



## Senate Minutes

Thursday, May 4th, 2023  
12:15pm

The Senate Chamber, Solomon Hall, University of San Diego

1. Call to Order
2. Land Acknowledgement
3. Roll Call
4. Approval of the Agenda, May 4th , 2023
  - a. (IDEA Committee Chair). Motion to approve the Agenda with the amendment. Seconded. Motion passes.
5. Approval of the Minutes, April 27th, 2023
  - a. (IDEA 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 second to last senate to you all!
  - b. Currency at the Student Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees with President Melissa
  - c. This week I have began completing my transition documents for the incoming Speaker
  - d. Have sent out the email to President Harris addressing an issue
  - e. Have been working with Senate Lead team to finish planning out the rest of the two weeks
  - f. I have attended Finance Committee meetings all week and hope to have the budget settled for next year!
  - g. Will be attending the Board of Trustees Breakfast tomorrow with both the outgoing team and incoming team
  - h. Working to finalize resolutions with others!
  - i. Any questions email me at [asgspeaker@sandiego.edu](mailto:asgspeaker@sandiego.edu)
8. Reports from The Senate Leadership Team
  - a. Last senate is next week in Solomon Hall
  - b. Continue the great work
9. Old Business
  - i. Presentation and Vote on a Resolution To Support Queer and Trans Students and To Deny Guest Speakers Engaging in Hate Speech, Presented

by the IDEA Committee Chair, Anna Janumov and Senator Jacob (15 min)

1. IDEA Committee Chair:
  - a. Omitted clause appointing an ASG member to be apart of the speaker selection process
  - b. Grammatical wording changes
  - c. Leave the interpretation of laws up to administrators
2. Senator Jolie: What changes were made to get around the legal issues previously discussed?
3. IDEA Committee Chair: USD has a lawyer whose job it is to interpret things like this resolution
4. Senator Jacob: Ultimately decided we are not qualified to interpret the law, more specifically Leonard's Law, leaving that up to those more qualified
5. Sustainability Coordinator: What would the effect of the resolution be on the process of speaker selection? How would it change?
6. IDEA Committee Chair: Determining the process of speaker selection is above ASG's power; the procedure will likely be decided on by higher up administration.
7. Sustainability Coordinator: Would ASG be a part of the process at all?
8. Senator Jacob: By establishing this resolution, we (ASG) are getting involved in the process of implementing the policies backed by the resolution.
9. Student Org Committee Chair: I move to approve this resolution.  
Seconded. Motion Passes.

#### 10. New Business

- i. Presentation and Vote on New and Returning Student Organizations, Presented by the Student Org Committee Chair, Dana Farhoud (10 min)
  1. New and Old-New Clubs
  2. All new and old clubs that have been on campus but not in recent years must get approved by the Senate.
  3. We have 2 new organizations and 1 old-new student organization that we are presenting today.
  4. Food for the Soul Theology Club
  5. Mission:
    - a. To share Jesus's love to students of all religions through weekly questions and food/food for thought. To grow intellectually and spiritually and how that affects their relationship with God while also emphasizing food for hunger and sharing Jesus's love.
  6. Goals:
    - a. To organize events with current theology professors and bring guest speakers to campus and provide representation for students who believe in many religions as well as have

conversations in order to engage in our differences while also promoting understanding and the foundation of truth in their differences and why everyone believes what they believe.

7. Orthodox Christian Fellowship

8. Mission:

- a. To foster a community among Orthodox Christian students as well as educating students of the Orthodox Christian faith while also encouraging the growth and development of faith by asking questions.

9. Goals:

- a. To create an inclusive community for Orthodox Christian students and anyone who is interested in learning about the Orthodox faith through fellowship, education, and service which are the main pillars of the national organization which would be promoted through the club.

10. The American Institute of Architecture Students

11. Mission:

- a. To advance leadership amongst architecture students and art students who are interested in design

12. Goals:

- a. To work with the other chapters with other schools in the region, have speakers come such as USD alumni and also develop networks and have many opportunities to attend events and fill the gap in the professional aspect of architectural students.

