



Thursday, April 23rd, 2026

The Senate Chamber, Salomon Hall, University of San Diego

1. Call to Order - 12:32 pm
2. Land Acknowledgement
3. Roll Call
4. Approval of the agenda for April 23rd, 2025
  - a. Senator Jameson motions to approve the agenda. Seconded. Motion passes.
5. Approval of the minutes from April 16th, 2026
  - a. Senator Eliana motions to approve the minutes. Seconded. Motion passes.
6. New Business
  - a. Presentation by Judicial Branch on Academic Bylaws (15 min)

Purpose of Academic Bylaws: used to regulate the bylaws in the Academic Grant Meetings

Edits will sit for the week after being presented, then will be voted on next week (or amended)

-Changes: five faculty members

-Chair of meeting can be proxied (interim chair appointed from the current executive board)

Question from Senator Michael: what document are people referencing when sending in academic grant requests?

The new updated bylaws will be provided as reference to those making submissions.

New interpretation: those invited to be part of the academic grant committee (faculty) will need to review the academic grant requests prior to meeting. Faculty will bring in written feedback to negate bias.

b. 10k+ Request Presented by Medical Brigades (30 min)

Medical brigades: provides assistance until it is no longer needed

Global brigades: May 31, will be traveling to Guatemala and running a clinic, including 14 undergraduate students practicing triage and assisting those in need

-Breakdown: \$2659/person, \$12362 requested to fund in-country costs. \$833 will be allocated to each volunteer

Questions/discussion:

IDEA Chair: Based off of the request for \$12k out of a much more grand total, how are you covering the rest?

We inform new members that they may need to fund the event themselves if they wish to attend the brigade; we fundraise, but much of it will still be covered on students' behalf.

Health and Wellness Coordinator: Does this total request involve professors?

No, we have followed the ASG guidelines in disallowing for professors to be funded by ASG.

ASGBC's recommendation presented by the finance chair:

Conference, convention, retreat category

-14 category x 90/person x 6 nights - technically it is \$80/person x 6 nights, but we increased as it is international

-Medical Brigades was awarded more money last year because there were more undergrads in attendance (23 vs 14)

-ASGBC's recommendation: \$7560

Speaker Pro Tempore: why not fund food for our undergrad?

Not for this specific category, but we do for others. The costs can pile up for conventions/retreats; this has been on the guidelines for years for now.

Senator Abigail: Is there a reason we categorize travel/lodging together?

Finance Chair: I do not follow.

Chief Justice: I can answer. All ASGBC's requests are put into the same category, so they must all be grouped together.

Senator Wyatt: what did they receive in previous years?

Finance Chair: I am not sure.

Speaker Pro Tempore: what would be the implication of funding food? They are going abroad to do important work.

Finance Chair: It is technically up to the Senate, but to do that would be to not follow the ASGBC guidelines that promote equity.

Health and Wellness Coordinator: what is the current balance?

About \$30k.

Senator Jameson: this is a crucial event for the university and an important impact.

Athletics Coordinator: how many 10k requests remain?

Two.

Senator Wyatt: they were given \$100/person/night in 2024.

Senator Eliana: can you go back to the allocations in-country on the slides?

Student Org Chair: is there a way to reclassify this? This is not exactly a retreat; this is important medical work.

The thing with the funding guide is that there are not many categories. We keep it streamlined to make it accessible to student organizations. This is the closest we can get to properly classifying the event without making a

Athletics Coordinator motions to deny ASGBC's recommendation.

Health and Wellness Coordinator: \$14000 would be allocated.

Senator Sophia's proxy: when you say ASGBC is not accounting for supplies, does that not include Medical Brigade's medical supplies?

The supplies category is more so like canopies for the organization to use, not really medical supplies.

Speaker Pro Tempore: could we do this in the lump sum if we wanted to fund some

more?

The senators can vote anything that they want, technically.

The Athletics Coordinator moves to call the question. The motion to deny ASGBC's recommendation is seconded. Motion passes. ASGBC's recommendation is denied.

Senator Jameson: In previous years, we were funding supplies?  
We have only looked at the previous years for all requests.

Speaker Pro Tempore motions to allocate \$8400, with \$100/person/day in lump sum. Seconded. Motion passes.

#### 7. Report from The Speaker of the Senate

- a. Next week will be a big senate, and SPT is chairing! Keep it moving.
  - Respect the time allotted for the two 10k requests; be mindful of time.
  - Linda Vista Parade is this Saturday! I'm looking forward to it.
  - Thank you for sending in your funding requests!
  - DEADLINE for funding requests is next Wednesday
  - Specify what kind of senator you are in your request for proxies

#### 8. Reports from The Senate Leadership Team

- a. Speaker Pro Tempore: I encourage you guys to speak out during these 10k requests. If questions are not being asked, they are not being answered. We need to make sure to respect all the orgs coming in!
- b. Clerk of the Senate: SIF Balance: \$2466, get your very last requests in!
- c. Parliamentarian: only a few Thursdays left!

#### 9. Reports from The Committee Chairs & Coordinators

- a. The Academics Committee Chair
  - Study tip: reading your notes out loud!
  - May 5th: pre-finals academic tabling is coming offering students assistance and advice with resources!
  - Started appointed position interviews with Annalise
  - Met with the new Provost!
- b. The IDEA Committee Chair

-Autism awareness month funding is April 29!

