Senate Minutes

Thursday, November 17th, 2011
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
   i. The meeting was called to order at 12:28pm

2. Roll Call
   i. Commuter Senator Green and Senator Whelan were absent

3. Approval of Agenda
   i. Czarnecki moved to approve the agenda
      i. Moved and seconded
      ii. The Senate unanimously approved the agenda

4. Approval of Minutes
   i. Thursday, November 3rd, 2011
      i. Morgan moved to approve the minutes from the last Senate meeting, November 3, 2011
      ii. The Senate unanimously approved the minutes from the last Senate meeting, November 3, 2011

5. Hearing of the Public (10 minutes per topic)
   i. No report

6. Reports of Executive Board and Ex Officio Members
   i. Anthony Pavlovic, President
      i. No report
   ii. Jeremy Whelan, Vice President
      i. Core Planning Committee Meeting, Friday November 18th, 2011, KIPJ A/B, 3:30pm to 5:00pm
1. Whelan explained that this is the last opportunity to attend a Core Planning Committee meeting as next semester there will only be closed workshops that are not open to the public

2. Whelan encouraged upperclassmen and underclassmen alike to attend

iii. Stephanie Atienza, Communication Chair
   i. No report

iv. Diana Rodriguez Agiss, Finance Chair
   i. No report

v. Kendal Lay, Torero Program Board Chair
   i. Lay announced three upcoming events on campus
      1. This Saturday there is Volleyball and Football Tailgate at Eagen Plaza at noon
      2. The evening of December 1 is Winter Wonderland on Torero Way
      3. Holiday Hootenany Tickets are still on sale for $25

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

vii. Sana Ebrahim, RHA Rep
   1. Ebrahim emphasized attending Winter Wonderland as there will be Build-a-Bears and sledding

viii. Caroline Brenes, Panhellenic Rep
    i. There will be a Panhellenic Fall Festival this Tuesday during dead hours
    ii. Brenes announced the newly elected slate of officers for the upcoming year

ix. Mark Barnett, IFC Rep
   i. Barnett announced Greek events happening this month
      1. Saturday, November 19 is Kappa Kappa Gamma and Lambda Chi Alpha’s Ballers for Children Basketball Tournament philanthropy
      2. Phi Kappa Theta and Gamma Phi Beta’s Movember for this month, supporting prostate cancer
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ii. Barnett stated that on November 29th there will be a winter informational for fraternities

iii. Barnett also announced the newly elected slate of officers for the upcoming year

7. Reports from Chairs of Standing Committees (3 minutes each, unless otherwise noted)
   i. Meghan Czarnecki, Academics Committee
      i. Lily Mariucci
         1. Mariucci sits on the Core Planning Committee
            a. She explained that the committee is currently going through proposals for “W” and “D” classes
         2. If any senators have input, they can contact Senator Czarnecki
   ii. Student Open Forum: “Imagining the Core – Instant Design”, November 29th, 2011, UC Forum A, 12:30pm to 2:00pm. RSVP Necessary: cee@sandiego.edu
      1. Czarnecki encouraged senators to go out and speak with constituents so that the Academics Committee can report back
      2. Must RSVP for lunch by November 25th
   iii. Science and Technology Building Printer
      1. The committee is planning on meeting with the lead IT person and drafting a proposal to add a printer to the Shiley Science and Technology Building
      2. Forey explained that the Chemistry Department who runs the lab where the printer will go is very supportive and aware of what is going on
   iv. Library Statement
      1. Czarnecki read the final statement drafted to endorse Copley Library’s finals policy
         a. Nederend moved
         b. Cook recommended that it be sent through Director of Public Affairs for editing
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  c. Whelan suggested that the letter address Librarian Byrd as Dr. Byrd

  d. The Senate unanimously approved the statement from the Academics Committee to Dr. Byrd endorsing Copley Library’s finals studying policy

ii. Alex Hermann, Inclusion and Diversity Committee

  i. Letter to the President and Executive Council

    1. Hermann explained that the committee has sent the letter of support to the President and the Executive Council thanking them for the change to the non discrimination policy

