Senate Minutes

Thursday, October 20th, 2011
12:15pm
University of San Diego, Salomon Hall

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1. Call to Order
   a. The second meeting of the Associated Students Senate was called to order at 12:40pm.

2. Roll Call
   a. Ryan Zarley and Jessica Tran were absent

3. Approval of Agenda
   a. Diana requested the removal of the ASBC Bylaws from unfinished business
   b. Reyes-Hernandez moved to remove the ASBC Bylaws from unfinished business
      i. Moved and seconded
      ii. Unanimously approved to remove the ASBC Bylaws from unfinished business
   c. Diana also requested that Diana and ASBC rep change be added to the agenda under New Business
      i. Gertsch moved to amend the agenda by adding Diana under New Business
      ii. Moved and seconded
      iii. Unanimously approved to amend the agenda by adding Diana under New Business

4. Approval of Minutes
   a. Thursday, October 6th, 2011
      i. Morgan moved to approve the minutes from the last Senate meeting, Thursday, October 6th
      ii. Moved and seconded
      iii. The Senate minutes from October 6th were unanimously approved

5. Hearing of the Public (10 minutes per topic)
   a. FIJI Fraternity, Brett Pytel and Brent Wehage
i. The consultants introduced themselves and explained their purpose for being on campus

1. They will be here for 6 weeks, attempting to find the founding fathers of the new fraternity on campus

ii. The fraternity is giving out a $3,000 scholarship to any current non-Greek male on campus

1. This person does not have to be a FIJI founding father

6. Reports of Executive Board and Ex Officio Members (1 minute each, unless otherwise noted)

a. Anthony Pavlovic, President

i. No report

b. Jeremy Whelan, Vice President

i. No report

c. Stephanie Atienza, Communication Chair

i. Senator Meet and Greets

1. Senator Meet and Greets will be held next Tuesday, October 25th

a. She emphasized that this is a mandatory event for all senators

2. Emily Fuller has not received plans from Commuter Senators or Business School Senators

a. She explained that plans for these two tables are due to her by tomorrow

3. Vista Senators cannot just have pizza at their table, there needs to be a way to interact with constituents

a. She asked that the Vistas senators email Emily their new plan as soon as possible

4. AS polos will be in on Monday for Senators who just got elected

d. Diana Rodriguez Agiss, Finance Chair

i. No report

e. Kendal Lay, Torero Program Board Chair
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i. Tonight, American Idol concert
   1. 7:30pm on the Immaculata Lawn

ii. San Diego Haunted Tours – Historic Sites of San Diego
   1. There are still 28 seats available

iii. Women’s Volleyball Game, October 26th
   1. There will be a tailgate with class t-shirts and food giveaways

iv. First Men’s Basketball game, November 14th
   1. Kendal asked the Senators if they had any recommendations for the tailgate as last year’s shutting down of the SLP was very expensive
      a. Kendal explained that closing SLP forces students to go to the tailgate
      b. Gertsch asked if Tu Mercado remains open if the SLP is closed
         i. Yes, Tu Mercado remains open
      c. Anthony asked if the spirit tram is still being considered
         i. The spirit tram would be a tram from the SLP to the JCP, as students often complain about the distance of that walk
         ii. Kendal answered that regardless of the tailgate, the spirit tram will be available
   2. Nederend asked if the food at the tailgate is the same as the food offered at the SLP
      a. Kendal said that it would be similar if not the same food from the SLP
      b. Nederend asked why it was so expensive to move everything over to the JCP
         i. Kendal stated that if we close down the SLP, TPB has to buy 1,000 student meals
   3. Morgan asked if students still have to use a meal to get at the tailgate
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a. Yes, students still have to pay for it with their meal plan, but TPB also has to pay for 1,000 meals in addition to the student swipes

4. Nederend suggested keeping part of the SLP open, like the salad bar
   a. Vance suggested leaving the undesirable food open

5. Forey suggested downsizing the SLP options similar to what Dining Services did during the Luau

6. Kendal asked if TPB should not consider closing down the SLP idea
   a. Forey stated that limiting the food options would encourage students to go to the game because the options at the SLP would be unsatisfying (like during the Luau)
   b. Vance asked how much does it cost to shut the SLP down
      i. Kendal responded that it would cost the purchase of 1,000 meals

7. Eugenio asked about the catering rule
   a. Chuck answered that anytime you spend more than $500 on food for an organization, it has to be cleared through dining services
   b. Eugenio suggested utilizing a food truck

8. Anthony suggested spending that money on multiple spirit trams around campus to market the tailgate
   v. Chuck asked Kendal to stay for a moment about the Senate meeting if senators have any more ideas

f. Rebecca Garcia-Rangel, United Front Multicultural Center Rep
   i. No report

g. Sana Ebrahim, RHA Rep
   i. Winter Wonderland, December 1st
      1. This event is cosponsored by TPB
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2. Sophomore S’mores and Pumpkin Carving, Thursday October 27th at 9:15-11pm in Borrego courtyard

