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UNIVERSITY OF SAN DIEGO

Senate Minutes

Thursday, April 15th, 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 April 16th, 2026
  - a. Senator Sophia motions to approve the agenda. Seconded. Motion passes.
5. Approval of the minutes from April 9th, 2025
  - a. Academics Chair motions to approve the minutes. Seconded. Motion passes.
6. New Business
  - a. Presentation by Vice President Johnson and Team (30 min)
    - For many items, ASG and the VP's team are already partnered, and the collaboration is appreciated
    - Domains: belonging, inclusivity, holistic wellness, spirituality, etc
    - USD's year of Wellness: the 2025-2026 Academic Year, which was a significant part of the JED campus initiative, a four-year plan
    - Thanks to ASG with assisting with wellness initiative - shoutout Kassidy and President Lily's team! ASG's collaboration is a crucial part of the JED movement
    - USD Outdoor Adventures granted a new, unique space across college campuses, dedicated to recreational wellbeing. More to come in the next school year!
    - Student population as a whole is being evaluated - where should the attention be? Currently focusing on sophomores; so many opportunities exist for freshman experience building, but how can students be assisted beyond their first year?
    - Focus on SYE, Torero Hub supporting sophomores
    - Director for ResLife: Sophomore Year Experience housing requirement began in 2014, and included a program focused on sophomore integration, success - student health heavily focused on during the pandemic
    - Occupancy pieces: on campus housing 2675, 3057 with PacRidge included (with loss of the other apartments)
    - Upperclass applicants are highest ever in the next school year; looking for more PacRidge rooms
    - Off-campus navigator: helping upperclassmen with finding suitable off-campus housing to rent/lease
    - Challenges with student success and affordability of textbooks; the data is clear,

students do not do as well when their textbooks are inaccessible

-Torero Unified Access: debuting in the fall, all inclusive course materials provided for \$299, with the majority of the package being 70% online

-Opt out will be available, but this significantly cuts costs for access to textbooks

-Streamlines the process, makes resources significantly more accessible

-10 rank in country for food; 3 in California, behind UCLA and a baptist school

-Inflation is significant, and San Diego is a high cost living area

-Lowest meal plan rate - significantly higher than Stanford, Chapman, USC, LMU, Santa Clara, Pepperdine - USD is committed to keeping prices as low as possible (not charging enrolled students taxes on food, keeping Tu Merc grocery prices the same despite inflation)

-~30% more applicants this year, and the years before were record, too

-Selectivity rate continually decreases

-Looking for a yield rate of a 1375 class size for the class of 2026 (hoping it is not much higher)

-...otherwise students will be sleeping in staff's houses... (joke)

-Civil discourse initiative: 15 civil discourse ambassadors, which meets weekly, 2 weeks the Civility Games are being hosted, which resembles the hunger games, educational workshops happening in clubs throughout the year, preparing for midterm elections in the fall

-Hazing prevention: formed a coalition and specialist terms, developed community statement, set definition of hazing on campus, administered an online learning module (now mandatory for all new students), centralized an anonymous reporting site for hazing

-Looking forward: social media hazing education, building out hazing prevention program for peer ambassador program, all clubs/orgs in the fall must include hazing statement in their bylaws

-Epstein Family Military Center: sound-proof walls, expanded office spaces, lounge for students to build community, for military-connected individuals

-USD will be forefront university in San Diego for supporting military-connected individuals

Questions:

Senator Michael:

-I appreciate the military area and am excited to see what comes next, as a veteran myself. What other amenities will be included?

-The kitchen will be upgraded; further, a lounge, a study space, a tech room, and lockers will be provided. The goal going forward is to augment the staff with additional space, a dedicated counselor, and a dedicated career advisor.

Parliamentarians: time has elapsed.

Senator Eliana motions to extend the time allotted for this agenda item by ten minutes. Seconded. Motion passes.

Health and Wellness Coordinator: what are the resources for student feedback? Where is your info coming from?

-Surveys go out to seniors and sophomores regarding the quality of student services, but our team is always welcome to hear specific feedback. We also have a separate team focused on student research and support.

Senator Sophia: OER resources were discussed at the beginning of the year, and the textbook package you are providing is a great step forward. Certain STEM classes require additional online homework platforms. Are those being included? The package will include all staff, but the program is only as good as the adherence to the program from staff. A little nudge could be helpful.

Vice President Kaitlyn: the target is 1375 for yield. How are you balancing ranking calculation and yield rate?

It's definitely a balancing act; we want to protect our yield, but we also have to consider how many students we can support in terms of housing/dining/classes at a small institution than USD. If we go too much over the 1400 mark, that would be beneficial to our rankings, but not to our resources; we have to keep a balance.

