Senate Minutes

Thursday, May 8th, 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 12:26
2. Roll Call (Absent: Christian DiScala, Jordyn Corrington, Billy Anderson, Gabriella Russo, Johnathon Garcia, Feven Seid)
3. Approval of Agenda
   a. Approved
4. Approval of Minutes
   a. Thursday, April 24th, 2014
   b. Approved
5. Hearing of the Public (10 minutes per topic)
   a. Terrez, BSU VP
      i. March of the Toreros set up
         1. UFMC felt that they were put behind a majority of Caucasian students in the march
         2. AS, TPB, UFMC have been meeting to help prevent this in the future
         3. Fix that specific issue as well as the overall climate at school
      4. Concerns
         a. Black History Month is not supported by the whole campus
            i. Black student retention rate is very low
         b. Culture is not supported on campus
         c. Everyone’s position has to do with inclusion and diversity—not just specific subcommittees
         d. Recreate campus to be inclusive and diverse
   b. Lavanya sridharan, TPB
      i. Important issue for the campus—inclusion and diversity
ii. Want students to feel that they have a place on campus

iii. Want every event to be inclusive to all students

iv. Outgoing senators—your duty to make sure incoming senators understand this mission of inclusion and diversity

v. This is an issue for inside senate as well as for students on campus

c. Carmen Vasquez
   i. Thank you Lavanya and Terrez for addressing this great concern that impacts our campus
   ii. Many students feel marginalized/excluded
   iii. There is a USD student “clique”/culture

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. Thank you Terrez and Lavanya
      ii. Thank you senators for a great year!

   b. Coral Anderson, Vice President
      i. Online learning—online classes—if you want to get involved contact Coral
      ii. Thank you for a great four years

   c. Colby Edson, Communication Chair
      i. Thank you for a wonderful year

   d. Mallory Collins, Finance Chair
      i. No updates
      ii. Look forward to staying in touch

   e. Marc Gonzales, Torero Program Board Chair
      i. Work as unit with TPB and AS—make a strong team for the students
      ii. Thank you for all of your hardwork
      iii. Two more events
Senate Minutes

1. Sunday: mission bay aquatics center
   a. Day at the bay 12-3pm—sailing, volleyball, food, etc.
   b. Trams in front of UC
      i. 11:45- end
   c. Tell constituents

2. Upperclassmen- senior’s there are still tickets available for senior night
   f. Feven Seid, United Front Multicultural Center Rep
   g. Joel Brodfuehrer, RHA Rep
      i. New board is in place
      ii. Looking forward to continuing to build connections with AS
   h. Sandra Gadow, PanHellenic Rep
      i. Working on inclusion and diversity initiatives for next year
      ii. Have a great summer!
   i. Philip Juarez, IFC Rep
      i. Thank you graduates! Good luck!
      ii. See you next year!
   j. Jonathan Garcia, Athletics

7. Reports from Chairs of Standing Committees (3 minutes each. Unless otherwise noted)
   a. Kristen Daus, Academics Committee
      i. Microwave for shiley building will be installed today
   b. Radiylon Mina, Inclusion and Diversity Committee
      i. Thank you for a wonderful year
   c. Jordan Jackson, Student Life Committee
      i. Shout out to Brianne for being my everything. SO sad she is leaving.
   d. Katie Coutermarsh, Student Organizations Committee
      i. President’s clubs dinner
         1. President’s of each org came so we could show our appreciation
         2. Opened up a discussion of what they wanted to see in the future
      ii. Be a source of support—go to events on campus!
iii. Thank you for a great year

8. Unfinished Business
   a. USD TV, Ashley Matkins
      i. Trent: with time constraints, the ad hoc committee came up with a resolution for that the next senate to carry on with next semester
      ii. Ashley: Sat down with Phoebe and ad hoc committee to try to come to a compromise
          1. Any questions on revisions?
      iii. USDtv should have journalistic freedom through funding—passed this resolution so that this discussion will be on the forefront of the senate next semester and will not go forgotten by the team
      iv. Ashley reads the USDtv resolution aloud
      v. Crash: is the ad hoc committee going to be continued next semester?
      vi. Ashley: it will be replaced with new senators next semester. I will be on this committee
      vii. Mallory: Any financial questions? Rollover?
      viii. Alex B.: Nothing financial is really proposed here
      ix. Mallory: the percentage given will be decided by the ad hoc committee next semester.
      x. Ashley: we didn’t come up with a percent yet because we wanted to wait until next year to see the money we have
      xi. Katie: Did we spend our discretionary fund?
      xii. Mallory: We do have some rollover. Different centers can request the use of this money at the end of the year
      xiii. Jason: Recommend that any information that Mallory has prepared should be passed on to Bryan (Finance chair 2014-2015)
      xiv. Motion Approved
            1. With the stipulation that it is sent to the communications board for grammar and editing
b. Election By-Laws, Robert Martinez
   