3. This event is cosponsored by TPB
   a. Forey asked if this event was exclusively for sophomores
      i. Yes
   ii. Chuck emphasized that Sana is a great resource for residential senators as RHA is the voice of all on campus residents
   iii. Sana stated that RHA holds weekly meetings on Tuesday nights at 9:15pm after RA staff meetings

h. Caroline Brenes, Panhellenic Rep
   i. Recruitment Registration is officially up online at www.sandiego.edu/greeklife/panhellenic
   ii. Great Urban Race event benefitting St. Jude’s on October 29th
      1. St. Jude’s is the main philanthropy of Greek Week
      2. This is an event set up like the Amazing Race with physical obstacles and scavenger hunts

i. Mark Barnett, IFC Rep
   i. Greek Sponsored Halloween Dance is October 28th
      1. Each fraternity is paired with a sorority doing booths, games, giveaways
   ii. Mark encouraged all non Greek students to attend as well
   iii. Tuesday, November 29th marks the beginning of Spring recruitment for IFC
      1. An informational for freshmen and potential members

7. Reports from Chairs of Standing Committees (3 minutes each, unless otherwise noted)
   a. Meghan Czarnecki, Academics Committee
      i. The Academic Committee has decided on 5 main issues to tackle for the year
         1. A new printing station in the Science building
            a. As well as other buildings on campus that need them
         2. Department Newsletters
a. While some departments already have newsletters, the committee wants to encourage all of the departments to start monthly newsletters

3. Freshman registration process
   a. The committee hopes to make it easier for students as well as the registrar’s office

4. Business School advisors
   a. The committee will be investigating if this is an issue or not
   b. Czarnecki explained that the committee had received some issues from students

5. Books
   a. The committee will be meeting with the bookstore to see if there is any way they can support them in the transition process
   ii. All of the senators were encouraged to inform the Academics committee on any issues they find pressing

b. Alex Hermann, Inclusion and Diversity Committee
   i. The committee is working on Meet and Greets for constituents in the United Front Multicultural Center

c. Coral Anderson, Student Life Committee
   i. The Student Life Committee will be meeting with Dining Services tomorrow to introduce themselves
   ii. The committee is also attending the Parking Committee meeting on Friday
      1. They are in the process of developing a program for an airport tram during school breaks

b. Katt Manalo, Student Organizations Committee
   i. Approval of Clubs and Organizations
      1. 7 new clubs are applying for approval
      2. 6 are re-registering
      3. Diana asked what the Officials Club is
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a. Manalo responded that they previously existed informally and they are an organization of intramural referees

4. Nederend asked what the process is if a club wants to re-register
   a. Manalo answered to go speak with Manda, as the committee is not involved in that process until they need to be approved
   b. Jaclyn Miller, Graduate Assistant, encouraged Nederend to go on ToreroOrgs

5. Manalo motioned to approve 7 new organizations and 6 reregistering organizations
   a. Moved and seconded
   b. The 7 new organizations and 6 reregistering organizations were unanimously approved

ii. The committee is also working with new and reregistering organizations
   1. The committee attended their first ICC meeting yesterday
   2. The main issue that was brought up involved the link to the EVR form
      a. This issue has been resolved and there is now a link on the ToreroOrgs website

8. Unfinished Business
   a. School of Business Administration Senator
      i. Chuck explained that Exec made the decision that they consider anyone who applied for the position in the Fall and Spring of last year
         1. According to the constitution, this is an appointed position as someone had to step down
      ii. As stated in the bylaws, the AS President will present the chosen senator
         1. Anthony stated that Kunal Kohli is a senior majoring in Finance who is familiar with faculty and the School of Business. He serves on ASBC and is Vice President of a service organization
         iii. Morgan moved to approve Kunal Kohli as the new School of Business Administration senator
1. Manalo asked if Kohli had any experience in student government
   a. Kohli answered that he worked in student government at his previous college

2. Moved and seconded

3. Kunal Kohli was unanimously approved as the new School of Business Administration senator

iv. Chuck announced that we officially have a full senate

b. Introduction of Bylaws for Approval

i. AS Finance Committee

1. There were no questions in regards to the AS Finance Committee bylaws

2. Osland moved to approve
   a. Jason recommended that all bylaws go through the Director of Public Affairs for grammatical and structural errors before being posted
   b. Moved and seconded
   c. 29 in favor, 1 opposed to the approval of the AS Finance Committee bylaws

ii. Senate

1. Chuck stated that he completely revamped these bylaws, utilizing MIT's bylaws

2. Reyes-Hernandez moved to approve
   a. Chuck emphasized that these bylaws will also go through the Director of Public Affairs
   b. Moved and seconded
   c. The Senate bylaws were unanimously approved

iii. Traffic Court

1. Chuck explained that these bylaws were developed this past Spring
   a. The only change to those bylaws was the change of the title “Traffic Court Chair” to “Traffic Court Coordinator”
b. Chuck emphasized that there was no content change, just structural