-Myth or fact game will be included

-Wetzel pretzel and mini donuts!

c. The Student Org Committee Chair

-Thank you for volunteering for help with the Student Org Mixer!

d. The Student Life Committee Chair

-Airport lyft codes, Windansea/PB coming, and grocery lyft codes

-Torero TLC tabling is coming on May 5th dead hours!

e. The Athletics Coordinator

-Little poll for softball: easiest time?

-Baseball: easiest time? May 14-15-16?

Point of clarification from Advisor Jen: events cannot happen during finals, just FYI.

-That is why we are trying to push for the 5th.

Softball giveaway: 7 by 7 deal - 7 hotdogs, 7 drinks

-See you at Ole fest tomorrow!

f. The Health and Wellness Coordinator

-Group fitness promo codes are still available

-Today is the last event for sexual assault awareness month!

## 10. Reports from The ASG Executive Board

a. President

Meet time for the parade has changed to 9:15 SHARP in Maher Circle - bring water, comfy shoes, wear USD gear/colors!

-Met with Provost and Byron

-Looking forward to Ole Fest

-Volunteering for tickets: Tatiana Colon

-Transportation is free to parade all day, and you can have free food

b. Vice President

-Banquet is May 9 11-2:30

-Want to earn brownie points? Setup is 10:30 am

c. Chief Justice

-Met with new provost

-Be prepared with questions/comments on Academic Bylaws!

-Working with Mattea for appointed position interviews

d. TPB Chair

-Ole fest is tomorrow!

-Senior Salute this Tuesday!

-Chose your own adventure lyft code, Padres coming!

-Get excited.

e. Finance Chair

-Finance committee starts next week

-ASGBC's deadline for funding requests is this Monday April 27 at 8am!

f. PR Chair

-Senior class photo is next Tuesday at 12:45 EXACTLY! Spread the word

-Marketing request form is provided

g. Chief of Staff

-Attend parade, Ole fest, Banquet is May 9

-Finance committee tonight!

11. Old Business

a.

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.*

- a. Representatives for USD's Latino Fraternity, UFMC: Latine Grad and other multicultural events at USD as HSI are not properly supported. This is a big milestone event and assists in latino representation on campus.

Funding has been lowered again year after year and it is disappointing, especially in this sociopolitical environment. Many latino students are being met with harsh conditions, discrimination, everyday - then they push through and struggle, only to be met with so little funding for their

graduation event. The number just keeps decreasing. USD claims to be an HSI and yet there is no support. Please reconsider upping the funding.

President Lily: Thank you for coming out. Not only are the two students who spoke beautiful speakers, they are extremely involved. Thank you to everyone who came out. I am going to address the Senators first.

This has happened to multiple communities on campus, and this is the first time you are witnessing it firsthand. There are repercussions to the Senate's decisions. There are minimal steps to undo the decision the Senate has made.

ASGBC gives out funding on strict guidelines; that is why the 10k requests come to the Senate, for flexibility. There are options to appeal, but that goes right back to the funding guide, and that will most likely be denied.

We can pull from another fund going forward. Senate discretionary funds are not supposed to be opened up on, as requested (well-meaningly) by Senators. The SLT cannot give out that limited amount of money. We also cannot dip into the senate discretionary fund, which would bring down funding for many other events.

We also have the opportunity as President and Exec to speak to administrators at USD. The funding should not be up to question. If USD wants to claim to be a HSI, it should be supporting the school's cultural events.

An emergency fund can be used from the remainder of my president discretionary fund and will be voted on after the Senate for \$4k.

Parliamentarian: Thank you for coming in. What you have to say here is important. My high school graduation and background were fairly similar to the event that you are trying to put on. If USD wants to profit off of being a Hispanic Serving Institution, it needs to pay up; the support should not be contingent on ASG's limited guideline money; it needs to come from much higher. They need to serve their hispanic committee if they would like to

claim to be a HSI. This is a much deeper issue in need of institutional policy change.

Speaker Pro Tempore: I move to extend this agenda item by 20 minutes.  
Seconded. Motion passes.

Health and Wellness Coordinator: I appreciate you guys' bravery and the power of your stories and dedication returning to the Senate. President Lily, with the additional funds, how much money will be given to them?

President Lily: the original \$2500 in Senate, then \$2000 for stoles, plus an additional \$4000 from the presidential fund contingent on approval for committee

Speaker Pro Tempore: Thank you all for coming in. I relate to your stories. For some clarity, ASGBC's guidelines and the way ASG votes are based entirely on equity. We follow guidelines so that future organizations that come in can distribute money fairly. Voices certainly will be lifted; you should not have to be fighting for a ceremony that you deserve, USD should be supporting you.

Senator Jameson: I know part of the issue is that ASGBC did not fund for decorations. I would like to volunteer my time to make some decorations in the creative zone.

Academics Chair: about the money requested from the senate initiative fund?

President Lily: that money has already been requested and denied as we cannot double-dip into Senate money and set a bad precedent.

Senator Michael: Thank you all for coming in, it is so important.

Senator Tatiana: You all need to take this seriously and not breeze through it. You have seriously impacted these people. These votes come to the senate for a reason; you cannot change the guidelines, but you can work around it, that is what the senators are for. These events are important to other people.

Student Org Chair: Thank you for all coming in. I am also a first-gen latina and a new senator. President Lily, could we do the emergency vote? What does that look like?

President Lily: it is only the presidential discretionary fund committee. We have to adjourn the senate first.

Speaker Pro Tempore: I hope this serves as a lasting reminder for you all to take what goes on in this room seriously.

### 13. Adjournment

- a. Senator Jameson motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded. Motion passes. Senate adjourned at 1:47 pm.

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