



## Senate Minutes

Thursday, February 16th, 2023

12:15pm

The Senate Chamber, Maher Hall, University of San Diego

1. Call to Order
2. Land Acknowledgement (1 min)
3. Roll Call (3 min)
4. Approval of the Agenda, February 9th , 2023 (3 min)
  - a. Senator Isabella. Motion to move Presentation of Charlotte Johnson and Nicole Witner to after Raising members of the public. Seconded. Motion Passes.
  - b. Student Org Committee Chair. Motion to approve the Agenda. Seconded. Motion passes.
5. Approval of the Minutes, February 2nd, 2023 (2 min)
  - a. Athletics Coordinator. Motion to approve the Minutes. Seconded. Motion passes.
6. Raising of Questions from Members of the Public (5 min)
7. New Business
  - a. Presentation and Discussion on Student Affairs Updates by Vice President Charlotte Johnson and Dean of Students AVP Dr. Nicole Whitner (25 min)
    - i. Agenda: Affordability on Campus, Wellness Center Updates, Student Affairs Staffing Updates, BSRC Black History Month Highlights
    - ii. Affordability on Campus
      1. Meal Plan
      2. USD Meal Plan continues to be the lowest amongst peer institutions, and we have made the commitment to be the lowest cost Meal Plan again amongst our peers for the 2023-24 academic year
      3. Retail Pricing
      4. We have made the commitment, in coordination with ASG, not to raise retail prices for the spring 2023 semester
      5. Successful Fall Campus Cash Bonus & Daily Savings
      6. Purchase \$50 - \$199 in Campus Cash: receive a 15% Campus Cash bonus
      7. Purchase \$200 or more in Campus Cash: receive a 20%

Campus Cash bonus

8. Food/beverage transactions paid for with Campus Cash were eligible for 10% off
  9. 10% discount extended from faculty /staff purchases to include all student purchases
- iii. Wellness Center Updates
  - iv. November 18, 2022: Building Permit Application submitted to the City of San Diego
  - v. March 1, 2023: Begin Make Ready Work
  - vi. May 1, 2023: Construction begins
  - vii. August 12, 2024: Anticipated Project Completion
  - viii. Wellness Center Rendering
    1. Interruptions to campus
  - ix. Wellness Center Communications
  - x. Dedicated Project Management website-to get updates
  - xi. First email sent 2/13
  - xii. Additional email communications will be sent to residents from Residence Life
  - xiii. Campus-wide updates will continue to come from University Operations
  - xiv. The survey led to making the outdoor space field space-no in stone yet
  - xv. Student Affairs Staffing Updates
  - xvi. Introduces Dr. Byron Howlett, Jr. (Assistant Vice President of Student Affairs, Student Life)
    1. Dr. Byron Howlett has more than thirty years of experience in Student Affairs and most recently served at Santa Clara University, where he is Assistant Dean-Campus Climate. Prior to joining SCU in 2018, Dr. Howlett served for three years as the Acting Associate Vice President and Dean of Students at California State Polytechnic University in Pomona, California, where he served for a total of eight years. He has also held positions at the University of La Verne and Semester at Sea. Dr. Howlett has broad ranging experience in Student Affairs, which includes positions in Residential Life, oversight of Student Life and Cultural Centers, First Year Experience, Student Clubs/Organizations, Student Conduct, TIX, Undocumented Students Services and Fraternity and Sorority Life. A first-generation college student and the eldest of ten, Dr. Howlett earned a B.A in Geography from UCLA, an M.A. in Education Counseling from Cal State San Bernardino, and

his Ed.D in Organizational and Leadership Management from the University of La Verne.

