



Thursday, February 19th, 2026

The Senate Chamber, Salomon Hall, University of San Diego

1. Call to Order - 12:30 pm
2. Land Acknowledgement
3. Roll Call
4. Approval of the agenda for February 19th, 2026
Senator Jameson motions to approve the agenda. Seconded. Motion passes.
5. Approval of the minutes from February 5th, 2026
 - a. Senator Sophia motions to approve the minutes. Seconded. Motion passes.
6. New Business

- a. Presentation by Director of Sustainability John Alejandro (25 min)
Senator Jameson moves to suspend Robert's rules for the duration of this presentation. Seconded.

Athletics Coordinator - does this mean just free discussion, or turning the camera off?

Speaker Pro Tempore- just free speaking without Robert's rules.

Motion passes.

John Alejandro- what is USD's overall sustainability goal?

To be Carbon Neutral by 2035.

-The purpose of the sustainability office: improve and protect the environment through plans, projects through 2035

-Improving buildings, replacing lighting, reducing energy usage across the USD campus - they're actually a subsection of the facilities department

-2016 climate action plan review: transportation, energy, water, waste

-2021 master plan review: the energy master plan - focusing in on reworking how energy is used on campus as the baseline

-In the past (2010), USD has implemented solar rays onto eleven buildings on campus - 1.1 MW of electricity - this is huge

-There's been a lot of success - in 2025, there were double the amount of panels incorporated on campus

-Jan 3rd, 2.5 MW now producing a ton more energy for us

-It's working! Addition of new renewables... but USD keeps reducing more big buildings, so the ratio of electricity decreases then increases when new buildings are added... So, this needs to be balanced out by increasing levels of solar panels.

-Looking forward: reducing energy on a much more robust level; solar is cheaper than typical utility, and can eventually lead to free electricity while decreasing greenhouse gas emissions

-EcoExit: green moveout in the spring, fall giveaways - helps students, reduces waste

-Clothing swap/thrifts - reuse, interact with other students

-Student Sustainability Summit - get educated

Clubs to get involved: ASG (need a sustainability coordinator), AEP, Sustainability Club, Surfrider Club

-Don't scrape your plate in the SLP!

-Ask your RA for food waste bags if you're cooking in the dorms, use the green bins

-Recycle and overall be mindful... USD prioritizes sustainability, so do your part.

-Senator Michael: One of the plans is to improve water usage here... are you trying to alter that, eliminate that... What does that look like?

-John Alejandro: USD uses a ton of water... For example, the football fields used to use sprinklers on a timer, even when it had rained, which is obviously wasteful... the sustainability office has implemented water sensors on the field now to see when water is actually necessary. Also implementing drip irrigation, but still looking to improve... see the sidewalk often being watered, which is wasteful... these resources are expensive but valuable

-Senator Sophia: Will the new STEM building be sustainable upon opening so it doesn't need to be edited later on?

-John Alejandro: Yes, this is exactly why sustainability is part of the facilities team. From day 1, the upcoming STEM building was designed with sustainability in mind. Some specific practices: green algae river around the building, new form of air conditioning (a heat pump, which is super efficient). This will be the first USD building designed that way.

Chief Justice- point of order, the time allotted for this item has elapsed.

b. Presentation and Vote of Over \$10,000 Request by InterVarsity Christian Fellowship (30 min)

-Kassidy will give the presentation - no questions until after the presentation has concluded.

-Speaker Pro Tempore: we do need to reinstate Robert's Rules before moving forward.

-Senator Eliana motions to reinstate Robert's Rules. Seconded. Motion passes.

-IVCF - join intervarsity chapters across all San Diego colleges to promote and

share their faith... go to Catalina to foster community for religious backgrounds.

While on the island, there is time for bible studies, bonding, etc...

-Asking for funding for about 70 undergraduate students - this is the most ever for San Diego, and they want to be prepared to aid as many scholarships as possible.

Do not want money to be a barrier for this endeavor.

-\$201 - exceeds the \$80 limit, asking for \$160 funding for each student for the two nights. If funded in full, the individual cost for students would be \$100

-President Lily: thank you for coming in and presenting. Can you please clarify - all these students who have signed up, are these undergraduates from USD?

-Kassidy: Yes, from last semester.

-President Lily: And the 70 you're requesting for this semester, they're all undergraduates from USD?

-Kassidy: Yes.

-Senator Jameson: Thank you for presenting. Last semester you had funding for 50 students?

Kassidy: 59.

Speaker Pro Tempore: If there are no questions, ASGBC representatives please come to the front.

Finance Chair: \$275000 for the beginning budget.

-\$24,795.78 has already been allocated to 226 requests There has been 3 ASGBC regular meetings so far ~45 requests reviewed per meeting, allocating ~\$20,000 per meeting

-Abstaining: if you are part of or close to a specific group, you need to abstain from voting.

-This request falls under the Convention, Conference, and Retreat category.

-ASGBC does not fund food and travel costs, nor mandatory educational department obligations, and funding is only for undergraduate students.

-ASGBC has recommended to fund the full amount of \$11,200, in accordance with past funding amounts.

-Athletics Coordinator motions to approve the full amount of 11,200, as long as that money is not for food or transportation.