13. Any questions or concerns?

14. Academics Committee Chair: Move to approve all of these clubs.

Seconded. Motion Passes.

ii. Presentation and Discussion on the Amendments to the ASGBC Bylaws and TPB Bylaws Presented by the Chief Justice, Alana De La Torre (25 min)

1. Chief Justice:

- a. added Preamble
- b. reformatted things and updated wording
- c. changed 9 event coordinators to 8 and how they are referred to as
- d. updated roles and responsibilities to make them more accurate
- e. vacancies: previously no formal procedure to vacancy of TPB chair, clarified that vice chairs would decide amongst themselves who would act as TPB chair until new one is selected
- f. if vice chairs cannot come to a decision, a formal vote would be taken

- g. member removal process to be in accordance with the other branches of ASG...would go to the Judicial Branch
- h. specified amendments required a majority vote
- i. Student Life Committee Chair: Move to approved TPB Bylaws. Seconded.
  - i. Sustainability Coordinator: Article IX, Section A, second point, why was this line omitted regarding the controller's duties
  - ii. Chief Justice: This role was just not in practice.
  - iii. Athletics Coordinator: I move to call the question. Seconded. Motion Passes.
  - iv. Motion to approve TPB Bylaws passes.

## 2. ASG Controller

- a. language/wording changes
- b. emphasizing that funds only go to undergraduate student body
- c. if categories not filled, other students may fill that category to meet quorum
- d. new members now go through ASG Finance Chair rather than ASG Executive Board
- e. non-permanent members may resign through ASG Finance Chair
- f. more responsibilities added to Finance Chair and Controller sections
  - i. Controller proxies for Finance Chair in the case that Finance Chair cannot be present at a ASGBC meeting or another proxy may be chosen by the Finance Chair
- g. omitted things no longer in practice
- h. Previously not allowed to hold emergency meetings; now can hold more meetings per week if necessary as long as there is at least 48 hour notice, but this cannot happen more than once a month
- i. The Controller, Finance Chair, and Advisor are the only ones allowed to talk about allocations before a decision is made; ASGBC is not allowed to talk about how a request is funded before a decision is made.
- j. ASGBC members apart of organizations with a funding request may still contribute to quorum.
- k. ASGBC reserves the right to deny funds in violation with USD or ASG event policies
- l. Sports Clubs submitting requests do not need an approved EvR.
- m. ASGBC funding guidelines can be changed/updated

throughout the semester

- n. Requests over \$10,000 that come to Senate can either be voted on to approve or deny ASGBC recommendation
  - o. Leftover GBM allocations can be used to fund other GBMs as long as they were not allocated for more specific, bigger events
3. Thomas:
- a. wording of appeals changed to move away from Senate Lead Team and toward Judicial Branch
4. Questions:
- a. Senator Valeria: Where does the \$10,000 number come from?
  - b. Controller: This amount has just been in practice for quite some time. \$10,000 is a pretty good measure to ensure balance between efficiency and fairness when allocating money
  - c. Athletics Coordinator: Can you elaborate on the changes made regarding over \$10,000 requests that come to Senate
  - d. Controller: Changes were made to ensure consistency and emphasize the importance of the ASGBC recommendation
  - e. Athletics Coordinator: The vote to approve or deny the recommendation has to happen before any discussion?
  - f. Controller: You vote to deny or approve the recommendation, if denied, it moves to another vote.
  - g. Sustainability Coordinator: Who decided on the amount of a request that comes to senate?
  - h. Controller: I don't have much information regarding the reasoning behind this amount, Madeline likely knows more about the reasoning.
  - i. Madeline: Amount decided on about 5 years ago when a large request came in; at that time it was decided to bring larger requests over \$10,000 to be voted on by ASG
  - j. Parliamentarian: Allotted time has expired.
  - k. Sustainability Coordinator: Move to extend the allotted time by 5 minutes. Seconded. Motion Passes.
  - l. Sustainability Coordinator: Is it worth changing that amount since the number was decided on quite some time ago and inflation has changed what that amount of money can really buy.
  - m. Controller: Increasing/changing the amount would likely decrease the power/influence of ASG on allocations
  - n. Senator Devon: Potentially inserting a clause that reconsiders the amount of money required to bring a request to Senate periodically

