



Senate Minutes

Thursday, March 30th, 2023

12:15pm

The Senate Chamber, Maher Hall, University of San Diego

1. Call to Order
2. Land Acknowledgement
3. Roll Call
4. Approval of the Agenda, March 30th, 2023
 - a. Senator Jolie. Motion to approve the Agenda. Seconded. Motion passes.
5. Approval of the Minutes, March 30th, 2023
 - a. Student Org Committee Chair. Motion to approve the Minutes. Seconded. Motion passes.
6. Raising of Questions from Members of the Public
7. Report from The Speaker of the Senate
 - a. Happy Senate to you all!
 - b. On Monday I set up a meeting with AVP Byron Howlette and Jelitsa Fonseca to discuss the Students In Need Fund and Torero Pantry next week!
 - c. On Monday met with Senate Lead team to hear and vote on appeals from Budget Committee
 - d. Set up a meeting with Bill McGillis and VP Ky Snyder to discuss field optimization, details to come
 - e. Working with President Melissa to address concerns regarding enriching connections with admin and staff with ASG
 - f. Attended the TPB event with Dr. Jemison last night with the Finance Chair!
 - g. Will be meeting with VPSA Johnson next week to discuss all of these issues directly
 - h. Have been meeting with senators to help the resolution process
 - i. Will be sending out the agenda for next week tomorrow since senate is on Tuesday next week!
 - j. Any questions at all please email me at agspeaker@sandiego.edu
8. Reports from The Senate Leadership Team
 - a. Senate will be happening on April 4th, which is this coming Tuesday! In the Executive Boardroom of KIPJ 2nd floor.
 - b. PLEASE IF YOU HAVEN'T FILLED OUT THE INITIATIVE SHEET DO SO, I EMAILED YOU THIS MORNING IF YOU HAVEN'T!!!!

9. New Business

a. Presentation and Discussion on Inclusion and Diversity from the USD

Tribal Liaison, Sahmie Wytewa (15 min)

- i. Centering Identity and systems of support, Building capacity for the recruitment, retention and success of native-indigenous students
- ii. Acknowledging, Kumeyaay Ancestral Lands, Since time immemorial, Nipguai, Moving beyond land acknowledgement: remembering and reconnecting to ancestral lands is a form of active resistance to embrace the history of native-indigenous peoples who know deeply who we are, where we come from, and that we still are here
- iii. Reciprocity, identity and systems of support, rooted in inclusivity and equity, humility and perseverance, in order for all our children to have an opportunity to succeed, we have to prepare the soil, plant with intentions, offer prayer and be prepared to provide care for their daily needs. The strength of our crops is a reflection of our family and culture that we nurture in the continuous cycle of ceremony
- iv. Promising practices, centering identity and community, self-awareness in leadership, identifying core values, challenging beliefs and behaviors, listen and respond authentically, build a culture of collaboration
- v. Parliamentarian. Point of Order the allotted time has expired.
- vi. Sustainability Coordinator. Motion to extend allotted time by 5 mins. Seconded. Motion passes.
- vii. Preparing for success, native-indigenous students, educational equity, collective responsibility, representation, inclusive practices,
- viii. On the horizon, programming for native-indigenous students, moving beyond land acknowledgements, connections literature, environmental stewardship, collaborative opportunities
- ix. We have a graduate affairs and are inviting campus partners and hope for people to show up April 28th
- x. Senator Chloe. I am working with the Tribal liaison to give native people more voices
- xi. Sustainability Coordinator. I was curious why and if they plan to give you a dedicated place on campus.
- xii. I was made aware and there are other areas of student life that are given spaces. I am one in 20 people that need space and I am one person. I want to be a network and I am grateful. But we are talking with administrators right now and I encourage you to get in contact with me.

b. Discussion and Vote on the Release of \$50,000 from the ASG Reserves to

the ASGBC Budget by the ASG Finance Chair, Ashley Jabro (20 min)

