



Senate Minutes

Thursday, March 12th, 2026

The Senate Chamber, Salomon Hall, University of San Diego

1. Call to Order - 12:33 pm
2. Land Acknowledgement
3. Roll Call
4. Approval of the agenda for March 12th, 2026
 - a. Clerk of the Senate motions to amend the agenda to move the 'Confirmation vote of ASG Appointments' to be the first item of new business, followed by Swearing in, to add 'Vote for Election Bylaws' in as the third item of new business for 10 minutes, and to table the agenda item: 'Presentation on CHWP by Anne Cass' to next week's New Business. Seconded. Motion passes. Agenda amended. Senator Sophia motions to approve the amended agenda. Seconded. Motion passes.
5. Approval of the minutes from March 5th, 2026
 - a. Senator Rhonel motions to approve the minutes. Seconded. Motion passes.
6. New Business
 - a. Confirmation Vote of ASG Appointment (5 min)

Senator Eliana moves to confirm the vote of the ASG appointments. Seconded. Motion passes. ASG Appointments approved.
 - a. Swearing in of New Members (10 min)

The Chief Justice swears in the two new members of ASG.
 - b. Vote to Approve the ASG Election Bylaws by the Judicial Branch (2)

Senator Jameson motions to approve the new ASG Election bylaws by the Judicial Branch. Seconded. Motion passes.
 - c. Confirmation Vote of Endowment Scholarship Committee Nominees (5 min)

President Lily: All endowment scholarship committee nominees were recommended by either an ASG Senator or someone on the Executive Board, and all that remains is to approve their nominations.

Athletics Coordinator motions to approve the nominations. Seconded. Motion passes.
 - d. Presentation and Vote on \$10k+ Request by People of the Islands (20 min)

-POI presentation: event will be on April 25th from 5-9pm, expecting

- Admission fee for non-USD guests, but majority USD undergraduates are expected
- The la'au is the core representation of the values of the organization; teaching new dances, immersing the USD students in a culture they may otherwise not be familiar with
- Fundraising for non-profit organization dedicated to Panilo Preservation Society
- Attendance was over 450 people in 2025, with \$12150 in funding. Always making a point to incorporate other multicultural organizations. Money went to Maui Fire Relief
- In 2025, attendance was also over 450 people; event draws in more than just POI, it's a campus-wide cultural celebration, and invites other student orgs to present and perform
- Large catering order; La'ua values food and performance, and mandatory water takes up a lot of the budget... inflation has made many food items more expensive
- Decorations primarily are donated and from Hawaiian family-owned businesses; Amazon orders are used for large-scale decorations
- Lei making is one of the largest activities at the event, and the flowers are expensive and flown in from Hawaii
- Raffles are donated - the org takes donations and support from the community often
- Equipment is required to host a large-scale event
- 8RO8, Hawai'i native has been chosen as a performer
- Costumes, performance fee, food, decorations are all needed
- POI also opens the event up to students in the undergraduate multicultural group as student performers
- Total budget: \$16828.28**
- Fundraising in the weeks leading up, and looking for donations from locals
- Open to all students, faculty, and staff... draws in a lot of USD families because it is a popular, fun event
- Collaborate with many all other multicultural orgs, and they have all committed to attending the event - big community, sharing Hawaiian culture important

IDEA Chair- this event is large and growing, how are you keeping track of people attending? If the event is claiming to be growing, you should be allocated more money than previous years.

POI representative: more family tickets are being sold, and USD Undergraduate attendance is being tracked.

Senator Eliana- more on attendance, are you specifically tracking those coming in and out so that they are not counted twice?

POI representative: Yes, food stamps and other stamps are given.

Athletics Coordinator- have you always had the \$10 non-USD admission cost? Have you considered raising it?

POI representative: We have always had the fee and want it to be inclusive.

Senator Sophia: that \$12000, and then \$14000- is that money including fundraising, or is that just ASG?

That was the money granted from ASG. A lot of the money has gone to dancers and getting them culturally appropriate, and flattering, costumes.