2. Introduces Joshua (Jay) Rice, (Director of the Black Student Resource Commons

- a. Jay currently serves as the Assistant Director, Black Resource Center at UCSD and will be joining the USD Community on December 5, 2022. Prior to this most recent role, Jay served as the Assistant Director, Residence Education, Saint Xavier University, as a Resident Director at UC Santa Barbara and as an Area Coordinator at the University of Saint Francis. Jay received his BS in Sociology, with a minor in Black Studies as well as his Master of Public Administration at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville.

xvii. BSRC Black History Month Events: All month celebrating black resistance with different events during the week, Karaoke Night is Tuesday Feb 21st in the Commuter Commons

xviii. Opens to Questions:

1. Finance Chair. Most students don't know about the construction until recently, how are you all going to support these students?
2. Does not want to leave us hanging dry and work with us to figure out what to do. There have been plans to move forward with finding plans. The impact has not been quite as realized until recently. Everything is still being worked out. Serena and Jake are working hard. Being land-locked it is hard to find places to build on.
3. Senator Valeria. What are the paths and solutions to walking from the valley to the main campus?
4. Delineate a path through the garage, and make it a safe thing to do. Are trying to communicate this with residents. Via the stairs and elevators, along with going all the way around the garage. Parking services are figuring out the best use for the trams. Back path will open up later in construction.
5. The Controller. My club has been highly impacted by the field. We now have to go off campus to practice. Everyone is using the field and NCAA sports have the field all day, until evening.
6. We have been considering switching field grounds from grass to turf. In addition to negotiating with Mesa we are working with Parker down the field. Want to work on accommodating.

7. Academics Committee Chair. What peer institutions are you referring to? The times in which we use swipes are not ideal for use.
  8. Out of my scopes of expertise. They are designed to give as many options as possible. But suggestions and concerns should go to Andre Mallie or Andres. So your feedback can be taken into consideration. Other San Diego schools and catholic schools in california we compare ourselves to. And other private institutions. I know there are combo meals to help lower prices of meals and these changes each day to help.
  9. Senator Valeria. I do not use my swipes or dining dollars, I want to suggest donating our swipes and money to other students to help others that need them. And even having a lower plan.
  10. I know this has been talked about with Mallie to donate at the end of the year into a pool. To allow people the flexibility.
  11. Senator Josh. I have recently started a resolution to open a fitness center early. With this time crunch with the field. Now more than ever gyms are open earlier and later so teams could practice and workout when other teams are on the fields. And with teams being forced off campus it would be ideal to add this resolution.
  12. I will be willing to talk to Dr. Byrd on this expansion.
  13. Parliamentarian. Point of Order the Allotted Time has expired.
8. Report from The Speaker of the Senate (5 min)
- a. Happy Senate to you all!
  - b. Worked with Senate Lead Team to appoint a new IDEA Committee Chair, Welcome Anna!!!
  - c. Met with Zach Randel and Mike Dils on Monday to ensure Valley lot users can can park on the Main Lot at no extra charge or issue
  - d. Updated the Athletics Coordinator about the field use issue and will keep her in the loop
  - e. I am meeting with VP Charlotte Johnson on Friday to bring the concerns about the field and messaging
  - f. Attended Parking Committee meeting and was able to secure major accomplishments starting after Spring Break
  - g. New GPS Trackers for all trams - and updated app
  - h. Park up on-campus after 4PM now approved
  - i. First Committee Chairs and Coordinators meeting today!

- j. Will be out of town on Monday but still reachable by phone, text, or email!
  - k. Any questions at all, email me at [asgspeaker@sandiego.edu](mailto:asgspeaker@sandiego.edu)
9. Reports from The Senate Leadership Team (3 min)
- a. Completed Initiative Sheet:  
<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1ecsNBwIcISawlhxNcbqbOgUoVMqmkbM92OxURnjinEj8/edit?usp=sharing>
  - b. Try and fill this out by next Thursday, put your individual tasks down
  - c. Upcoming Speaker Schedule:

<b>2/23/2023</b>	<b>Valley Field Discussion</b>
<b>3/02/2023</b>	<b>Tribal Liaison</b>