- o. Controller: Inserting a clause is a good idea but could further complicate/confuse the ASGBC Bylaws years down the line where it may just end up getting omitted.
  - p. Senator Valeria: Could you clarify the changes made to voting on requests over \$10,000 that come to Senate
  - q. Controller: The process for over \$10,000 requests is similar to the current process, the difference with this change is that if Senate cannot come to an agreement on a new allocation number, the request returns to ASGBC to be revisited, and then it will come back with a new recommendation to be voted on at Senate.
  - r. Senator Valeria: But we are still able to come up with our own funding number?
  - s. Controller: Yes.
  - t. Jen: Something to think about is that you all come up with arbitrary numbers or have a difficult time adjusting the amounts to allocate to an organization; ASGBC is much more thorough and qualified when it comes to deciding how much to fund
  - u. Parliamentarian: Allotted time has expired.
- iii. Presentation and Vote on a Resolution To Demand Comprehensive Sexual Education At The University of San Diego, Presented by the IDEA Committee Chair, Anna Janumov and Senator Jacob Aragon (20 min)
- 1. IDEA Committee Chair:
    - a. read note from President Melissa regarding this resolution
  - 2. Senator Jacob:
    - a. most work behind this resolution was done by President Melissa
    - b. SSRJ: Students for Reproductive Justice
    - c. Looking to supply students on campus with contraceptives
    - d. USD as a Catholic Institution does not provide contraceptives, unable to include this in the resolution
    - e. research done on STD rates in San Diego
    - f. emphasize importance of intersectionality when discussing sexual and reproductive education/care on campus
    - g. restricting access to sexual health resources/education contradicts USD's commitment to to the holistic wellness of students
    - h. encourages allocating funds to the student health center regarding STI testing
  - 3. Questions/Discussion:
    - a. Senator Devon: Students are required to complete mandatory sexual health courses online, was this factored into the conversations/research done for this resolution?

- b. Senator Jacob: These mandatory online courses are not sufficient and are very limited in ensuring sexual health/education on campus
  - c. Academics Committee Chair: Yield my time to Julie...?
  - d. Julie: The existing curriculum is very limited; current efforts trying to amend this curriculum. I hope that you all utilize the existing documents as a roadmap when moving forward with this resolution
  - e. Senator Devon: Thank you for mentioning these documents, these should be included in the “be it resolved”
  - f. Sustainability Coordinator: I move to table the resolution.  
Seconded. Motion Passes.
- iv. Presentation on a Resolution To Support The Expansion of Further Sustainability Efforts on Campus, Presented by the Sustainability Coordinator, Sean Pala (10 min)
- 1. Wellness Building has no plan for solar panels; recognizes this as a missed opportunity
  - 2. Be It Resolved: outfit the Wellness Building with solar panels
  - 3. Be It Resolved: obtain LEED gold certification
    - a. Questions/Discussion:
      - i. Senator Devon: LEED gold certification is hugely expensive
      - ii. Sustainability Coordinator: plans to look further into this issue
      - iii. Thomas: Do you think 2 years is a fair estimate for permitting and installation of solar panels for the Wellness Building
      - iv. Sustainability Coordinator: Yes, after discussing with John we agreed that 2 years was a fair goal
      - v. Parliamentarian: Allotted time has expired
      - vi. Senator Mia: Extend allotted time by 5 minutes.  
Seconded. Motion Passes.
      - vii. Senator Valeria: Include more ideas and suggestions for more ways the Wellness Building can be more sustainable, especially with the new food options that will be available in the building
      - viii. Sustainability Coordinator: Will take this into consideration and hopefully include these points in the resolution
      - ix. Senator Mia: Aromas uses bamboo straws not plastic

