Senate Minutes

Thursday, April 24rd, 2014
12:15pm
University of San Diego, Salomon Hall

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1. Call to Order
3. Unfinished Business
   a. Parking Re-Appeals By-Laws, Jordan Jadallah
      i. Approved
   b. Senate By-Laws, Wayne Luk
      i. approved
   c. Election By-Laws, Robert Martinez
      i. Ashley Matkins: article XIII amendment
         1. Want to attract students that are committed to senate without needing to be paid
         ii. Tabled until next senate (may 8th)
            1. Make sure Coral and Robert will be in attendance
   d. TPB By-Laws, Marc Gonzales
      i. Add an “L.” to approval—Stephen Ferraro
      ii. Approved with the stipulation that it is sent to communications board for grammar and format corrections
4. New Business
   a. Finance By-Laws and USDtv, Jordan Jackson
   b. Ad hoc committee—Alex bullock, Jordan Cadallah, Jordan Jackson, Jordyn Corrington, and Jesse Nebres
   c. Pros
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i. More funding to USDtv will increase the quality and allow other services to utilize their products

ii. Help USDtv staff want to give full work to what they are doing

iii. Still would have the ability to change it in the Finance committee bylaws

iv. Will help with marketing/promotion

Further questions

i. Why change the process?
   1. Journalistic outlet—not journalistically ethical to have the government fund their process.

ii. Independent funding. How will you manage this?
   1. July 1—student media council in affect (includes senators, members of USDtv)
   2. Still have to send in budgets, and how they are spending their money

iii. Jason: the members on the student media council have no affiliation with the finance committee (ASBC/Finance chair).

iv. Phoebe: director of public affairs should be the liaison. Comm Chair is on exec. should relay message to exec team

v. Jason: concerning that no one on AS with fiscal accountability is on the council

vi. Vista hasn’t had a problem with financial committee, why would there be a problem now?

vii. Jason: Vista doesn’t get money from AS

viii. Alex: what is the need of the students for this change? Is there a survey that can be done to see how much funding they actually need. Vista fee is separate from AS fee, could USDtv be included in this.

ix. Phoebe: looked into having a media fee (USDtv, USDradio, Vista) but board of trustees doesn’t want to add an extra fee.

x. Phoebe: vimeo can track videoship—improvement in quality

xi. Eric: transfer student. Looked for a creative outlet which became USDtv.

Wanted
xii. Marc: does most of the money go towards equipment—have you completed your purchases

xiii. Phoebe: the leftover money is for emergencies or studio upgrade. We were trying to budget for conferences but bought DSLRs and gopros instead

xiv. Jordan: Will they take what they learn from the conferences and bring it back to the students?

xv. Phoebe: the media conferences help give ideas for shows, better broadcasting, etc. Helpful for the students

xvi. Jordan: Federal work study awards—have you looked into other ways of obtaining this funding

xvii. Phoebe: can look into it

xviii. Alex: the student fee is going towards the students. Using it to pay other students isn’t necessarily the best—shouldn’t come from other students pockets

xix. Phoebe: definitely something we can look into

xx. Meghan: looking at the allocation process and how much to give—can the percent change? Can keep the price where it is but change how the allocation is

xxi. Kelsea: so there is a possibility to reduce the funds if there is a substantial rollover?

xxii. Phoebe: yes

xxiii. Jordan: how much are conferences?

xxiv. Phoebe: $1500-$2000/ student—including flight/ hotel/ and registration fee

xxv. Jordan: For ASBC, for student orgs we do not fund transportation for conferences. What is different between student orgs and USDtv

xxvi. Phoebe: funded last two conferences with money from yearbook funds

xxvii. Jordan: A talk about conferences need to be held

xxviii. Katie: Student orgs that have a national chapter can pull from dues to pay for transportation. USDtv does not have this pool
xxix. Colby: We would be close to doubling the current amount of money. At the end of the year, normally rollover money goes into a pool that all centers have the opportunity to apply for. If USDtv has their own rollover, they will get their own private pool of money. No one is going to be actually watching over USDtv

xxx. Phoebe: the point of the Media council is to give AS the opportunity to look over spending, but not control spending. The tv studio needs to be renewed every 3 years so the rollover money can be used for that

xxxi. Colby: awesome that we got donations but do we have any potential financial projections that would help to justify this amount of money—4 to 5 year projection of what you will be spending.