- i. General Info, asg reserve is a pool of money that is set aside every year from the money being actively spent. It is meant to be kept in case unexpected expenses come up through the year.
 - ii. There is 65000\$ in the reserve no money has been spent this year from it, in spring 2022 50000\$ to asgbc and 40000\$ to students in need in 2021, per the finance by laws, the required reserve is set at the lower of 65000\$ or 5% of the full-year asg revenue collected in that fiscal year, essentially, this is money that was not able to be actively spent earlier. Instead of rolling over to next year's budget, these funds will be allocated this year. The reserves not spent will roll over to next year
 - iii. ASGBC by the numbers: much more money spent and requested this year than ever before.
 - iv. Asking for 50000\$ from the reserve. Asgbc does not have enough money to keep up with the demand this year. More requests than ever. Second, the amount of money being requested is increased, and student orgs seem to be doing more. Unspent funds will roll over to the future.
 - v. Questions?
 - vi. Senator Valeria. DO we as senator have access to other grants other than that's been presented at senate? Can we have access to all of ASGBC budgets.
 - vii. I have just pulled up from recent years and I don't think there's been anything else recently.
 - viii. Senator Jonathan. Do you have any ideas if this will get us to the end of the semester?
 - ix. This should be enough to get us through the end of the year. I do not plan unless something super unexpected happens.
 - x. Sustainability Coordinator. Does this reserve get replenished with next year's budget?
 - xi. It is not just the same pool of money. But there is roll over.
 - xii. Senator Osa. Motion to approve the release of \$50,000 from the reserves to the ASG budget. Seconded. Motion Passes.
- c. Presentation and Vote on Club College Republicans over \$10,000 Request Presented by the ASG Finance Chair and Controller (30 min)
- i. ASGBC: How we work?
 1. Budget comes from larger asg budget, as allocated by the asg finance committee and asg senate. We support all undergraduate clubs and organizations on campus including additional funding for frats and sorority life and club sports

tournaments and championships

2. Voting members 2 senators, 1 tpb representative and representatives from each campus organization category
 3. Asgbc follows the asgbc funding guide for requests but there is some discretion. We always try to stay consistent
 4. Asgbc budget this semester is \$170000
 5. Reviews over 10k come to senate but we provide a recommendation. Senate can choose to fund in full, in part, or not at all, motions need to pass by simple majority. The finance chair am not here to express my personal opinion but represent what was discussed in asgbc and provide additional information and context as needed.
- ii. Context wit reserve request
1. Told the committee that i was putting in a request for 50000\$ to be vote on and presented today but that it was no guarantee. Dwindling amount of funds we have has not cause a change in how we have funded any asgbc requests this semester other than the following categories
 2. Not funding merchandise, other than cords and stoles for the rest of the semester, not funding more than 4 gbms per semester used to be 6
 3. None of these affect the category that this request falls under. This recommendation was not affected by the budget
- iii. Matt Walsh, USD College Republicans
- iv. What the funding is used for?
1. Speaker fee
 2. Travel costs
 3. Public safety for event
- v. Topic of Event
1. Promote diversity and inclusion of beliefs and ideas on campus
 2. Welcome students from all political spectrums and their ideas and values to engage in respectful and productive conversations
 3. Title of Tour: "It's your fault you're offended"
 4. We hold values that others may be quote on quote "offended" by. We are being ourselves and expressing our thoughts and opinions.
 5. Not being "offended" at all is not realistic in the real world
 6. We need to get used to engaging in discourse with all sides even if it makes us upset