-Senator Sophia: We are funding transportation for the ferry, no?

Kassidy: Yes.

-Senator Sophia speaks out of turn.

Senator Sophia motions to amend the motion to include the transportation of the ferry. Seconded. Motion passes.

Student Life Chair motions to approve the amended motion to approve the Intersity Request in full, as long as that money is not toward gas or food.

Seconded. Motion passes.

c. Presentation of New Student Organizations (10 min)

Senator Jameson: the new and returning student organizations have followed all

guidelines to either register or register.

Iota Phi Theta Incorporated- focus on bridging the gap between school and professional life, building a culture of excellence and optimism

Middle Eastern North African Association - means to create an inclusive, comfortable environment and to pursue justice, forcing students to confront ideals and cultures that may differ from their own

Alcala Capital - USD's first equity research/student hedge fund, teaching students about equity research for competition and real-world environments

Biomedical Engineering Club: promote collaborative, inclusive community through education and discovery

Math Club: interested in building a community for those interested in mathematics, supporting students outside of classrooms in which can be a difficult subject, fostering academic excellence

Senator Jose motions to approve the New and Returning Student Organizations. Seconded. Motion passes.

d. Swearing-in of New Members (10 min)

Chief Justice Annalise swears in the new member of ASG., promoting the new member to complete the oath.

7. Report from The Speaker of the Senate

a. Natalie: Thank you for bearing with me.

-Meeting with VP Johnson tomorrow! Let her know if there's anything you want to bring up.

-First 10k done - expect speakers in senate from here on out

-Student Org Committee Chair is open... Sunday, February 22nd interviews

-Miss everyone!

-Sustainability coordinator position open... share GCal if not done yet!

8. Reports from The Senate Leadership Team

a. Speaker Pro Tempore:

-Thank you for bearing with me!

-1:1s are ongoing

-Message with any questions

b. Clerk:

-Respond to my GCal invites!

-Chunk of SIF is gone - get your requests in if your initiatives are going to need money

-Contact w/ questions, concerns

- c. Parliamentarian:
 - Stay dry out there!
 - Contact with questions on Robert's Rules!
- 9. Reports from The Committee Chairs & Coordinators
 - a. The Academics Committee Chair
 - Mattea is at Faculty Senate
 - OER tabling coming up
 - Meeting with IDEA chair Tatiana to continue work on ROTC registration
 - b. The IDEA Committee Chair
 - Attended Ash Wednesday Mass last night!
 - Black History Month tabling has been pushed to 3/11 - donuts and cookies, looking to market differently
 - ROTC initiative: meeting with Deans of each school to progress, as well as the new Provost
 - c.
 - The Student Life Committee Chair
 - Sunday Grocery Lyft Codes have been approved and will go up this Sunday
 - Spring Break Lyft Codes were approved early!
 - Met with Jelitsa, lots of planning going on!
 - Food pantry: will meet with constituent in contact for updates
 - d. The Athletics Coordinator
 - Working with Elaina on food pantry
 - Confirming dates for spring tailgates
 - Finalizing details for gift card giveaways with Tennis
 - e. The Health and Wellness Coordinator
 - 2/10 - met with Wellness Center to implement feedback
 - 2/26 - learn how to support a friend event coming up!
- 10. Reports from The ASG Executive Board
 - a. President
 - Let's keep moving!
 - Upcoming meeting with VP Johnson
 - Upcoming meeting with Dr. Howett
 - Upcoming meeting with Director of Parking Services
 - SACBOT is %
 - The endowment scholarship is live - ASG not eligible, but tell your continents to apply, ask people in your major

- Absence policy is pretty much finalized... makeup training
- UFMC Judge 03/12 - makeup event, and you should come!
- Office is a shared space... treat it as if is your own space... keep it clean, tidy, nice
- Email with questions; endowment flyer on slide

b. Vice President

- Happy belated Valentines day
- Spring Academic Grants and Travel Grant Timeline provided - reach out with questions
- Applications due 3/18

c. Chief Justice

- Worked with VP on Academic Grant Interpretations
- Election bylaw edits presented next week - come prepared
- Start applying for 26/27 ASG!

d. TPB Chair

- Black History Month event is next Thursday
- Save the Date of Olé Fest - April 24!!!
- Shoutout to ASG alum in the back that was in the Super Bowl halftime show!

e. Finance Chair

- Torero Orgs was down yesterday but they're getting their money
- First 10k request today!
- Get Involved Fund committee - thank you!
- Rollover of unspent funds is \$102525.22

f. PR Chair

- Come ready if you didn't get your headshots - next Thursday is your LAST chance
- Election applications are open

g. Chief of Staff

- Look out for upcoming events on your GCal
- Finance committee - respond to invites
- Parking feedback? Contact her or Lily... meeting with Sean soon
- Work on office tasks, attend office hours

Speaker Pro Tempore- come ready and having gone through the judicial

branch's bylaws... they put lots of time into them.

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.*

12. Adjournment

- a. Senator Eliana motions to adjourn the meeting. Seconded. Motion passes. Senate adjourned at 1:36 pm.

The public is invited and encouraged to attend and participate in all Associated Student Government Senate Meetings. All meetings are open to the public and participation in discussion is welcome during Final Business and Hearing of the Public.

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