Academics Chair: the transfer population significantly has a hard time with housing.

We are very particular about the housing process, and we try to hold space for transfer students. We are definitely paying attention to the transfer population.

-2029 June a new facility with 700+ beds will be opened; in the future, more housing will be available. We are also looking at purchasing more of PacRidge (USD may own PacRidge at one point... joke... maybe).

b. 10k+ Request Presented by Association of Chicanx Activists (30 min)

-Latine Graduation Ceremony: May 21, 2026

-Chicano Grad —> Latine Grad to be more inclusive, open to others

-Intimate ceremony providing students a chance to reflect on success, identity

-Recognizing students, keynote speaker (currently working w/ a professor from Psych. Dept, as well as potential backups), reception with refreshments/snacks from USD catering, and a performance, as well as graduate roses

-Graduates will also have ability to get butterfly patches for stoles, symbolizing importance of migration

FAMA honorarium, DJ (2 hours), photobooth, various foods (largest part of the

budget, prices from USD catering, stoles/decoration/flowers/printing/keynote  
speaker honorarium  
-\$12648 total  
-USD is a hispanic-serving institution; this event supports mission  
-Bilingual ceremony, inclusive  
-Supports USD as an emerging HSI

Health and Wellness Coordinator: any additional resources to fund your event?  
\$400 is going to stoles from the graduate student government; that is all.

Senator Sophia: projected attendance vs family members?  
90 stoles are being ordered, and we are expecting around 70-80 graduates, plus 2-3  
additional family members for each graduate.

Health and Wellness Coordinator: is there a fee for non-USD undergrad  
attendance?  
-There is no fee.

Senator Elaina: fundraising?  
-We can see going forward, but we generally have relied on the allotted funding.  
Stoles mostly add up.

Finance Chair: ASGBC's current budget is \$165386.56  
This is a recognition and graduation event category.

ASGBC has recommended:  
-\$2550  
150 undergrad x \$17/person  
-No honorariums for USD Employees or FAMA  
-No stoles (can resubmit)  
-No money for speaker since USD faculty member

-Latine Grad Last Year: no giving money to another club

Speaker Pro Tempore: why is ASGBC saying to put in another funding request?  
-We are following the funding guide, where the stoles fall under a different  
category.

Senator Abigail: where did the number of attendees come from?  
Finance Chair: We think there was some level of confusion. We asked multiple  
times.

Senator Sophia: timeline for resubmission?  
We could get them allocations really fast.

Senator Eliana: where did the undergrad number come from, again?

We asked how many undergrads, and they said 100, then 100-200, then 150 after the meeting.

Advisor Jen: sometimes other undergrads attend the event; that might be the discrepancy. They're not necessarily graduating/getting stoles, just attending.

Finance Chair: which does make sense; most seniors getting stoles would be inviting undergrads.

Senator Abigail: Clarification on numbers?

Speaker Pro Tempore: estimation is based on other undergraduates in attendance, not the ones receiving stoles.

Finance Chair: 150 undergrad seems to be what was intended.

Health and Wellness Coordinator: specifics on resubmission recommendation? they do not need to do any additional request, it is completely separate for stoles.

Speaker Pro Tempore: has ASGBC considered rising food rates?

Finance Chair: it will be brought up at the next ASGBC, but we have not discussed increasing numbers for graduation events.

Senator Eliana: if we do follow the ASGBC recommendation and ask them to go back and do the stoles, will they receive full funding?

In the past, around \$12k was asked for.  $90 \text{ students} \times 25 = 4800$ . They get a third of what they asked for.

Speaker Pro Tempore: what about their decorations? From my understanding they can only put in one supply request a year.

Senator Wyatt: We cannot fund the decorations anyway. They do not follow the sustainability guidelines.

Advisor Jen: the supplies category is for supplies for the whole year. Supplies are not supposed to be standalone (like the stoles). Senator Wyatt is correct, these supplies are not typically allocated as they are not sustainable/reusable.

Organizations may receive up to 25 dollars per stole.

Speaker Pro Tempore: what was ASGBC's decision to not fund the DJ?

-The money in the budget can be used for the DJ; no honorariums for a USD

employee or student.

Senator Wyatt: are you asking about the performance fee?

Speaker Pro Tempore: I guess, but I read the funding guide and it is included in the entertainment category. Would we add that funding as well?

-It falls under a different category.

Academics Chair: can we do what we did with FUSO with the performer? We started with the per/person amount and added the performer.

Finance Chair: Senate could do that, yes.