7. Value free speech and freedom of expression
 8. As a changemaking community we are committed to having balance and a variety of speakers invited to our campus, not just speakers from one side
- vi. ASGBC Recommendation: Student Org request information
1. Title: matt walsh speaker, amount requested 21000\$, entertainment costs: 20000\$ and security: 1000\$ (psafe)
 2. Shiley theater, expect attendance (undergrad: 200) 4/20 @ 6pm
 3. Description: to host matt walsh as speaker to our campus. Been in connection with his team and believe we can provide a successful event open to the student body. The funding would go towards matt walsh tour and security for him his team on the day. He is a popular writer and speaker on ethethe rights' most influential voices. Host of a show and author of Johnny the Walrus. His documentary "what is a woman?" has become a cultural phenomenon and one of the most talked-about documentaries of 2022.
 4. Other info: Decision is about funding not him coming. This request falls under events open to entire study body category
 5. Think about other student groups? Value of funding? How do we balance the budget? Etc
 6. Documents: USD mission, vision, and values, asg mission, asg constitution, asgbc bylaws, asgbc funding guide
 7. ASGBC recommendation: To deny the college republicans request for 21000\$ as it is not in accordance with the mission statement of asg or asgbc.
 8. These can all be interpreted in different ways, this is not a statement one way or another the question is whether this event receives money based on our guide
- vii. Questions:
1. Senator Isabella. I want a variety of speakers and have many different views on campus. The speaker himself and what we stand for this is not appropriate and does not align with our mission. Article 3 in the bylaws. Does not tolerate students or employees by any means. Looking at comments he has made. " , I do think we need to welcome all students from any political side, I do not think he does this and other universities have denied him based on their views. And as a catholic institution I do not believe he aligns with our values.
 2. CR. I would like to say the moral truths that his views is in

alignment with catholic values. To be offended is a choice by people. And what he says does not go against catholic values. We do believe he fits in with catholic values. But we do understand how people feel. So that's why we picked his topic and not do a certain subject. And we do not agree with what he's said online. We do not believe he will decrease student discourse, he's spoken at stanford. We want people to engage in student conversation.

3. Senator Jacob. When picking your speaker were you aware of the current federal investigation on matt walsh? Mission statement. Inciting violence on the transgender community
4. Our club watched his film this year. He goes to both sides and asks people what it is to be a woman? I do believe he has ever said he "hates any lgbt people" He never said he wants to incite violence and just wants to get peoples opinion. Other speakers have come to campus against our views and we have never been violent and we do not want violence to happen. And we do not think he will do so, even though he does not agree. We want it to be peaceful and will do whatever we can. We are not hosting to push a political agenda on anyone. It is part of the mission statement to bring all diverse ideas to campus. And we will not push our opinions to anyone. We think he is similar to Socrates and want free speech and we feel our voices are not heard. Talking about free speech is not new to campus. And this is something we want to promote through our speaker talking about free speech.
5. Senator Jolie. As asg we work closely with the commons on campus. And matt walsh is very vocal on not agreeing with them. Did you ever think about having other speakers on campus.
6. Matt walsh doesn't have a problem with transgender people. He has a problem with their ideology. We definitely have looked into other options. But many people in the club like him and we thought he would be good to get. ASG responsibility is to represent the student body, nothing about his presentation he will give goes against your catholic values. The catholic church makes a statement " " The beliefs I hold are from the church and we believe he is the same. We think agreeing and loving someone is very different.
7. Senator Josh. I want to not USD community guidelines. Core values community- communited to a welcoming and

collaborative community enriched with the safety of the individual. The transgender community is 6 times more likely to experience violence/victimhood in schools. This could be harmful and very triggering to them?

8. That was an initial problem with why we didn't want him to speak on what a woman is. We do recognize, and we do not want to trigger anyone. We host Kristen Hokins on the topic of abortion. We did a really good job on people voicing their opinions and letting people speak. There was a lot of lash back. We asked him not to speak on what is a woman. We are also a part of the community and lots of members want to hear him speak. This would be something special for us. As we share some of his values.
9. Parliamentarian. Point of order the allotted time has expired.
10. Senator Jolie. Motion to extend the allotted time by 30 mins. Seconded. Motion passes.
11. Senator Angelica. But that topic he is known for and known for being the transphobe of the year and brags about this in twitter. Like many others have quoted the mission statement but him being notorious for this, how would this not affect anyone in the community?
12. This is not an actual award. This is a satirical award. We do not support his transphobic comments. And he will not speak about this in his speech. We will do our best to ensure those people who disagree with his views that everyone is comfortable. It is hard to avoid someone not being uncomfortable. And we feel the same way when someone is presenting in class or professors that may make us uncomfortable and unsafe. This is to seek truth and not to promote an ideology. To engage in discourse. We come out learning something new when we engage with opinions of our own. And this is great to enrich your learning. I encourage those who disagree to come to let him know.
13. Health and Wellness Coordinator. I do believe that there should be a space but without spending 21000 on a speaker like Matt Walsh who makes people so uncomfortable. But I do think there should be a space for other speakers.
14. We plan on looking for other places for costs. But we are doing our best to try to get some money. Because that is a huge financial burden. ASG is here to serve the students and any aid shows us there is a spot for us on campus. We cannot

