



Senate Minutes

Thursday, February 5th, 2026

The Senate Chamber, Salomon Hall, University of San Diego

1. Call to Order - 12:31 pm
2. Land Acknowledgement
3. Roll Call
4. Approval of the agenda for February 5th, 2026
Speaker Pro Tempore motions to move the swearing of new members to final business. Seconded. Motion passes. Agenda is amended.
Senator Jameson motions to approve the amended agenda. Seconded. Motion passes.
5. Approval of the minutes from January 29th, 2026
 - a. Senator Sophia motions to approve the minutes. Seconded. Motion passes.
6. New Business
 - a. Presentation of New/Returning Student Organizations
Senator Jameson presents the new/returning student organizations for approval:
 - Friends of MsF - seeks to serve Doctors without Borders
 - Oasis Club- seeks to support changemaking and environmental awareness
 - Genetics Club-academic and professional development to support students interested in genetics, biology, and other scientific fields
 - Black Women in Health- seeks to provide a safe space for black women interested in the medical field, as well as allies to that community to target disparities faced by black women in the medical field.
 - Mens' Club Water Polo- open to members of varying skill levels, this org seeks to provide an athletic outlet for students while fostering a positive community
 - USD Esports Club- provides a team experience spanning the globe without physical or monetary requirements typically associated with sports
 - Spanish language society- hopes to highlight the diversity and culture of Spanish-speaking countries through leadership, community involvement for those involved in Spanish communities/majors
 - Athletics Coordinator Stella motions to approve the new/returning student

organizations. Seconded. Motion passes.

b. Presentation of Absence Policy by President Lily Giovannelli

-Absence policy has been edited. Details about GCals, makeups, and contacting for absences.

-An overview: communication with the president needed, especially after training's lack of attendance, communication - breakout sessions during training particularly lackluster, disappointing because second semester is faster than first semester and that was valuable time

-Office hours are MANDATORY! They will be tracked more closely this semester, and makeups/conversations will happen if you're consistently not attending with no communication.

-Valid reasons for absences: personal/family emergencies, academic obligations, university-sanctioned events, pre-approved absences - ALL need to be communicated ahead of time

-Invalid reasons for absences: personal preferences, work obligations, non-urgent personal plans - RA training is up for discussion, work generally needs to have some sort of proof in order for the absence to be excused, academic work, lack of planning... stay on top of your stuff.

-Communicate! Advisors, officers of ASG are here to help, but only if you're communicating...

-Go to the game tonight - fun, non-mandatory event

-You get from ASG what you give!

-After 2 unexcused absences, you get a formal warning... After 3, you go on a performance review in front of the judicial branch... not good.

-Lateness/leaving early counts, too - half absences are being tracked.

Everything needs to be communicated.

-Only 6 excused absences - some (very rare!) exceptions to that rule

-Proxies must be from your constituency, pre-approved

-New section: makeups are being added to ensure you're putting in equal time/effort to ASG as your present peers

-DO NOT erase your absences

-Need to be attended to makeup quantity/quality of work, usually within a week

-Write-ups/reflections due for these events

Questions:

Senator Sophia: sometimes office hours fall during torero hours/different events

President Lily: if you're missing your office hours for something non-ASG, adjust your schedule for the week, and let your branch lead know - the

makeup for office hours is up to your own discretion, just make sure you're making the designated hours a week

Senator Cassidy- personal emergencies are up to discretion, but please communicate so ASG knows and can help if something happens

Senator Abbie: why are work obligations not valid, but academic obligations are?

President Lily: the ASG mandatory attendance hours are given early (months, in case of training) and are set, so work shifts shouldn't be overlapping

7. Report from The Speaker of the Senate

- a. -Thanks for good work from senators at training, saw good work from committee members
-Send in your initiative timelines ASAP
-**Communication!** Senate is a big branch, and all the parts need to be traced
-Be punctual, unless you have COMMUNICATED!
-Thanks chairs for sending committee attendance - chairs, be sure to keep track of those absences
-Sustainability coordinator position is open
-No senate next week in respect to all faith's service!
-Natalie chairing 2/19 Senate - no Bri

8. Reports from The Senate Leadership Team

- a. Speaker Pro Tempore:
-Share GCals for 1:1s!
-Make sure office hours are updated!
- b. Clerk:
-Senate Initiative fund still full!
-Share GCals for 1:1s!
- c. Parliamentarian:
-Wishes for a good transition back to school!