Chief Justice: could you reuse costumes?

-We try to where we can, but dancers change, sizes change, and we are expecting more dancers this year than before.

Speaker of the Senate:

What did you spend on the performer in past years?

-Around \$6000 for multiple dancers, about the total from this year, too.

President: This event is different from how we traditionally fund events... how would you categorize it, if it were up to you?

-This is the largest multicultural event, and certainly the one that promotes the most community. It is also the only event that POI hosts a year, so it gets a lot of love and effort put into it. It's certainly a standout multicultural event, especially in that it incorporates other communities and cultures. This is not a POI event, this is an event for the whole MC community.

Senator Michael: Will there be additional security at the event?

-No, as we are a student-run organization. We keep everyone safe with volunteers; we'd love to use PSafe if we could, but that's not in our justification.

Senator Jameson: what kind of event is this, categorized by the ASGBC funding guidelines?

-This is a student organization event in technicality, but it is more than that.

Parliamentarian: the time allotted for this item has elapsed.

Senator Sophia motions to extend the time. Seconded. Motion passes. Time is extended by fifteen minutes.

Speaker of the Senate: does the money from your fundraisers go to the nonprofit or the La'au?

-It goes to La'au directly.

Speaker of the Senate: I invited the finance chair to give ASGBC's recommendation.

Finance Chair: this event is categorized as an event "open to the entire student body." It does not have an EVR.

Finale number: \$11900, which is 30% less than the original request.

Breakdown: For every 50+ students, \$1 per person was added to the budget. 550 undergrad x \$18=9900, and the \$2000 for the performer

Speaker Pro Tempore: how did we come to \$10 per student?

Finance Chair: this is my first semester so I am not sure, but I can tell from past documents that inflation has been accounted for.

Student Life Chair: the \$10 per person is just for food?

-For food and entertainment,

President Lily: Senate voted to increase the POI budget last year, which was deemed necessary due to the uniqueness of the POI event, and also the fact that it does not fit in the funding guide designation for this event. The Senate should highly consider following this logic, especially because of the POI's cultural significance of the event. April 25th is also the Multicultural Linda Vista Parade, and it is important.

-POI has clearly done budget cuts and fundraising, as they're asking less money for more people.

Athletics Coordinator motions to approve ASGBC's recommendation. Motion dies.

Senator Jameson speaks out of turn.

Senator Michael moves to a recess. Seconded.

Speaker Pro Tempore: I do not recommend that we recess; this is a discussion we can have out loud, with the cameras on. We do not have to decide a specific number, we can just vote to send this back to ASGBC.

Senator Jameson: Can we suspend Robert's rules of order?

Academics Chair: How does this work with ASGBC?

Chief Justice: point is not germane.

Senator Eliana: We should not recess; we clearly have our own opinions already.

Motion to move to recess is denied.

Speaker Pro Tempore: as of last year, ASG allocated \$29/person for POI's La'au, meaning we are allocating a lot less per person this year.

Senator Cece: Are the other student organizations (the multi cultural groups) being considered in the count? It should be more- it's high involvement.

Parliamentarian: time has elapsed.

Speaker Pro Tempore: I motion to extend the time for this agenda item by ten minutes. Seconded. Motion passes.

Student Life Chair motions to fund POI's request in full. Seconded.

Senator Wyatt: that money does not come from anywhere, which is the issue. There is no system in place for an event like this.

Senator Sophia: I have a different point; I'll table my time for now.

Speaker Pro Tempore: We need to consider expanding the funding guide, and because of that, the motion needs to be very specific to set a

precedence for future senate votes. The math does need to be done, instead of just accepting to fund in full, in order to set proper precedent.

Senator Eliana: We should not fund in full without going into deliberation; however, we should be supporting the cultural events on campus as fully as possible. Still, guidelines need to be in place.

Vice President: Senate cannot change the funding guide; that's ASGBC. The Senate does have precedent; it sets its own through prior years, and this year. For example, Rugby received a different per person funding rate, and future clubs had to be funded the same way as rugby. What you choose to do for POI here will apply to other orgs in the future.