- d. Parliamentary Reminder: Any motion can be amended with a 2/3s vote of approval. This vote does not pass the motion as amended, but just changes the motion to the new amended motion.
10. Reports from The Committee Chairs & Coordinators (14 min)
- a. The Academics Committee Chair
    - i. Happy Thursday!
    - ii. Met with Dana on Friday to compile info for a resolution
    - iii. Spring Grant Process
    - iv. Common Spaces Collaboration
    - v. Survey coming soon!
    - vi. O.H. M,T, Th, F morning
    - vii. [blong@sandiego.edu](mailto:blong@sandiego.edu)
  - b. The IDEA Committee Chair
    - i. Hello everyone!
    - ii. Quick Intro: she/her, sophomore, Biology major & IR minor, incredibly grateful to be leading the IDEA committee & excited to keep making meaningful changes for USD w/ ASG!
    - iii. Events:
    - iv. UFMC Multicultural Night tomorrow night 2/17 @ 5PM
    - v. Office of the Tribal Liaison (OTL)
    - vi. “No More Stolen Sisters” Planning Opportunity 2/21 @ 3:30PM (MRH 204)
    - vii. “Bring Her Home” Film Screening & Conversation 3/2 @ 6PM (Manch. Auditorium)
    - viii. LT3 Diversity in Dance Banquet - seeking dancers from marginalized communities! More info coming next week.
    - ix. Progress:
      - x. Continuing work on mental health resource marketing
      - xi. Working on making Valley A more wheelchair accessible, Senator

Takilah has met with the SA Justine & a few RA's

- xii. Collaborating with OTL for indigenous student outreach
  - xiii. Holding discussions on incorporating DEI art on-campus
  - xiv. Met w/ constituent on renaming buildings on-campus with racist origins
  - xv. Planning to create survey & host tabling event later this semester
  - xvi. Contact Ayah to continue work on Muslim prayer rooms on-campus
  - xvii. Continuing work for an IDEA-dedicated Compass point; will be reaching out to CDEV soon
  - xviii. Questions? Contact: [ajanumov@sandiego.edu](mailto:ajanumov@sandiego.edu)
- c. The Student Org Committee Chair
- i. Hi everyone!
  - ii. Last week we approved 1 organization which will be presented next week.
  - iii. Academics Committee Chair Bre'Arra and I met and will be doing more research on a resolution to get online classes over summer at other universities approved.
  - iv. The Student Org Spring Mixer will be on Tuesday, March 21st from 12:15 pm - 2:15 pm possibly in front of the UC's! If you know any constituents that are interested in starting a student org or getting more information about some, please let them know to come see us!
  - v. Thank you and if you need to reach out to me my email is: [dfarhoud@sandiego.edu](mailto:dfarhoud@sandiego.edu)
- d. The Student Life Committee Chair
- i. Grocery Lyft Codes request submitted
  - ii. High rates of use and positive feedback last semester
  - iii. Had constituents reach out and ask about it
  - iv. Planning Lyft codes to facilitate travel during holidays and
  - v. Senator Josh has been spearheading Fitness Center Hours
  - vi. Reach me at [arissalelevier@sandiego.edu](mailto:arissalelevier@sandiego.edu) with any questions or concerns!
- e. The Athletics Coordinator
- i. Happy Senate!
  - ii. Met with Arthur Cummins this week. I will be taking him with me to the next SAAC meeting where we will be getting delegates from each team to get Narcan Trained this semester
  - iii. These same delegates will also be asked to participate in Student Leader training next semester to be Athletics Scholastic Assistants for their first-year teammates
  - iv. I have been collecting data from NCAA sports teams about their thoughts on Torero Stadium which will be shared soon