- x. Sustainability Coordinator: All utensils on campus are compostable
- xi. Senator Valeria: Just throwing out more ideas for things to include in the resolution regarding the Wellness Buildings environmental impact
- xii. Chief of Staff: utensils in the SLP are recyclable but not compostable
- xiii. Sustainability Coordinator: I was told that they were made of organic materials but they have to go in the trash; still better than regular plastic because they biodegrade more rapidly
- xiv. Controller: Where is the additional funding going to come from for the solar panel? Will that come from the student fee that is paying for the building?
- xv. Sustainability Coordinator: I'm not exactly sure where the funding will come from, but I imagine it will come from the same source that is currently implementing more solar panels on other buildings across campus. But I can include a clause in the resolution that states not to use the student fees to pay for the solar panels for the Wellness Building.
- xvi. Parliamentarian: Allotted time has expired.
- xvii. Student Org Committee Chair: Move to extend the allotted time by 5 minutes. Seconded. Motion passes.
- xviii. Jen: There is a set amount established for the student fee that goes toward the Wellness Building
- xix. Sustainability Coordinator: I will look more into that to ensure that this would not increase those costs for students.
- xx. Senator Devon: Roadmapping a more concrete plan for funding these ideas
- xxi. Sustainability Coordinator: Will definitely take this into consideration when updating the resolution.

## 11. Reports from The Committee Chairs & Coordinators

### a. The Academics Committee Chair

- i. Happy Thursday everyone!

- ii. We've hosted and allocated for Engineering grants and have the Visual Arts, History, and Anthropology reviewal later this evening. Our last review meeting will be hosted on 5/9
- iii. Finals de-stress w/ Copley initiative has been submitted
- iv. Due to the extensive research needed for Academics Committee's resolutions, I have decided to table them for next year, and instead will be working w/ Sustainability Coordinator on a resolution and any other senators who may need help (via sponsoring or providing feedback or additional helpful info)
- v. Please continue to fill out the Valley Power Outage survey
- b. The IDEA Committee Chair
  - i. Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration has officially been institutionally funded!! Congratulations!
  - ii. Presenting two resolutions today:
  - iii. Support Queer and Trans Students & Deny Guest Speakers Engaging in Hate Speech
  - iv. Demand Comprehensive Sexual Education at the University of San Diego (presenting in Pres. Melissa's place)
  - v. Met with VP Charlotte Johnson and had a productive conversation; discussed current talks about an exhibition at UCLA for a research project that deals with studying the needs of students with intersectional identities (Sen. Jacob)
  - vi. SLP Dining Survey is LIVE! Scan the QR code to take it (Sen. Takilah)
- c. The Student Org Committee Chair
  - i. Hi everyone!
  - ii. Will be presenting 3 students orgs today for approval, this is our last presentation of the year :(
  - iii. We are going through the feedback we got from our tabling event and using that to leave the next student org committee with information and ideas!
  - iv. Had so much fun at the Padres game, thank you TPB!
  - v. Good luck to the Lakers tonight!!
  - vi. Thank you and I hope you all have a great weekend!
- d. The Student Life Committee Chair
  - i. Hope everyone is doing well
  - ii. Grocery Lyft Codes continue — had email correspondence with constituents over the weekend regarding use
  - iii. Working to support resolutions
  - iv. Finance Committee
  - v. Informal awards
- e. The Athletics Coordinator

- i. I attended the Welcome Event for the new head football coach Brandon Moore
- ii. I also have a meeting with him this afternoon to talk academics as well as nutrition!
- iii. Since we didn't get to do updates last week I wanted to thank everyone for going to the Senate baseball game it was so much fun!
- iv. Tonight is Top Gun night at the baseball game vs BYU and they are giving away muscle tees!!
- v. Games this week:
- vi. Tomorrow
- vii. WTEN @9
- viii. MTEN @11
- ix. Saturday
- x. BSB @1
- xi. SB @3 and 5
- xii. Sunday
- xiii. SB @1
- xiv. Tuesday
- xv. BSB @6
- f. The Health and Wellness Coordinator
  - i. Free Finals Recreation Classes
  - ii. Nourish to Flourish Events
- g. The Sustainability Coordinator
  - i. Updating the ASGBC sustainability guidelines
  - ii. Resolution