IDEA Chair: this event does not fall under a perfect category under the funding guide. This is the biggest multicultural event on campus; it is different from other events.

Senator Wyatt: events with 350+ people in attendance could be funded differently, with perhaps 2 more dollars once a threshold has been made.

Senator Michael: student orgs in the future are going to be affected too.

Athletics Coordinator: ASGBC studies these bylaws, and I trust their recommendation.

President Lily: As a previous senator, who has voted on POI's request for 3 years, we have never felt that this felt in the funding guide well. It comes to Senate TO change things; that is what the Senate is for.

Parliamentarian: time has elapsed.

Speaker Pro Tempore: I motion to extend the agenda item by ten minutes. Seconded. Motion passes.

President Lily: I recommend adding more money to account for inflation per person, and make a recommendation to ASGBC with specificity to create a larger multicultural organization event. This event was the only of its kind at the time. Do this with thought and care.

Speaker Pro Tempore: $\$29/\text{person}=\15592 , which follows the precedent sent by last year. They are getting less than what they got last year (plus \$2000 for the performers).

Senator Sophia: counting inflation, this comes out to \$30/person, which is the budget that they are asking for, very very closely. This follows precedent and is much more fair.

Parliamentarian: funding based on guidelines, it is important to acknowledge the scheme of this event, and this spending is not frivolous. Extra steps are being made by POI to make proper effort to represent the culture, which is respectable, and deserving of funding.

Chief Justice: the motion on the floor to approve in full needs to be denied, then if denied, can vote for a new funding amount. The current motion

should be denied.

Speaker: To restate: to deny the motion, then ASGBC's recommendation, and go forward with deciding the amount.

President Lily: we can call the question, call the vote.

Motion to fund POI in full is denied.

Student Life Chair motions to deny ASGBC's recommendation. Seconded. Motion passes.

Senator Sophia: motions to change the pre/person allocated for this event to \$30, including \$2000 for performers.

Approve \$15.580 per person (30 per person rate) plus the \$2000
30 per person, expecting 90% USD attendees= 495 attendees
14850 plus 2000 for performance budget, 30 over the requested amount
and based on precedent

Parliamentarian: time has elapsed.

Senator Jameson motions to extend the time for this item by five minutes. Seconded. Motion passes.

Finance Chair: the \$2000 designated for performers can only go to performers.

Student Life Chair: I move to fund the \$30 in full, and allowing POI to use the \$2000 however necessary.

Senator Wyatt: the dollar amount designated cannot be used to fund traveling expenses of performers. I recommend taking this back to ASGBC, as the precedent is not based on anything.

Senator Wyatt: We cannot fund travel expenses.

Senator Sophia motions to change the per person amount for \$30/person and for the lump sum of \$2000. Seconded. Motion fails.

Athletics Coordinator: we cannot necessarily just agree that the extra money goes to a non-profit, that is not a good precedent to set.

President Lily: Money allotted from ASGBC will not go to a non-profit.

Parliamentarian: point of order, the time designated for this item has elapsed

Senator Jameson motioned to extend the item by five minutes. Seconded. Motion passes.

Speaker Pro Tempore motions to fund the POI request in full with the exception that the money cannot be used for travel or lodging. Seconded. Motion passes.

- e. Presentation and Vote on \$10k+ Request by Alliance of Disability Advocates (20 min)
- ADA Club has partnered with the alumni
 - Film and storytelling used to account for social justice systems, change, and accountability
 - Hosting in collaboration with a #UsToo organization
 - Saturday's program: filmmaking as a tool for social change, examining fatherhood, grief, and disability, followed by a Q and A with the director of both films
 - 18-minute documentary, director speaking on both films
 - The Natalie Project: Until Every Body is Safe
 - 7.38 Americans with intellectual development disabilities, with an alarming percentage of those individuals being sexually assaulted during their lives
 - Those with disabilities are disproportionately impacted, and are not properly supported by the justice system
 - \$17960 total, \$7535 for Saturday and \$10425 for Sunday
 - Much money request going to accommodations, accessibility in support of that community
 - Supports learning across disciplines, outreach and representation of minority and otherwise underrepresented groups, centering disabled voices and stories across campus with the hopes of raising awareness of specific accessibility issues on campus
 - This event has been being organized since last year as there are no truly accessible events or clubs on campus for disabled people, and was built with the changemaker hub, Dr. Williams, Dr. Wryford, and Dr. Floyd, who are working to promote this event, as well as disability studies on campus