- v. Games this week
- vi. Mens BB at 6pm tonight
- vii. Softball
- viii. Tomorrow 4:30 and 7
- ix. Saturday 4:30 and 7 tomorrow, and saturday 4:30pm
- x. Baseball
- xi. Tomorrow 6pm
- xii. Saturday 5pm
- xiii. Sunday 1pm
- xiv. Monday 12pm
- f. The Health and Wellness Coordinator
  - i. Brainstorming environmentally friendly alternatives to feminine hygiene products on campus
  - ii. Meeting with sarah diamond on friday to discuss access to contraceptives on campus
- g. The Sustainability Coordinator
  - i. Attended the sustainability summit on Tuesday
  - ii. Office hours:
  - iii. ASG offices, Mon., Tues., Wed.and Fri. 1:30-3
  - iv. Sustainability questions, concerns ideas?
  - v. Email me! spala@sandiego.edu
- 11. Reports from The ASG Executive Board (14 min)
  - a. President
    - i. Happy Thursday All!
    - ii. Invited Tribal Liaison Sahmie Wytewa to our Exec Meeting on Tuesday
    - iii. Supporting Native American / Indigenous students by going beyond land acknowledgements
    - iv. Met with VPSA Charlotte Johnson
    - v. Working with USD Active Minds to brainstorm ideas regarding improving classroom wellness practices
    - vi. Attended the Inaugural Sustainability Summit
    - vii. Gathered many ideas and visions for solving food insecurity and waste reduction on campus; was great to see all the ASG representation there!
    - viii. Meeting with Student Wellness regarding temporary Campus Recreation relocations during Wellness Building construction
    - ix. Pop Up Lunches Form is still open! Tell your constituents to sign up for FREE lunch at La Gran Terraza!
    - x. Multicultural Night is THIS FRIDAY!
  - b. Vice President

- i. Bibliu/NYT update - will be receiving additional support from the library and President Johnson
  - ii. Research grants- will come out closer to March/April
    1. ASG is specifically for our timeline, a supplemental funding to the undergraduate research and their departments.
  - iii. Today in music history:
  - iv. 1985 - "Careless Whisper", started a three-week run at No. 1 on the U.S. charts, credited to Wham! and featuring George Michael.
- c. Chief Justice
- i. Judicial Branch Petition form is finally live. Use for appeals! Go to the website on the judicial branch and you will find it!
- d. TPB Chair
- i. Mean Girls Tickets will be available for reservation on Monday!
  - ii. Speaker Collaboration w/ BSU & NSBE will be pushed to March due to scheduling conflicts.
  - iii. Valley Field Event: 2/28 from 5:00-8:00 PM
- e. Finance Chair
- i. successfully recruited for ASGBC but still have a couple spots open
  - ii. made some small Funding Guide adjustments
  - iii. updating ASGBC bylaws to better serve students and reflect ASG needs
  - iv. reviewed & are reviewing Get Involved Fund requests
  - v. Had a funding adjustment request from CHWP that was approved by the Finance Committee
- f. PR Chair
- i. Happy Thursday!
  - ii. Sorry I cannot be there today, but happy (early) Mardi Gras!!
  - iii. Things I've been working on:
  - iv. Spring Elections with Alana and Kobe
  - v. ASG Office Video :)
  - vi. Marketing Committee has been giving me some insight on some of your committees' projects in the works...please make sure to fill out the Marketing Request Form when you need marketing materials made or promoted (you must submit the form at least 3-5 days in advance)
  - vii. Contact: [asgpublicrelations@sandiego.edu](mailto:asgpublicrelations@sandiego.edu)
- g. Chief of Staff
- i. I hope you all are doing well this Thursday! Don't forget to submit your office hours this Sunday, I am sifting through these this coming week.
  - ii. Attended the Sustainability Summit, let's dive into resolutions and

initiatives revolving around sustainability as well.

iii. Not many updates from me this week

## 12. New Business

a. Discussion and Updates on Affordability of Campus Dining Led by the Student Life Committee Chair, Arissa Lelevier (15 min)