Athletics Coordinator motions to approve ASGBC's recommendation for \$2550. Seconded. Motion passes.

#### TPB Funding Information(30 min)

- c. Ole Music Fest: biggest event of semester, similar to Big Blue Bash
  - DJ instead of student opener
  - Night of fun, music, entertainment - for the students, by the students
  - Past names have included Ross Lynch, Malcom Todd
  - Increase in production costs w/ change in performer, by a lot
  - Artists have requested many accommodations
  - 79k → 180k... big headliner, more need for production, management, security
  - Show imaging: added security, barricades, bag checks, metal detectors, advanced/basic life support, on-site management crew, porta potties, lights, delay/audio
  - Allocation from general funds \$95631, where balance is mostly through
  - \$98k
  - This is just for transparency; the bylaws actually make this an exec-only vote

Senator Wyatt: Are you 100 short?

We are not short, it is just the majority of the budget.

Senator Michael: I think this is asinine! Why decline funding for a student event and then give so much for entertainment?

This event is for all students and is only once a year. It is also not funded through ASGBC.

VP Kaitlyn: the university is requiring these extra steps as result of the larger

headliner. This is also not a request; it is being presented for transparency.

Health and Wellness Coordinator: this is not from ASGBC, correct?

Yes, this is from ASG general funds.

Advisor Jen: Point of clarification. This is the maximum amount of money that will be needed. This is likely the “worst” case scenario.

Jameson: need any help?

We may need volunteers. Thank you for asking.

7. Report from The Speaker of the Senate
  - a. Submit funding requests ASAP for Q4 finance committee!
  - b. 4pm for SLT to meet
  - c. April 22nd - wrong date on slide!
  - d. RSVP for Linda Vista Parade (Clerk cannot go :) - unexcused absence if you do not respond by end of day today
  - e. When you miss the Senate, you are expected to find a proxy.  
We need a quorum, and we have presentations with faculty for the rest of the year.
  - f. Be careful with your language during the Senate; cultural attire is not “costumes.” Just be mindful and welcoming to the student body!
  
8. Reports from The Senate Leadership Team
  - a. Speaker Pro Tempore: no new updates, contact me!  
Clerk: SIF balance: \$10713.72  
Parliamentarian: I am the best bull rider.
  
9. Reports from The Committee Chairs & Coordinators
  - a. The Academics Committee Chair
    - Meeting w/ VP Johnson
    - Academic grants finished up
    - Shoutout Sophia
  
  - b. The IDEA Committee Chair
    - Autism Awareness Month for tabling April 29th
    - Attended endowment scholarship meeting this week
  
  - c. The Student Org Committee Chair
    - Student org mixer is coming up!
  
  - d. The Student Life Committee Chair
    - Lyft codes, grocery/finals de-stressor, and moveout are coming!

- e. The Athletics Coordinator
  - Working w/ Athletics for softball tailgate and end of year events with athletes!
  
- f. The Health and Wellness Coordinator
  - Group Fitness Class Promo Codes Out Now!
  - Working on FAQ for wellness center
  - Sexual Assault Awareness month

#### 10. Reports from The ASG Executive Board

- a. President
  - Respond to Linda Vista Parade NOW!
  - Let's do our best with the time we have left, work with intention!
- Respond to Google Calendar invite for Linda Vista Parade on April 25th RIGHT NOW!
  - 8:45 AM sharp bus pick up at Maher Circle
- Endowment Scholarship allocated!  
VP and I meeting with new Provost tomorrow
  
- b. Vice President
  - Academic grants done!
  - Banquet May 9
  - Attended commencement committee
  - Meeting with new provost
  
- c. Chief Justice
  - Fall 2026 election timeline still in works
  - Academic bylaws coming soon
  - Attending meeting with Provost
  - Assisting Isabel and Grace w/ senior class photo
  - Scheduling interview for next year's ASG team
  
- d. TPB Chair
  - Thanks for helping with late night breakfast!
  - Ole Music Fest: April 24
  - Senior Salute April 28
  - Choose Your Own Adventure Lyft Codes coming
  - Padres May 9
  - Get excited!
  
- e. Finance Chair

- Q4 deadline is next Wednesday
- Get involved fund still has ~2000

f. PR Chair

- Election results will be sent to the public soon!
- PopUp Bagels wants to collaborate!

g. Chief of Staff

- Senior photo day
- May 9th banquet
- Respond to GCal to ensure quorum!

11. Old Business

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12. 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.*

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13. Adjournment

- a. Senator Jameson motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded. Motion passes. Senate adjourned at 2:10 pm.

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