learn with someone without another experience, but we cannot do this without having speakers with other opinions. This helps reaffirm beliefs or open yourself up to other opinions.

15. Senator Takailah. "I came to a conclusion that years ago..." I understand that you all disagree with this but you still want him to come to school with hateful rhetoric but is he really the best choice to represent your club?
16. We as CR have all the right to go with him with our disagreements. These are tweets from someone that can't defend himself. We engage with people we disagree with but we encourage you to bring up your points.
17. Athletics Coordinators. I agree there is a space on campus for discussion and different opinions. But we have covered why we all disagree with him. But you know these things are harmful, is it worth it to risk a conversation for students that may or may not be had.
18. We have a belief that speech does not cause harm. There is an entire course on this here. The whole point is that "it's your fault you're offended" And we want people to grow and learn from it. We want a peaceful discourse to occur.
19. Senator Maleah. I think the speaker you choose does not apply to our schools guidelines. Motion to deny the USD College Republicans in full. Seconded.
20. Senator Chloe. This discussion is whether we condone this as a speaker. This is to support him with money. I have to take into account everyones opinion. I do not want people to support him with their tuition.
21. Senator Jacob. We help fund lots of events for the commons. And we should not support this speaker based on his views.
22. Senator Jolie. It is not based on political beliefs and I think he will start more harm than good and we speak on behalf of constituents.
23. Senator Valeria. It concerns me that you feel uncomfortable expressing your beliefs. And I commend you for doing so today and I think you should do this more. Sadly your speaker represents more hate.
24. Senator Aashika. This issue is the choice of speaker not the ideologies. And if it was a different speaker we would reconsider. I think he signals out certain minority communities.

25. CR. Do you have any suggestions?
26. Senator Aashika. If you had any other speakers in line after him.
27. We appreciate everything you all have said. We are more than willing to look for other options. If you do enough digging you will find something about anyone.
28. Senator Jonathan. This is not reflective of our political beliefs and we represent everyone here at school. I want to also point our for safety on campus, as he has faced in the past.
29. This is because of the shooting which was in respect to the families. I find it difficult to find difficulty to find a singular speaker that you would allow. These are all very subjective opinions.
30. President. Point of Clarification. There is a motion on the floor.
31. Senator Osa. I did not know much about him before this week. Why specifically matt walsh. I call to question.
Seconded. Motion passes.
32. Motion to deny the USD College Republicans in full called to question. Motion passes.

10. Reports from The Committee Chairs & Coordinators

a. The Academics Committee Chair

- i. Apply for grants!
- ii. Reached out to Department Chairs to sit in on grant meetings (1 confirmed so far!)
- iii. Initiative in the works concerning Valley residents impacted by power outage
- iv. Resolutions in the works for Academic Comm. if anyone is interested [water in the Valley w/ Bella, alternative/ additional studying space besides Copley open close to 24hrs w/ Aashika + Jolie, compass points/volunteer hrs for students to visit + engage w/ senate w/ Bre'Arra

b. The IDEA Committee Chair

- i. International Transgender Day of Visibility Event TOMORROW!
- ii. LGBTQ+ Commons (SLP 420) will be handing out self care packages to celebrate!
- iii. Held first VGM initiative meeting with UFMC
- iv. Setting up a follow-up meeting with the Director of University Design about the incorporation of tribal and DEI art on campus
- v. Copley Wellness Event kickoff is planning to be held on 5/11, more updates to come as event date gets closer