- i. Goals of Discussion:
- ii. Refresh progress thus far
- iii. Gauge on-going results/feedback
- iv. Collect new opinions
- v. Direct new goals
- vi. Overview:
- vii. Met with Andre Mallie
- viii. 3 Tier system
- ix. Request to shift to majority Low Tier
- x. Board of Trustees presentation-was approved shift
- xi. Implementation this semester:
- xii. 461 new items in Tu Merc
- xiii. Focus on Low Tier-No profit, Loses money, buys at costco and sells at same price
- xiv. Continued affordability:
- xv. Meal deals
- xvi. Campus cash deals
- xvii. Breaking boxes
- xviii. Moving Forward
- xix. Product performance
- xx. Working relationships with suppliers and distributors- like with pasta distributors
- xxi. Potential Target areas:
- xxii. Beverages
- xxiii. Coca-Cola campus partnership limitations
- xxiv. Does have a small non-coca cola products area
- xxv. Pre-prepared products
- xxvi. Price dictated by labor costs
- xxvii. 9% minimum wage increase in January
- xxviii. Short shelf-life
- xxix. Any Questions so far?
  1. Speaker of the Senate. We have accomplished the market goods but still haven't scratched the surface with the more used goods. Along with any prepared items
  2. Senator Alyssa. The fruit cups and parfaits seem overpriced, but with inflation that would be hard, but I would like to see

more dairy and gluten free items.

3. I know that combos are usable during lunch only because of the swipes during dinner.
4. Senator Devon. Were there any data points to see if purchase rates were changed.
5. This was just implemented this semester so they probably do not have many data points right now. I know dining is self-sustaining as they don't receive money from the university only from food. And they do not make money on low tier items. But I can look into the profits, if they even have any.
6. Speaker of the Senate. We learned that auxiliary is self funded. Even though it is under student affairs they don't receive money from the university budget. Their revenue is oriented to self sustain. Which will hinder these services and have conflict of interest.
7. Senator Josh. Would like to see if there are better ways to cut costs.
8. Struggle with these distributors to supply us because we are so small. Unlike other universities that will buy much more items. Buying wholesale from Costco has been better for Mallie to cut costs.
9. Senator Isabella. Has done math to find out that some of the beverages are overpriced when compared to costco itself like celsius.
10. Will look into that.
11. Academics Committee Chair. Wants to look at buying from local food businesses that align with our
12. Can open a conversation with Mallie. Small business and local businesses will be more expensive unlike large chains.
13. Parliamentarian. Point of Order. Allotted time has expired.
14. Senator Josh. Motions to extend the allotted time by 5 mins. Seconded. Motion Passes.
15. Senator Valeria. Swipes to use food in tu merc possible. Or start earlier to use meal equivalencies to buy food from other places on campus.
16. Will take notes to communicate to Mallie.
17. Senator Aashika. Has there been conversation about extending hours at any cafes or tu merc on campus. Like 2 am.
18. I have heard this by constituents but I have not talked about

this with Mallie. Extending time on campus is a recurring theme I can add to the list.

19. Speaker of the Senate. This is all work you all can do on campus.

20. Senator Josh. I know we work with babe kombucha down the street so it seems to be working with local businesses.

xxx. Questions:

xxxii. Have you or your constituents noticed a difference in dining affordability this semester?

1. Nods

xxxiii. Parliamentarian. Point of Order. The allotted time has expired.

xxxiiii. Senator Ceci. Motions to extend allotted time by 5 mins. Seconded. Motion fails. Time not allotted.

13. 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.* (10 min)

a. Jen. The advisors want to say how proud we are of your hard work and dedication. A belated valentines treat is in the wagon for you all.

b. Speaker of the Senate. Please reach out to let us know if you want to speak in senate or see someone in senate.

14. Adjournment (1 min)

a. Student Org Committee Chair. Motions to adjourn. Seconded. Motion passes. (1:49 pm).

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