    2. Senator Navarro is working on a letter to The Vista to explain this change to students

      a. Pavlovic asked when the Senate will be seeing this letter

        i. At the next Senate meeting, December 8

    ii. November 30th Core Workshop 9:30-11am about “D” classes, I and D will be there RSVP at cee@sandiego.edu

iii. Coral Anderson, Student Life Committee

  i. Spring Tram Route Changes

    1. Senator Solomon attended the Parking and Tram Services meeting last week and explained that the only thing staying the same in terms of the tram system for next semester will be the Old Town Tram

      a. There are a variety of changes that will hopefully benefit students

    2. Whelan stated that he was briefed last Thursday at University Senate of the changes and that there will also be a function that allows organizations to reserve a spot for guest speakers

    3. Rodriguez-Agiss asked when these changes will take place

      a. Solomon stated that these changes will all be implemented by the beginning of the Spring semester
4. Lay asked how students will be informed
   a. Solomon explained that parking just hired a marketer specifically to inform the students
5. Cook asked for a schedule or something in print as soon as possible so senators are able to inform their constituents

ii. Airport Tram Update
1. Anderson stated that the Super Shuttle (with the USD voucher) will cost $24 roundtrip, half of what you would pay for regular taxi
   a. The committee is beginning to market this today
2. Anderson also explained that Vice President Carmen Vazquez has approached Tram Services to see if they can do a winter break tram for free
   a. The committee has expressed their support on this project

iii. Dining
1. The committee is meeting with Dining Services tomorrow
   a. The committee will be suggesting a “Grab and Go” possibility for La Paloma since they are unable to stay open late
   b. Dining Services is considering a food truck to serve the West Parking Structure and The Vistas
   c. They will also be discussing the Thanksgiving and Easter holiday dining options
2. Meal Plans for next year
   a. The committee stated that Dining Services explained the reasoning for changing the meal plan requirement at their last meeting
      i. Those living on campus are required to have a larger meal plan to instill a sense of community within the campus
3. Shannon Schumacher received money for a water filter in the valley
a. Anderson stated that the committee may be requesting money from the discretionary fund for this

iv. Newspapers
   1. Anderson explained that the committee is still waiting to hear back regarding the newspapers
   2. Pavlovic asked what are the specifics for this issue
      a. Anderson explained that the committee has received complaints regarding the distribution of the newspapers
      b. Pavlovic asked who the committee has contacted
         i. Jason Schreiber is waiting to hear back from the College Readership representative

v. Flix and Stix
   1. Anderson explained that there are some internal issues with Flix and Stix and the committee has done as much as they can do to get them to come to campus

iv. Katt Manalo, Student Organizations Committee
   i. Survey
      1. Manalo distributed a survey the committee developed and asked for senators and representatives to fill it out regarding a Student Organizations tab on the website
      2. This survey will also be distributed at the next ICC meeting and at various student organization meetings
   ii. Approval of Clubs and Organizations
      1. Manalo presented 4 new clubs and organizations and 1 reregistering club
      2. Beau motioned to approve the 4 new clubs and organizations and 1 reregistering club
         a. Moved and seconded
3. The Senate unanimously approved the 4 new clubs and organizations and 1 reregistering club

8. Unfinished Business
   i. Health Center Fee Follow-up
      i. Mendenhall motioned to endorse the new Health Center fee increase
         1. Barnett stated that he is speaking with Dr. Baron after Senate to discuss the possibility of a Detox facility
            a. Cook asked that Barnett please report back with this update at the next Senate meeting
         ii. The Senate unanimously approved the endorsement of the new Health Center fee increase
         iii. Cook explained that this resolution will be put together by the Senate Executive Committee

9. New Business
   i. Presentation of the Associated Students Budget Committee Bylaws
      i. Rodriguez-Agiss explained the additions that were made to the proposed bylaws
         1. Made it clear that no one from the AS Executive Board can apply for money or appeal for money
         2. Changing amount allocated from general body meetings from $7.50 per person to $5 per person for no more than 7 meetings per semester
         3. Any funds allocated with false information can be revoked or reduced at the budget committee’s discretion
         4. Retroactive funding will only be given up to 30 days after the event
      ii. The Associated Students Budget Committee Bylaws were tabled until the next Senate meeting, December 8
   ii. Presentation of the Associated Students Review Process Bylaws
      i. Pavlovic explained that he has completely revamped these bylaws as they had not been updated since the restructure
ii. Pavlovic encouraged everyone to read through these as it determines how our organization responds to offenses by officers and executive board members