- vi. SLP dining survey is complete & awaiting review from Nuria
 - vii. Monthly meetings with Head of Dining Charles Ramos to help with Black History Month, hoping to incorporate BSU and SSS in conversations
 - viii. Draft of survey about naming of Saints Hall & other ways to uplift native student voices is still in progress
- c. The Student Org Committee Chair
- i. Not much from me this week
 - ii. Will be meeting with one student org on Friday, Skate Club
 - iii. Currently working with Senator Bre'Arra on remote classes being approved resolution
 - iv. Thank you and I hope you all have a great weekend!
- d. The Student Life Committee Chair
- i. Grocery Lyft Codes:
 - ii. —
 - iii. Met with Senator Sean and Finance Chair Ashley to talk about sustainability emphasis in ASGBC funding guidelines
 - iv. Attending a GBM later today and another next Monday to brainstorm ideas and do outreach
 - v. Highlight of some Student Life Committee projects:
 - vi. Water Fountains in Valley B (led by Senator Angelica)
 - vii. Wing Initiative (led by Senator Josh)
 - viii. Dining Dollars (led by Senator Jonathan)
 - ix. April Mental Health Awareness Event UC (led by Senator Angelica)
 - x. Library Hours Survey (led by Senator Maleah)
- e. The Athletics Coordinator
- i. Not much from me this week!
 - ii. Tabling for timely care on April 12th
 - iii. Meeting with my advisor on Monday to Move forward with Senate baseball game
 - iv. Games this Week
 - v. Tomorrow
 - vi. MSOC @10am
 - vii. WTEN @11am
 - viii. BSB @6pm
 - ix. Saturday
 - x. WROW all day
 - xi. WTEN @11am
 - xii. BSB @5pm
 - xiii. Sunday
 - xiv. WROW all Day

- xv. BSB @1pm
- f. The Health and Wellness Coordinator
 - i. Tabling pushed back to April 12!
 - ii. In front of immaculata, 1-2
 - iii. Bundt cakes!
 - iv. Timely care!
 - v. April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month
 - vi. April 4 teal tuesday, wear teal to bring awareness to sexual assault and violence prevention
- g. The Sustainability Coordinator
 - i. Met with Andre Mallie of auxiliary about bringing Generation Conscious to campus
 - ii. Met with Ashley to talk ASGBC funding guidelines
 - iii. Contact & Office Hours
 - iv. M, T, W, F - 1:30-3PM
 - v. spala@sandiego.edu
- 11. Reports from The ASG Executive Board
 - a. President
 - i. The ASG Food Pantry survey is live!
 - ii. Will be open until Monday, April 17 at 11:59 PM
 - iii. Please share with your constituents that are registered with the Food Pantry!
 - iv. Scheduled a meeting with Jelitsa, Andre Mallie, Senators Sean and Anna to discuss future changes to the food pantry
 - v. Set to meet with AVPSL Dr. Byron Howlett to discuss sex education initiatives on campus
 - vi. Finalizing the ASG Endowment Scholarship Application
 - vii. More details to come!
 - viii. Meeting with AVPSA Charlotte Johnson next Wednesday, so please let me know if you have anything to put on her radar!
 - ix. Appointing two Senators to serve on the Grade Grievance Committee who Senate will vote on next week
 - b. Vice President
 - i. will be meeting with Catherine from Copley and representatives from Bibliu to discuss user data and strategies for optimizing future spending
 - ii. Academic grant review meetings begin soon- expecting more than \$30k in application requests.
 - iii. Congratulations to Amaya for being appointed the co-chair for AChA
 - iv. Today in music history: Canadian Pop Sensation Celine Dion is born

in Quebec (1968)