2. Beerling moved to approve the Traffic Court Bylaws
   a. Moved and seconded
   b. The Traffic Court bylaws were unanimously approved

9. New Business
   a. ASBC Reps
      i. Diana explained that the Religious Clubs and Organizations ASBC representative is no longer in a religious organization
         1. Diana would like this representative to now be a Special Interest ASBC Representative
         2. The representative’s name is Shannon McManus
      ii. Chuck asked why this change needs to occur
           1. Diana responded that since she is no longer a part of a Religious Organization, she cannot sit on ASBC on behalf of them
              a. Diana explained that she still needs to find another representative for Religious Clubs and Organizations
      iii. Vance asked what group the student is representing now
           1. Diana stated that Shannon is now representing Founders club
      iv. Gertsch moved to approve this change in Shannon McManus’ title on ASBC
           1. Moved and seconded
           2. Unanimously approved to change Shannon McManus from the Religious Clubs and Organizations ASBC Representative to a Special Interest ASBC Representative
   b. University Non-Discrimination Policy
      i. Anthony stated that last week, we discussed the university non-discrimination policy regarding the inclusion of gender identity
         1. A lot of concern and questions arose as to why gender expression was not included in the non discrimination policy
ii. USD’s General Counsel, Kelly Douglas, has decided to make the amendment to include gender expression to university’s non discrimination policy
   1. Dr. Avery emphasized that this amendment was made after the Executive Council voted and approved it
iii. Anthony asked if the Senators knew the difference between gender identity and gender expression
   1. The majority of Senators did not know the difference
      a. Anthony explained that gender identity involves one’s internal knowledge
         i. Anthony emphasized that biologically you may be one way, but internally it may be different
      b. Anthony also included that gender expression is something that is superficial and external
         i. This involves how you choose to identify externally
   2. One of the reasons that this is confusing is because often times the two terms overlap
   3. Anthony explained that California state law only includes gender identity, so we are ahead of the game
      a. Dr. Avery stated on October 9th, the California Governor signed new law effective January 1 that will include gender expression
   c. Valley Senators – Redbox
      i. Bains stated that the number one concern of the Valley constituents is the need for a Redbox on campus
      ii. Pera explained that the Valley Senators brought the idea to Chuck and were told to consult Dr. Avery
      iii. Pera stated that they hope to get data on this through surveys and discussions
         1. Pera explained that he thought USD does not allow off campus vendors on campus
2. Point of information: Jason stated that USD does allow vendors on campus but they have to go through an approval process

iv. Anthony stated that students can rent movies from Missions Crossroads

1. Pera stated that this is also an option, and if the Redbox does not get approved, the Valley senators hope to expand the library of movies in Missions Crossroads

2. Chuck recommended that the Valley senators in coalition with the Student Life Committee and RHA work on this together

v. Hermann suggested putting the Redbox in the UC so that it is more central to the rest of campus

vi. Nederend moved to delegate the issue of a Redbox to the Valley senators, Student Life Committee, and RHA

1. Moved and seconded

2. Unanimously approved that the issue of a Redbox would be delegated to the Valley Senators in coalition with the Student Life Committee and RHA

10. Final Announcements and Hearing of the Public

a. Spirit Day

i. Hermann stated that today is “Spirit Day” to recognize LGBT youth and anti-bullying efforts in our community

ii. This may be the reason a lot of members of our campus community are wearing purple

b. Big Blue Circus

i. Reyes-Hernandez announced that the Center for Health and Wellness Promotion is putting on the Big Blue Circus next Tuesday, October 25 during National Alcohol Awareness Week “clowning around with alcohol”

ii. All senators are encouraged to attend as there will be games, tables, and food

b. Kappa Alpha Theta Rock the Casa 5k
i. Manalo stated that on November 6th, her sorority is putting on a 5k to benefit our philanthropy CASA

ii. Tickets are $12 from any Theta

d. Weekly “Blue Buzz”

i. Jeremy stated that Torero Program Board sends out a Blue Buzz email every week with activities and events
   1. If you would like your event or activity advertised, email Kendal before Friday
   2. The email goes out every Monday

ii. Kendal said that her email is klay-12@sandiego.edu

iii. Jason also stated that you can also send it through mypostings sandiego.edu/mypostings

11. Adjournment

   a. The Senate meeting was adjourned at 1:27pm.