. Approved
5. Basement Society
   a. Approved
6. Investing Banking Network
   a. Approved

8. Unfinished Business
   a. AS Spring Budget for Approval, Mallory Collins
      i. Approved
   b. Student Health Fee Increase Discussion
      i. Alex and Trent presented ideas to the Board
      ii. Seemed to be receptive
      iii. Following up with Jim Mccarthy and Carmen Vasquez
      iv. Will keep you updated
   c. Tobacco Free Proposal, Jordan Jackson
      i. Dom and Student Life committee created a resolution
      ii. Discussion
      1. Crash: Whereas, the presence of tobacco-related debris and cigarette smoke are detrimental to the environment of the campus
         a. Physical or social environment?
         b. Jason: why do we want to limit it to physical? IT harms the social environment as well
         c. Ashley: Agree. Leave it slightly ambiguous.
         d. Omar: Getting rid of smoking hurts the social environment
         e. Kelsea: The line before it is about the environment. Everyone who is smoking on campus is smoking with other campus. I don’t think we can claim that smoking is affecting our social life
f. Brooke: Smoking does have a physical impact, we cannot argue that it is hurting us socially.

i. Jordan: Dom, why did you phrase it this way

h. Dom: this part was aimed for the environment. I do understand how it impacts the social, but I believe leaving it open to interpretation is good.

j. Darren: Should include social. People should be 20 ft away from the door, but they don’t always

k. Emily: Doesn’t affect social hang outs directly, but does affect the community and look of the school

l. Jordan: Seeing others smoke can impact whether or not you smoke

m. Kelsea: change environment to “well-being”

n. Trent: there is a vote on the table as to the wording of “physical” therefore we cannot vote on another word

o. Ashley: does well-being change your (dom) intent of this line

p. Dom: Well being kind of refers to personal affects, environment reflects more of the communal- go green emphasis

q. Meghan: Because this is being discussed so much, it seems like leaving it open and ambiguous as just environment would be best

r. Vote: adding “Physical”
   i. Denied

2. Louis: Trying to target physical environment, maybe change it to “sustainable”
   a. Emily: still restricting, leaving it open
   b. Wayne: can we take a vote to see who wants to leave it ambiguous
      i. 18- ambiguous
3. Trent: Reasons for leaving it ambiguous/ not?
   a. Dom: Even though it wasn’t meant to be written as ambiguous, he values the fact that it has been left to be open to interpretation. It addresses the community and environment. Keep it ambiguous

4. Kelsea: Why does it say “whereas”
   a. Trent; standard template for a resolution

5. Crash: May add a certain depth if every senator to sign the resolution
   a. Trent: Historically it is just the president, speaker, and committee
   b. Alex: we are representing you. You approving it says your name is signed to it

6. Trent: (reads resolution aloud)

7. Christian: If we change the core of the resolution, does that change the progress of the board and faculty. Will that change in what they are doing? I feel like there was a lot of support and then as soon as people started asking questions, it was moved to the student life committee.

8. Trent: the whole senate voted to move it to the student life committee

9. Dom: Our job is to bring the student voice into this initiative. Last presentation was supposed to be a presentation of the final product. It’s been on the table for a while and has gone through many channels. If you felt strongly about this, moving it to the student life committee was your opportunity to go and address Jordan about the issues. When Dom talked to student life committee it seems like everyone was on board

10. Alex: This is your resolution. IF you want to change something, do it. The period of moving into tobacco free campus has been evaluated by many areas, therefore the implementation period seems to be best
11. Kelsea: The time period seems like a good amount of time. I believe lots of aspects of this
12. Tyler: Should read that student life committee should be the ones who sign it. More accurate reading
13. Emily: Anyone could have come to the student life committee to argue and the majority actually agreed. This seems like
14. Jordan: We are all one senate. It was everyone’s job to come to me and discuss this resolution if you have a problem with this
15. Brooke: Agree with Tyler
16. Wayne: FOC when we vote on it, that’s when the whole majority will vote
17. Trent: it was a majority’s vote to move it to the student life committee
18. Jordan: If the majority are not in favor of this, then we will make a a new resolution
19. Courtney: Move to change wording of center of health and wellness
   a. Approved
20. Omar: Did you discuss smoke free zones?
21. Emily: we had ask that during the discussion with dr. baron and he noted that there has been research into this and the zones have been proven not to work
22. Omar: So you didn’t discuss
23. Darren: There already are “smoke free zones” being 20 ft away from the door and people do not follow this already
24. Ashley: Looking at the facts, 3% of the student population smokes. If we are here representing the student body therefore we do also need to represent the 97% of students who do not smoke
25. Tyler: Are student life committees held during everyone elses?
26. Trent: they are held during other meetings, but I made it clear to reach out to the student life committee
27. Christian: Did a survey to see who wants to support this. Will vote no to support constituents
28. Omar: Just because 97% of students don’t smoke doesn’t mean they all support this initiative.
29. Stephen: Talked to dr. baron afterwards: we may want to specify what kind of tobacco is banned (e cigarettes)
30. Katie: the liquid form of nicotine in cigarettes is just as bad, so dr. baron made it clear to ban all of it
31. Stephen: If it isn’t harming other people
32. Trent: The discussion said that it does affect other people
33. Katie: when dr. baron presented, it seemed clear that they are actually detrimental to everyone
34. Dom: This resolution is not saying you cannot smoke starting tomorrow. This is USD saying that we care about the health and environment of our students and we want to join the other schools in the area by going tobacco free. We are not saying you cannot smoke; just promoting tobacco free campus
35. Tyler: No smoking?
36. Katie: its about the well being of the overall student body. We do not have the right to make people stop smoking, We do have the right to say they cannot do it on our campus
37. Ashley: Forms of tobacco—is it clear to the students, maybe specify?
38. Alex: ban of all tobacco products—this resolution is saying that we are in support of the paperwork that has been created
39. Trent: You have been given the policy weeks in advanced, this discussion should have been brought up awhile ago
40. Kelsea: As a nation and a country many schools have moved this way. We are not the first school to do it. We are the last ones to make this change in San Diego
41. Emily: Has it been considered for various things? There have been multiple committees that have been researching for this. This was not created over night. It has been thoroughly researched.

