



Senate Minutes

Thursday, February 5th, 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 26th, 2026
Senator Sophia motions to approve the agenda. Seconded. Motion passes.
5. Approval of the minutes from February 19th, 2026
 - a. Senator Michael motions to approve the minutes. Seconded. Motion passes.
6. New Business
 - a. Presentation by Chief of Public Safety James Miyashiro (25 min)
 - Physical security- every entrance has license plate readers, triggered by individual vehicles that have caused prior issues, over 435 security cameras across campus to monitor incidents, ability to initiate lockdown on doors
 - Speaker- due to technical difficulties, senators may follow along on their own technology
 - Contact with UCSD, SDSU, and other San Diego CCs if there is a need
 - 24-hour escort service, personal safety trainings available
 - Daily crime log available if students interested in staying updated on campus ongoing
 - Information on all ongoing, anonymous incident reporting available on the website
 - On MyUSD: safety check section, filled with helpful phone numbers, safety tips, tram schedule, and parking lot availability
 - Questions:
Athletics Coordinator: for the ride programs, are those free for students?
Yes, they're all free.

Senator Eliana: Any specific plans for improvement?

Yes, we're always looking to improve, and we always take ideas from both our people and the students, so if anyone has any idea or suggestions, we're open to it

Senator Michael: Do you guys have a place for students to see what you're offering?

Yes, it's all on the Website, and if students are interested in courses, we need 10 people to express interest, then we can go forward with planning a session.

Senator Rhonel: there are multiple numbers provided?

Yes, one is emergency, one is non-emergency, and one is a more general San Diego dispatch center.

Vice President Kaitlyn: preparedness for active shooters - USD doesn't do active shooter drills, so how is the school prepared for that scenario? How should students prepare for that on a college campus, versus a high school campus, especially because there's no training?

On the public safety website, there's active shooter training available, and if ten or more people are interested, that can be a course that's requested. DPS officers train with San Diego PD annually, practicing at other San Diego colleges, and looking to come to USD to "roleplay" the training. Will be needing participants to simulate a real-life experience. To reiterate: there are videos and informationals on the website

Health and Wellness Coordinator: what is the relationship between USD DPS and other groups?

There are agreements in place between the local authority groups, the local government and federal agencies in the San Diego area.

Speaker: Sorry for the technical difficulties, please look over the slides if you need any information, and thank you for coming!

b. Presentation and Vote of Election Bylaws by Judicial Branch (30 min)

Speaker: for clarification, this is just the presentation, and voting will take place next Senate. Under Robert's Rules, these new bylaws are open for discussion

Associate Justice Isabel and Parliamentarian Holiday: bring up the judicial branch bylaws edits, which were sent out via email

-Some grammar edits were made

Article 7

Section 2: all candidates must submit their degreeworks as part of the election form

Section 4: qualifications for ASG Academic Senators, Academic Senators must be declared or WILL be declared in the academic major for that college by the end of that semester, to allow freshman to run for academic senators undeclared

-Senators living in off-campus USD living places that are commonly populated by USD students (Pac Ridge) are not eligible to run for commuter senator

-Door-to-door solicitation is no longer permitted

Senator Sophia- can you share the version of the documents that has been edited?

Senators currently only have access to the unedited version

Yes!

Speaker Pro Tempore: can you be more specific for door-to-door campaigning? For example, can you put up flyers in Maher?

-Posters would be allowed in the academic area of, for example, Maher, but not on the residential floors

Vice President Kaitlyn: Karina verifies credit and GPA standing, so do students really need to provide their GPA to other students? Also, for the door-to-door solicitation, can you define that more?

-ResLife had safety concerns about students who don't have access to that building campaigning in dorms they don't belong in. It also may be an unfair advantage, and could lead to confusion

President Lily: Thank you for coming. Are you able to campaign in the Residential Hall in which you live? And how would the breaking of this law be monitored?

-No campaigning in the residential halls regardless of where you reside. Safety and equitability concerns have resulted in the termination of all campaigning within residential halls. RAs as well as other students would need to report the breaking of this rule.

Student Life Chair: What areas are okay for campaigning, then? Crossroads, Bosley?

-In regards to your specific examples, Bosley would be permissible because it is open to all students regardless of residence. The bulletin boards in the Valley would be considered residential areas, and thus not permitted.

Speaker Pro Tempore: is there an advantage for students living in certain areas that are accessed more? What would be done to make that fair? Also, PacRidge has undergraduate students.

-Students living in PacRidge outside of the USD master lease are not counted in the reapportionment of Senate, as the school is not necessarily aware that you're living there. Can you repeat the residential spaces question?

-Speaker Pro Tempore: how can you ensure that the residential areas remain fair? Students go into certain buildings disproportionately .

-That is a fair question, and we will discuss it. To be determined. Also, all those campaigning are allowed to post on every non-residential board equitably.