i. Ashley: amend article 8 section 1—1A
   
   1. Not include the potential service award except on actual application
   2. Jason: I understand we don’t want to advertise the stipend; however, by posting that they do get a stipend shows that we are being transparent with the student body and will hold the officers accountable for their duties
   3. Ashley: Looking to draw people in that are not motivated by money
   4. Jason: Will people that we are hiding the fact that AS is paid?
   5. Katie: right now it isn’t really a competition in the elections. Promoting the money may bring in more competition so the student body can actually choose who they want
   6. Crash: maybe find a new lure instead of money
   7. Ashley: they do have the right to know, put it on the application. The highlighted portions now are that we are paid, not that we are changemakers and that we have initiatives
   8. Trent: three unexcused meetings, regardless of senate or committee meetings, you will be dropped. We will readjust their stipend as well
   9. Coral: Executive roles take 20+ hours a week, money should be shown—it is basically a part time job. Maybe just change the bylaw to not being advertised on marketing
   10. Darren: It is a part time job you should get paid. It should be advertised
   11. Kelsea: It was more of an incentive to be giving your time
   12. Courtney: If you miss three or more meetings at all, I believe you shouldn’t even get a stipend. It shouldn’t even be looked at, just dropped
   13. Trent: The discretion is up to the speaker of the senate
   14. Jason: in my time, we’ve never retroactively taken back the stipend
15. Katie: Once you're in a leadership position in an organization, you are able to network and let people know that you get a stipend. If we take it off of the marketing, it could be an unfair advantage for some students because some students will know about it and others won't.

16. Robert: For all the time that goes into an application, I believe the students that actually complete the application demonstrate a strong interest.

17. Ashley: My goal is that our main focus is not on the money. Not hiding it from anyone, when posting it on campus and marketing it is not emphasizing the money, it is emphasizing the goals/morals of AS.

18. Trent: It is up to Robert’s discretion whether or not to change this bylaw.

19. Darren: None of the promotions from elections have any emphasis of money, so where is your concern?

20. Ashley: I saw it more on social media by other senators (large mass texts/statuses).

21. Alex B: It sounds more of a stylistic thing that may not need to be necessarily in the bylaws. I don’t think it is necessary to restrict what other senators say to other students about recruiting.

22. Majority are not in support of this amendment.

23. Robert will not be making this amendment.

24. Trent: I urge that next year communications chair look into this issue though.

   ii. Approved
      1. Seconded

9. New Business
   
   a. Bio Medical Ethics Minor, Kristen Daus
      i. Read resolution aloud
      ii. For any minor established at USD, there must be 8 unites. Program includes PHIL331 and BIO190 and other classes. Course offers many different topics.
including Ethnic Studies, Nursing School, Marketing, Philosophy etc. all things that will be introduced in the new MCAT in 2015. A Scripps internships from 8:00pm-10:00pm to gain experience, to sit on bioethical issue panels to gain experience, and this minor’s necessary for the curriculum currently on campus. This minor would be the first of its kind at USD (to span across such a wide span of subjects). It’s a very difficult process and took a long time to get all the classes on board, which explains why it’s taken so long to tell all of you. Are students really interested? A survey was made and given out to the students, who expressed interest in this minor.

iii. Trent: questions?
iv. Kelsea: Congratulations Kristen on all this hardwork!
v. Marc: many tours ask me about healthcare, so this is perfect for undergraduates!
vi. Coral: We are a very healthcare focused area. I know the law school is also looking into more healthcare focuses

vii. Approved
   1. Seconded

b. ASBC Reps, Mallory Collins
   i. Two senator reps are missing: no one has stepped up
      1. Anyone want to step up for the first month?
      2. Chris Nowlin
   ii. Colby: Is there a conflict with jet being on TPB and Academic
   iii. Wayne: bylaws say you can’t be on exec, or parliamentarian
   iv. Approved

c. Student Bookstore Update, Marc Gonzales
   i. Student representative for the student bookstore relocation
   ii. Very student driven and challenging
   iii. Thank you task force and senators and student organizations!
   iv. VP Vasquez
1. Marc has done an excellent job representing AS
2. The board of trustees is very congratulatory towards the last AS exec team and is very welcoming to the new team
   a. Tobacco free highlight
3. Desire to expand engineering program; therefore, campus store and post office has got to move
4. Main possibility: UC/SLP
   a. Problem is that there is a lot to move into here
5. 4 or 5 possible scenarios
6. May 15th—presentation by architects on their ideas
   a. All of AS is welcomed to this luncheon
7. Likely when you come back in the fall, the post office will be in a different location
v. Andre
   1. Addition between frank lounge and entrance of the SLP
   2. 12,000 retail square feet in the student store
      a. Moving into 6,000
   3. Design assist mode—constructors are going through the plan with them during planning stages so they now how feasible the plan is
vi. School of engineering—jan 2015 33% increase in mechanical engineering
vii. 2nd week of august would like to be moved out and into new area
viii. Jesse: done by august or start by august
ix. Phasing project: post office: done by august, torero store will start later
x. Plaza menor is the sight that will probably be changed into torero store/ post office
d. Incoming Executive Team Transition, Trenton Mendenhall
   i. Trent: Thank you so much for everything this year!
   ii. New exec. board team approved
      1. Dom Pera
Senate Minutes

2. Rommel Pinlac
3. Brooke Belanger
4. Bryan Chiang
5. Jon Michael
6. Alexandria Steinhaus

iii. Read and recited the code of conduct/ethics (led by Trent Mendenhall)

10. Final Announcements and Hearing of the Public

a. Bryan: Finance committee: need 4 senators in total
   i. Two semester meetings
   ii. One in June and one in January
      1. June 14th
   iii. Still need two more senators

b. Dillon: Thank you everyone for such a great time this year. It has been a blast! We are all changemakers! Good Luck!

11. Adjournment: 1:41 pm