42. Jordan: Move to approve

43. Tyler: Wants to discuss more

44. Darren: If you are going to vote no, can you explain why

45. Omar: We need to stand up for the students. It can be culturally ignorant to completely ban smoking. It is unhealthy, but so are cookies. Should we ban cookies?

46. Ashley: Many other universities in San Diego are more culturally diverse than us, and they are tobacco free and they are successful.

47. Jordan: Voting yes, committees have done a lot of research, putting trust in the student life committee.

48. Jesse: I think it is understood by foreign exchange students that there will be different culturally speaking when they come here in America.

49. Meghan: When we go abroad, we realize that cultures are different and need to adapt.

50. Darren: Where did you get 3% vote from, Christian?

51. Christian: Interviewed people in Olin
   a. 62% said it went too far or didn’t agree
   b. Don’t think you know more than your constituents, if you didn’t talk to them don’t vote

52. Gabriella: think it’s a biased sample

53. Omar: Research shows that they don’t work. Cal state san marcos uses smoke zones.

54. Darren: People don’t follow the rules already established

55. Tyler: Who has actually talked to constituents. I am in favor of smoke free zone.

56. Trent; POC only senators vote
57. Tyler: don’t believe only 3% smoke
58. Emily: Research comes from a committee that has done thorough research
59. Katie: Smoke free zones is not fixing the problem, it is just moving. The committees involved have done thorough research
60. Stephen: Just because dr. baron has a phd does not mean he is a health center. My constituents said they are not in favor of this so he is voting no
61. Jason: the statistic came from a health survey they gave out
62. Jordan: Over a 1000 students took this survey
63. Brooke: It is not our job to vote on our personal opinions, vote for constituents
64. Stephen: the statistic is about smokers vs. non smokers, not who supports it
65. Jordan: This is a learning opportunity for us. If you have suggestions/ideas in the future please speak up
66. Omar: I don’t think its right for us to say that if it is bad for you we should ban it
67. Jason: POC: what you want to do is make an amendment to the motion at hand; have to ask for approval from Jordan who made the original motion
68. Jordan: Denying amendment
69. Vote: 18 in favor, 7 not in favor
70. Approved Resolution with majority vote

9. New Business
   a. Student Life Review, Jason Schreiber
      i. Thank you for your debate. It is exactly what should be happening
      ii. Reorganization of student affairs specifically in student life
      iii. Overview of how you can be involved and take action
iv. Powerpoint

1. There has been internal work within the departments
2. In the future, external forces will come in and evaluate
3. Want feedback on what SLIC should be focusing on
   a. What we want to say we do: Identity development, belonging/community, leadership and civic engagement
   b. Kelsea: Men’s initiative, is this because we have a women’s center??
   c. Jason: many times when men come into identity leadership, masculinity, they are lost. we are trying to assist this
4. How to enhance UC SLP
   a. Moveable, comfortable furniture
   b. Music
   c. Student art
   d. New colors
   e. Increased “fun” factor
5. Next steps
   a. Continue discovery of clusters
   b. Environmental assessment
      i. Carmen: Gave students cameras to take pictures of where they feel at home/ where do you not feel welcomed
   c. Three new greek chapters coming to campus: need to make sure we have support for them
   d. EvR process is not that easy: want to fix this
   e. Need feedback/ suggestions for help
6. Focus Groups
   a. EvR
   b. Welcome week (3/4 @ 12:15 SLP 307)
c. Student orgs

d. Programming

7. External Reviewers (3/24-25)
   a. Take advantage of this and make a meeting with them to provide feedback

8. Look out for dates and times for how to get involved

9. Please contact Jason

10. Final Announcements and Hearing of the Public
   a. Jordan: Just a reminder, if you have any concerns with dining services please tell me.
      i. It’s Philip’s birthday!!!! HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!!
   b. Emily: Ask constituents what types of food they want in the slp
   c. Colby: If you want to get involved with comm board please reach out
   d. April 6th: mandatory event for AS
      i. Providing transportation/ crafts/ surfing for inner city kids at Mission beach

11. Adjournment
   a. 1:49