xxxii. Phoebe: can give an honest projection but not an accurate one because so much changes throughout the years in terms of pricing

xxxiii. Colby: if we have a projection of the next few years, AS can hold USDtv accountable

xxxiv. Phoebe: goes back to what Meghan was saying about keeping the amount at $14,000—we can start there and then change it throughout the years

xxxv. Marc: ask these questions to make sure we have a sustainable way of spending—how would the entire student body want to spend this money?

xxxvi. Ashley: great job defending the punches. Create an overall media fee by deducting money from the student fee and adding it to the Vista/media fee

xxxvii. Phoebe: doesn’t think that board of trustees would go along with any change in fees

xxxviii. Stephen: how many students are in the USDtv center

xxxix. Phoebe: 30ish

x. Stephen: agree with journalistic ethics—what would the government not be okay spending the money on?

xli. Jordan: They can’t get any rollover money

xlii. Phoebe: no centers can keep rollover
xliii. Jason: Can the media outlet be as critical with their news if they are being funded by AS? Can they say anything against AS and not feel like they will get their money taken away?

e. Possible changes:
   i. Created usdtv as their own bylaw—do not vote on this today just presenting idea
   ii. Remove them from being a center
   iii. Create their own article in finance by-laws
   iv. If something should be changed, say so now
   v. Can’t use the money to pay students—use financial aid
   vi. Wayne: should include finance chair in the student media center
      1. Not comfortable passing this if finance chair is not in council
   vii. Phoebe: point of not having finance chair on council is to avoid being overseen by them
   viii. Wayne: funding is from AS, should include finance chair
   ix. Jordan: believe that communications chair is a sufficient liaison
   x. Phoebe: chose people not on finance committee on purpose
   xi. Trent: we can still change the bylaws if they are abusing it
   xii. Alex: communications chair may not have the knowledge/ experience with finances. Ad hoc committee should meet with Exec to really iron this out—it seems a bit hasty.
   xiii. Phoebe: no offense, but no one uses Torero Orgs
   xiv. Katie: Torero Orgs is definitely under utilized
   xv. Phoebe: Have been working with Trent and Mallory regarding it and has gone through multiple past AS president
   xvi. Gina: Want the Vista and USDtv to be similar—this system is in place with Vista and it works. Does have a person who oversees
   xvii. Jesse: this system may not be foreign, the difference is that the money is coming from a fee that is expected to be spent on the entire student body
xviii. Alex: if you want it to look like the Vista, work with board of trustees. Not ideal to change bylaws to make it look like another organization that’s not in the bylaws

xix. Phoebe: this has been going on for five years

xx. Trent: these bylaws have been proposed, so we can vote next senate. But I think it needs more research—will be presented on May 8th

1. Reach out to constituents and ad hoc committee

xxi. Tyler: who is proposing these solutions?

1. This is what it could look like. NO one is actually proposing it

xxii. Katie: can we look at our financial standing to see if we can support this

1. Trent: we do have this

xxiii. Phoebe: reach out and contact me, gina, eric or trent. NO one asked me as many questions as I was expecting

xxiv. Colby: can we some sort of financial projection?

1. Phoebe: 6-8 year projection.

xxv. Jason: ask that USDtv and ad hoc committee meet

xxvi. Ashley: can we make it so that other orgs cannot do this same thing?

1. JASON: important consideration—maybe change wording so that it only includes USDtv—ad hoc committee should look at this.

xxvii. Meghan: break down of what USDtv has now—number of people, how money is spent—itemized idea of what would happen with new money

1. How many people will actually be impacted by it

xxviii. Katie: this is our job to not make it a hasty decision. Keep coming up with “complicated” things. It is our role to not make this an unhasty project

xxix. Tyler: it’s hard to be transparent when we have little groups. I understand it is open to everyone but it seems like 5 people are in charge. Should use senate time for this

xxx. Crash: we had time to talk to them. We need to be more strategic in our thinking
xxxi. Jordan: will talk with more senators and do more research

xxxii. Alex: you are not just a senator from 12-2. You are a senator 24/7. Use office hours, use your free time to engage with exec and USDtv

xxxiii. Marc: encourage everyone to come up to the SLIC—phoebe is always in the SLIC. These conversations need to happen outside of Salomon

xxxiv. Trent: utilize time outside of meeting. Advisors, UDStv, exec. Encourage you to use time wisely

5. Final Announcements and Hearing of the Public
   a. Today is amnesty day! Give back plates
   b. Phoebe: come to the studio
   c. Lauren: rsvp to End of the year banquet

6. Adjournment
   a. 1:46 pm