Vice President Kaitlyn: would you be able to further define campaigning in the bylaws? There could be faulty room for misinformation - ex, a student just talking to their friend, and those conversations could become a report

-Knocking on doors, advertising on physical space would be defined as campaigning. Conversations may have a slight grey area, but it is not possible to limit students talking to their friends. Limiting materials and physical access to the

building is believed to be enough to enforce this bylaw

Senator Jameson: Can we go back to the ResLife worry that non-residents are coming into their halls? Students travel constantly into other dorms, and why can't the students campaign in their general residential area?

-For at-large and academic senator positions, we were concerned about disproportionate access to residential areas - students may have different amounts of friends in different areas. We also do see a safety issue with nonresidents entering residence halls that are not their own, and this was echoed by ResLife.

Speaker: You have a week to go over these bylaws, and we will vote at the next Senate.

c. Presentation of New Student Organizations (10 min)

Senator Jameson: the New Organization listed has completed all requirements needed for registration

National Alliance on Mental Health: building better lives for Americans by raising awareness and education, through supporting the campus's mental health and sparking hopeful conversations.

Senator Sophia motions to approve the New Student Organization. Seconded. Motion passes.

7. Report from The Speaker of the Senate

- a. -Watched the replay from last week's meeting - shoutout Natalie
- 1:1s with chairs and coordinators this week
- SACBOT next week with President Lily - Natalie chairing next week!
- Short Senate (no speaker), but mandatory training after Senate
- ROTC initiative Google Sheet coming to do the research portion
- Interviews for leadership positions are being scheduled soon

8. Reports from The Senate Leadership Team

- a. Speaker Pro Tempore:
 - Completed all 1:1s
 - Let me know if you have requests for speakers
 - Contact if you need anything, and sorry for next week's Senate! (Don't be sorry!)
- b. Clerk:
 - Senate Initiative Fund Balance: \$14000
 - Reach out - contact provided
- c. Parliamentarian:
 - Reach out with any Robert's Rules questions!

9. Reports from The Committee Chairs & Coordinators

- a. The Academics Committee Chair
 - Successful presentation of OER to Faculty Senate
 - Working with Dean Gong

- Academics tabling is next week - free boba, stop by!
- Academic Grants are open, so let your constituents know
- ROTC priority registration: scheduling meetings with administrators, incorporating research from other schools in their work

b. The Student ORG Chair

- Bri has been interim chair for student ORG committee
- Student ORG Mixer is March 17th during dead hours, and looking to order shirts representing all the Orgs
- Graphic design request has been submitted to the Creative Zone
- Funding request for shirts to be sent soon - Senate Lead lookout

c. The IDEA Committee Chair

- Black Excellence - cookies and donuts from Black-owned businesses
- Met with President Lily to support Alliance of Disability Advocates Club

d. The Student Life Committee Chair

- Grocery lift codes, A-frames coming by this Sunday - sorry for delay
- Wellness Center Meeting looking for areas for initiatives

e. The Athletics Coordinator

- Looking into getting clocks into classrooms
- Hoping to confirm dates by the end of this week
- Met with Jelista this morning

f. The Health and Wellness Coordinator

- Training and certifications currently available QPR- signs of suicide, let your constituents know!
- Scan QR code for more information

10. Reports from The ASG Executive Board

a. President

- Upcoming meeting VP Johnson
- Met with Dr. Howlett yesterday to discuss Senator Elliana Torero Food Pantry Initiative
- Focusing in on SLC, parking
- SACBOT next week, so will not be in attendance next week
- Makeup training - email was sent out, so there are options to choose from... let her know if there's another event you would like to attend
- Would love for someone to enter as a talent for UFMC, judging!
- Mark the 25th on your calendars and look out for an invite!

b. Vice President

- Attended University Senate and Commencement Committee - Engineering, CAS, Business have been rotated for graduation, so keep that

in mind with plans

- Academic Grants released last week, so tell people to apply
- Torero Orgs down yesterday, but okay now- if there are still technical difficulties, email
- \$36,000 available for grants
- Working on food availability
- Meeting with Grace later today

c. Chief Justice

- Presented ASG Election Bylaws Edits
- Interested in joining judicial next year, reach out to Annalise!

d. TPB Chair

- =Currently at TPB event
- Ole fest is April 25th!

e. Finance Chair

- Deadline moved to March 16
- New Google Form for the Discretionary Fund

f. PR Chair

- Marketing Request Linked
- Spread the word on elections!
- Headshots today - last chance!

g. Chief of Staff

- Parking mobility meeting next week
- Do the office tasks, attend your office hours

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.*

Senator Jameson- ROTC registration committee update - meeting with the registrar, waiting for the new Provost on March 1st, all three members of the initiative contacting Deans, researching other SoCal priority registration opportunities - all offer ROTC priority registration, setting precedence. New presentation in the works by end of February

Senator Michael- waiting to hear from USDTV to finalize the schedule of his initiative

12. Adjournment

- a. Senator Jameson motions to adjourn the meeting. Seconded. Motion passes. Senate adjourned at 1:34 pm.

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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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