c. Chief Justice

- i. Appointed positions application is open until April 16th
- ii. Voting Days are April 12th and 13th! Good luck!
- iii. Appeal process for the Get Involved Fund
- iv. Form for appeals is on the ASG website
- v. Working on writing up bylaw interpretations and getting posted on website

d. TPB Chair

- i. Thank you to those who attended our Women's History Month Speaker w/ Dr. Mae Jemison & NSBE, BSU, and Women's Commons!
- ii. Olé Music Fest is TOMORROW, March 31st with doors opening at 6:30 PM on Torero Way
- iii. Headliner: The Driver Era
- iv. Opener: Phony Ppl
- v. Student Opener: Tunewave
- vi. TPB Applications are open until April 16th! Application is linked [here](#)

e. Finance Chair

- i. Today - Submitted an ASG Reserve request for ASGBC & presented an ASGBC over \$10,000 request
- ii. Reviewed a couple more Get Involved Fund requests and reviewing a two Center's Discretionary Fund requests on Friday
- iii. Reviewing a President's Discretionary Fund request
- iv. Met with Senators Sean and Arissa about sustainability and ASGBC
- v. Working on ASGBC Bylaws - met with Jen, Madeline, and Jordan about it
- vi. If you are interested in the Finance Chair or Controller positions please feel free to reach out with any questions!
- vii. Q3 deadline is Wednesday; ASG Finance Committee will be meeting after break
- viii. Will be out of town this Sunday - Friday. I hope you all have a great break! I'm just a text, phone call, email, or postcard away!

f. PR Chair

- i. On campus Promotions:
- ii. Elections are coming up!! Congratulations to all the candidates running for office
- iii. If you are campaigning please make sure to submit your campaign materials to me for approval :)
- iv. Voting days are April 12th and 13th
- v. Appointed position applications are still open for ASG Exec and TPB

until April 16th!

- vi. Spring Research Grants open until April 14th
 - vii. Cookie for a Comment with IDEA Committee is happening April 14th in front of the UC's 1:30-2:30pm (Please tell your constituents!)
 - viii. Working with the Endowment Scholarship Committee...marketing will be out soon
 - ix. Group Photo! If we run late today and cannot take the group photo, please be prepared to wear your ¼ zips for next Tuesday's Senate 4/4
- g. Chief of Staff
- i. Bonding event went great, thank you for coming if you did.
 - ii. Shoutout: Senator Jacob, Senator Aashika, Senator Jolie, Senator Ceci, and Speaker Andres!!! Without them the event would not have been possible. They did an amazing job
 - iii. Focusing on banquet now
 - iv. Brunch style May 13th 11 AM - 3 PM block for now in your gcal's, please be sure to RSVP.
 - v. Office hour logs will be checking them this week.

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. Public: I understand you have made up your minds on the proposal. It was brought to my attention that people in this senate made this proposal public. Shame on you for your utterly unprofessional handling. I expect you to investigate this.
- b. Speaker of the Senate. Once agenda items are set they become public knowledge.
- c. Financial Chair. What happens in ASGBC is private, but once it comes to senate it is public knowledge and we want the senators to know what is coming up.
- d. Public: I understand that it's not confidential now. This still seems very unprofessional with the conduct.
- e. Public 2: I want to acknowledge that we didn't know that. We preach about no hate. Please do not post about that. We have seen the posts on fizz. It is really hurtful to go on the app and see this. I don't care if you talk about it, but why post. It makes it hurtful.
- f. Public 3: When we sit here professionally we see pictures and we are laughed at and reading all these posts really hurts. It is unfair for us to be treated like that. We do not want to harm or hurt you. We want to participate. It is unfair that we are treated this way. I understand why you denied this. But please do not let us be bullied like this.

g. Public 4: I am a law student at USD. I am an Italian american. I am sad to see that the event was not approved. As I believe in freedom of speech. USD website. This goes against the Freedom of Speech act and I will not stand for this. "Plays music off laptop and starts screaming -inaudible."

13. Quorum was lost.

14. Adjournment

a. Senate adjourned at (2:28 pm) due to loss of quorum.

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