9. Reports from The Committee Chairs & Coordinators

- a. The Academics Committee Chair
-1st Academics Committee meeting today after senate, will be drafting OER/USD textbook requirements spreadsheet
-Met with Tatiana and Jameson to work on ROTC registration timeline - more input from student body will be sought
-Meeting with registrar in the coming weeks
- b. The IDEA Committee Chair
-Tatiana wishes she could be here... at Disneyland
-Discussing tabling for last week of Black History Month
-IDEA committee's last meeting was yesterday
-Met with Mattea and Jameson to work on ROTC registration timeline
- c.

The Student Life Committee Chair

- First meeting yesterday
- Grocery lift codes going to see improved marketing
- Discussed initiatives: food insecurity, wellness center student feedback, campus engagement, grocery lyft codes, spring break airport lyft codes
- Tailgate tonight!

d. The Athletics Coordinator

- Tailgate is tonight at 5!
- Working on more tabling/giveaways with athletics

e. The Health and Wellness Coordinator

- Heart to Heart week has started today! Attend one of those events.
- Tomorrow is a blood drive for free thin mints...
- 2/19 and 3/5 course for violence registration is you register
- Email with any feedback for the Wellness Center

10. Reports from The ASG Executive Board

a. President

- Upcoming meeting with President Harris 2/11
- Board of trustees March 5th - won't be in senate
- Endowment committee recommendations for non-asg students due tomorrow, be sure to submit - approximately 2-3 meetings, not over 5, and they get grubhub credit!
- Absence policy
- Makeup training is coming out soon
- Basketball game + tailgate tonight
- UFMC Judge 03/12 - so excited!

b. Vice President

- Attended undergraduate curriculum committee 1/27
- Attended university senate 1/29
- Academic grant committee coming up again soon - academics committee, look out
- Shoutout judicial branch for working on the bylaws - will work with Chief Justice Annalise on the Academic Grant Bylaws to address common issues with the process

c. Chief Justice

- Senate has been reapportioned
- Contact with formal warning/performance review questions
- Parking appeals: February 17, 12:15-2
- Election bylaws are under edits from Judicial Branch
- Judicial bylaw edits are being finalized

-Academic Grant Bylaws are being examined in conjunction with VP Kaitlyn and may see edits later in the semester

d. TPB Chair

-Thanks for coming to the Back to School event Tuesday!

-Upcoming events: Matt Dominick Astronaut Lunch, free food, scan QR code and go meet him on February 20th at 12:30-1:45pm

-TPB events are on GCal

-Black history month event Feb 26

e. Finance Chair

-Great ASGBC meeting

-Got Involved Fund is back up!

-Thank you committee!

f. PR Chair

-Sign up for Alcala Bazaar tabling - required to take a shift

-Email with any upcoming events that should be promoted at the Bazaar (name, time, location, date, description)

g. Chief of Staff

-Alcala Bazaar is coming!

-Attend the basketball game tonight - see you there

-Look out for GCal invites for bonding

11. Final Business and Hearing of the Public. *At this time, any Senator may take from the table any motion previously laid on the table in the meeting the week before or present urgent business; any member of the public may voice any concerns to the assembly on non-agenda items.*

a. Speaker Pro Tempore Natalie motions to move the swearing in of new members to the 2/19 senate. Seconded. Motion passes.

b. Senator Michael - working on getting ASG broadcasted, be sure to give info so he can get that going

c. Senator Wyatt- a question for health and wellness coordinator, where can I find more information

-Health and Wellness coordinator: contact me with any specific questions

12. Adjournment

a. Senator Jameson - motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded. Motion passes. Senate adjourned at 1:17 pm.

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