iii. Reyes-Hernandez asked what would happen in the case of the AS President going on review
   1. Pavlovic explained that in that specific instance, the rest of the AS Executive Board would be writing the letter of censure

iv. The Associated Students Review Process Bylaws were tabled until the next Senate meeting, December 8

iii. Committee Pages on AS Website
   i. Reyes-Hernandez proposed a committee page for each standing committee and Senate Executive Committee with names of senators and a brief description of their role
   ii. Manalo asked who will be creating it
      1. Reyes-Hernandez explained that this would be under the Communication Board
   iii. Cook explained that the Inclusion and Diversity Committee already has a tab as last year, the committee wanted students to have a way they could submit issues anonymously
   iv. Manalo moved to approve the proposal for committee pages on the AS website
      1. Moved and seconded
   v. The Senate unanimously approved the proposal for committee pages on the AS website
   vi. Anderson suggested having a link to the blog on these pages as well

iv. AS Suggestion Box
   i. Reyes-Hernandez stated that at Senator Meet and Greets earlier in the semester, many of the groups were able to get student issues through a suggestion box
      1. The College of Arts and Sciences senators were able to receive more than 15 responses on student issues
ii. Reyes-Hernandez proposed putting suggestion boxes all around campus so students can submit their issues
   1. Cook suggested that this be moved to an ad hoc committee to go through university design
      a. Reyes-Hernandez would be Chair of the committee, Eugenio and Bains volunteered to sit on the committee
      b. Anyone else who is interested is advised to email Reyes-Hernandez

iii. Nederend moved to develop an Ad Hoc Committee for the AS Suggestion Boxes
    1. Moved and seconded

iv. The Senate unanimously approved the development of an Ad Hoc Committee for the AS Suggestion Boxes
v. Schreiber encouraged us to think about who will check them, market them, is there a better way to do this (electronically)
   1. The committee should make sure it is a long term commitment as there is already one in Manchester from years past

10. Final Announcements and Hearing of the Public
   i. Barnett asked for any suggestions he can take to his meeting with Dr. Baron regarding the Detox Facility on campus
      i. Barnett explained that currently, the Detox Center is downtown; making it inconvenient and unsafe
         1. Barnett spoke with Public Safety yesterday and they stated that it is more convenient to take students off campus, as the facility is there
      ii. Mendenhall stated to bring up that students are left after 4 hours without a phone or wallet, making it difficult to figure out what to do
      iii. Zarley stated to stress that we do not need a new room, there is a lot of space on campus that can be utilized for the facility
      iv. Fox suggested that the space for the old Health Center could be the new Detox Facility
v. Schreiber stated that the issue is probably personnel cost as well as liability and accurate services

vi. Reyes-Hernandez asked who would be in charge of this facility
1. Barnett answered that some sort of nurse practitioner would have to run the facility

vii. Cook recommended Barnett reporting back at the next Senate meeting

ii. Solomon stated that Sigma Phi Epsilon is hosting a Kick Ball Tournament on December 10
1. Solomon suggested having an AS team
2. Those who are interested should talk to Solomon afterwards

iii. Anderson stated that in her meeting with Dining Services, she will also be discussing the reasoning behind giving students receipts after every purchase as well as food waste after catering events

iv. Gallagher encouraged attendance at the Z Pizza fundraiser for Medical Brigades’ trip to Panama
1. Medical Brigades is also selling $1 tickets for a parking space during finals

v. Gertsch encouraged attendance at Gamma Phi Beta and Beta Theta Pi’s Almost Famous Talent Show where he and a few other senators will be performing on December 6th

vi. Eugenio stated that the company she works for, 31 Bits, will be hosting a jewelry party on December 7th

vii. Kohli invited senators to the ISO Holiday Party tomorrow from 7-9pm in the UC Forums

viii. Kunal also encouraged business students to fill out the surveys in Olin Hall so that USD’s rankings can go up

ix. Atienza confirmed that everyone has submitted reallocation forms for the Senator Meet and Greets event
1. Hernandez encouraged senators to donate gifts or money to Acha for the children of the workers at Migrant Outreach
1. Pavlovic stated that there will be a donation envelope in his office for those who wish to participate
   x. Lay encouraged everyone to also submit these announcements to sandiego.edu/mypostings so that they can also be marketed through “The Blue Buzz”

11. Adjournment
   i. The Senate meeting was adjourned at 1:25pm