Health and Wellness Coordinator: are you receiving any additional funding?

-No, we are hoping to use ticket sales and otherwise future fundraising opportunities to hold this event again in the future, but we are a newly recognized club.

Senator Rhonel: can you elaborate on the slide with the compass points and event booking?

-The funding is a catch 22; we can't have the space without funding, but we cannot get funding without the space.

Senator Sophia: You mentioned it will be 75% USD students, will this event be ticketed for non-USD attendance?

-Yes, tickets will be more expensive for non-USD individuals in attendance

Senator Michael- thank you for coming in.

Senator Rhonel- if you are a new club, how are you anticipating and counting attendance?

-Interest in the event has been expressed for a long time, and the event is partnering with other established groups on campus, ensuring that there will be solid attendance, even though this is the organization's first. Representative is a well-known advocate for the disability community, and will certainly be bringing people in.

Senator Rhonel- given that the community is for disability, is that for USD

students, or is that out of campus?
-All are welcome at the event.

Parliamentarian: the time for this item has elapsed.

Senator Sophia motions to extend the time by three minutes. Seconded.
Motion passes.

Finance Chair: ASGBC discussed making this the first time an event can be
1) open to the student body and 2) designated as a conference. \$16230

$\$6000/2=\3000 , where food is included in this recommendation

Senator Wyatt- if you're including the event open, why not go by the
money per person method?

Parliamentarian: time for this item has elapsed.

Chief Justice: we can continue until people leave and we lose quorum.

Senator Sophia motions to extend the time for this item by 5 minutes.
Seconded. Motion passes.

Senator Sophia motions to approve ASGBC's recommendation.

Senator Michael motions to change the amount.

Speaker Pro Tempore: you cannot change the amount, you must either
first say yes or no.

Student Life Chair: We can fund so that they can move forward, and table
the rest?
We cannot do that.

Senator Jameson motions to call the question.

Senator Jameson speaks out of turn.

There is a motion on the floor to approve ASBGC's recommendation.
Seconded. Motion fails.

Senator Michael motions to deny ASGBC's recommendation. Seconded.
Motion passes.

Senator Michael motions to amend the amount to \$16460.

Senator Wyatt: What is this based on?

Senator Michael: I removed travel and lodging funds.

Senator Wyatt: That is what this category is for.

Senator Sophia: what would be more beneficial to the club, approving
ASGBC or following Senator Michael's guidelines?

Finance Chair: following Senator Michael.

Senator Michael motions to fund the event for \$1646 and not fund travel.
Seconded. Motion passes.

7. Report from The Speaker of the Senate
 - a.
8. Reports from The Senate Leadership Team
 - a. Speaker Pro Tempore:
 - b. Clerk:
 - c. Parliamentarian:
9. Reports from The Committee Chairs & Coordinators
 - a. The Academics Committee Chair
 - b. The Student Org Committee Chair
 - c. The IDEA Committee Chair
 - d. The Student Life Committee Chair
 - e. The Athletics Coordinator
 - f. The Health and Wellness Coordinator
10. Reports from The ASG Executive Board
 - a. President
 - b. Vice President
 - c. Chief Justice
 - d. TPB Chair
 - e. Finance Chair
 - f. PR Chair

Chief of Staff

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.*

11. Adjournment
 - a. Student Life Chair motions to adjourn the meeting. Seconded. Motion

passes. Senate adjourned at 2:24 pm.

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