## 12. Reports from The ASG Executive Board

- a. President
  - i. Happy May! Today I am at SACBOT
  - ii. CONGRATS to Andres, the new incoming President!
  - iii. ASG Endowment Scholarship is closed! Awards will be sent out by next week.
  - iv. Focused on working on Sexual Education and Health Resolution
  - v. HUGE thank you to all the Senators who are working on this resolution. I look forward to hearing your feedback!
  - vi. First 1:1 with AVPSL Dr. Byron Howlett last week
  - vii. Attended thank you lunch with Charlotte Johnson last week
- b. Vice President
  - i. Attending Academic Board of Trustees today
  - ii. NYT subscription will no longer be funded through the VP budget
  - iii. - subscription renewal price moved from ~\$8000 to ~\$9000 for next year

- iv. - student usage does not justify this level of spending and there is no option for partial subscription
  - v. - faculty/admin have access to NYT and can provide access for required hw, assignments, essays etc
  - vi. Congratulations to the new senators and exec members :)
  - vii. Questions comments concerns → asgvicepresident@sandiego.edu
- c. Chief Justice
- i. Presenting TPB and ASGBC Bylaws edits
  - ii. I'll be chairing the incoming Speaker of the Selection interview/vote on Saturday
  - iii. Last Parking Re-appeals meeting of the semester next Wednesday
  - iv. Last official Judicial Branch meeting today:(
- d. TPB Chair
- i. At the time of writing this, I may or may not be there, I had an emergency surgery this past weekend 🦋🦋🦋
  - ii. Padres game was a success! Thanks to those who came out.
  - iii. Rooftop Cinema Club Showing of Everything Everywhere All At Once on May 8th at 6:40 PM @ Manchester Grand Hyatt San Diego
  - iv. Doors open at 6:00 PM
  - v. Buy tickets here! (if still available)
  - vi. Senior Salute on May 11th in Garden of the Sea from 6:00-8:30 PM
  - vii. Sign up here!
  - viii. FINAL TPB EVENT OF THE SEMESTER: Italian Ice & Sweatshirt Giveaway on May 10th from 12:00-1:30 PM in front of the UCs
- e. Finance Chair
- i. At BOT Finance Committee meeting today
  - ii. Congratulations to all of the selected and elected ASG members next year (including my successor and current proxy, Jordan!)
  - iii. ASG Finance Q4 / Fall 23 Meetings are in progress
  - iv. 23-24 ASGBC Funding Guide to be voted on the final ASGBC meeting next week
- f. PR Chair
- i. Happy May 4th Everyone!
  - ii. On campus Promotions:
  - iii. ASG Endowed Scholarship Application closed last night!
  - iv. Endowed Scholarship Committee!
  - v. Sweeten Up Your Mental Health (Finals Giveaway Tabling Event) May 16th from 12-2:30pm in front of Maher
  - vi. Giveaways will include:
  - vii. Finals Study Supplies
  - viii. Health and Wellness Shots

- ix. Sweet Treats
- x. Raffle Prizes
- g. Chief of Staff
  - i. Hello Everyone,
  - ii. Banquet continues!!!
  - iii. Accept or decline ASG Banquet Invite
  - iv. Send me pics of ASG moments for our slides at banquet
  - v. Latinx/Hispanic grad celebration volunteers needed!
- 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.*
  - a. Madeline is leaving :(
  - b. Jen: Party on Friday for Madeline from 3-5 in the courtyard
- 14. Adjournment
  - a. Student Org Committee Chair: Motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded. Motion passes. (2:03 pm)

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