



## Senate Minutes

Thursday, October 12th, 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, October 12th , 2023
  - a. Academics Committee Chair. Motion to approve the Agenda. Seconded. Motion passes.
5. Approval of the Minutes, October 5th, 2023
  - a. Senator Osasogie. 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. All 1:1's have been decided
  - b. Met with upcoming presenters and have a great slate upcoming, I will be releasing google docs for you all to write questions and ideas
  - c. Met with VP of Student Affairs Charlotte Johnson about student concerns with Auxiliary
  - d. When extending time just try and consider whether you all are ready for a motion or not
  - e. Working with PR Chair to prepare marketing materials for open senate positions along with Flyers for each of your constituencies to introduce you all in those specific areas
  - f. Please be on time to your advisor meetings
8. Reports from The Senate Leadership Team
  - a. Fill out the Senate Initiatives Sheet
  - b. Start brainstorming ways to use the Senate Initiatives Fund
  - c. Share your Google Calendars with Senate Lead Team, 1:1 meetings start soon
9. Reports from The Committee Chairs & Coordinators
  - a. The Academics Committee Chair
    - i. Research grant applications are open, please remember to inform your constituents

1. Applications close 11/3
  - ii. Academics Committee meeting on Friday @12:15, will have evening meetings beginning next week
  - iii. Any recommendations/concerns, please let me know so we can cover them in our meeting
  - iv. Working on planning a tabling event with other chairs/coordinators
  - v. Attended Finance Committee Meeting 8/10
- b. The IDEA Committee Chair
- i. IDEA had their first meeting on Monday
    1. Came up with action items to bring to our next meeting
      - a. Tabling for different constituent areas and for the general student body
      - b. Care packages for new immigrants being housed at a local church
      - c. HSI vs. HEI conversations with President Harris
    - ii. Attended Finance Committee meeting on Tuesday
    - iii. Attended TPB Latinx Event
- c. The Student Org Committee Chair
- i. Approved more orgs, we have more to approve
  - ii. Senator Jonathan will be presenting three new orgs today
  - iii. Athletics Committee and I met on the tabling event
- d. The Student Life Committee Chair
- i. Committee meeting tomorrow
  - ii. Attended Finance Committee on Tuesday
  - iii. Tabling event on October 18th
  - iv. Students have expressed interest in grocery Lyft codes
- e. The Athletics Coordinator
- i. I have submitted the Senate Initiative Request Form for the October 26th volleyball tabling event for food, drink, and giveaway
    1. I also spoke with the current LLC program director and they have agreed to make this an LLC wide competition
    2. They are currently talking to the head of the LLC professors about possible extra credit opportunities for attending the game
    3. I am emailing with Res Life about marketing as they are already in a sports participation competition between residence halls as well
  - ii. Home Games This Week
    1. Friday
      - a. Men's and Women's Tennis all day (Through Sunday)
      - b. Women's Swim @2

2. Sunday

- a. Softball @2

3. Wednesday

- a. Women's Soccer @7

f. The Health and Wellness Coordinator

- i. Active Minds first pizza mental health check-in and meeting on October 18th
- ii. Mental health screenings going on all month long via Student Wellness
- iii. Met with Claire Gosen and Dr. Woodruff about STD/STI testing funding
- iv. Working on getting more Narcan training with Clerk of the Senate
- v. Looking for two more people to help find equipment to put in the Wellness Building

g. The Sustainability Coordinator

- i. Donations for the pop up thrift by the Sustainability Club and Sustainability Office will be accepted until Oct.17th
  1. The event will be held outside of the UCs during dead hours on Oct. 19th!
  2. It's a great way to recycle your old Halloween costumes
  3. All proceeds from the event go to the Disabled American Veterans Organization
- ii. Sustainability Club is always looking for new members
  1. For more information, direct message their instagram @usdsustainabilityclub
  2. The sustainability club is an amazing resource for getting involved in events that promote a green campus
- h. Speaker Pro Tempore: I move to table the Reports from The ASG Executive Board until after the presentation by JC Rivas. Seconded. Motion passes.

10. New Business

- a. Presentation on the Building of Open Educational Resources at USD by the Associate Dean for Student Success and Diversity at Copley Library, Regina Gong (30 min)
  - i. Menti interactive activity
  - ii. Copley Library resources
    1. Booking study rooms
    2. Can check out more things than just books at Copley, can also check out calculators, chargers, whiteboard markers, etc.
  - iii. Copley Library Undergraduate Research Awards
    1. Established to recognize students' exceptional research papers using library resources and services

2. Usually awarded in the Spring
- iv. Textbook affordability
  1. BibliU e-textbook program funded by ASG
    - a. <https://libguides.sandiego.edu/BibliU>
  2. Library course reserves and e-reserves
  3. Open Educational Resources (OER)
    - a. Working on implementing this new program at USD soon
    - b. OERs allow everyone to legally download, remix, revise, and redistribute materials without the author losing their copyright; gives a blanket permission for anyone to reuse their material
    - c. Allows educators to tailor that particular resource to the needs of their students without having to pay
    - d. Many forms of OERs
      - i. open textbooks, full courses, modules, syllabi, lectures, homework assignments, quizzes, lab activities, games, simulations
- v. ASG and Copley Library Partnership
  1. Finals week
    - a. 2 weeks of 24/7 library access
    - b. ASG-funded self care/destress resources
  2. ASG provides funding for chargers, and other accessories for lending
  3. Student Success Workshops for ASG members
  4. ASG membership to the Copley Library Artwork Committee
    - a. Copley displays artwork created by students, faculty, and alumni that expresses the diversity of the student body
    - b. Seeking two members of ASG to join the Copley Library Artwork Committee
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- vi. Copley Library Events
  1. Successful Filipino-American History month event last Monday with the Filipino-San Diego Poet Laureate
  2. Hispanic Heritage Month event on Monday 10/16 @ 6 PM
- vii. Questions
  1. TPB Chair: What is the time commitment of the Copley Library Artwork Committee?
  2. Regina: The committee meets about once a semester

3. Senator Valentina: Are there coffee makers in Copley?
  4. Regina: No, but we are aware of the other libraries that have begun implementing cafes in their facilities.
- b. Approval Vote for New Student Organizations (10 min) by Senator Jonathon Martinez
- i. Kindred Art Collective
    1. Mission: To bring an enriching arts culture to USD
    2. Goals: To allow for students to showcase their work in a gallery setting space, as well as participating in art opportunities, and career learning. Students would learn how to use art in a meaningful way, by using proceeds received from student show or auction to be given to a charity of their choice.
  - ii. Torero Themed Entertainment
    1. Mission: To create an inclusive community where students are welcomed and supported in their individual interest and pursuit of the themed entertainment industry.
    2. Goals: To provide an environment where members thrive in their academic and professional development, appreciate the intersectionality of the themed entertainment industry, and are empowered to engage in opportunities that further individual growth and knowledge.
  - iii. The National Society of Collegiate Scholars
    1. Mission: To recognize and celebrate high achievement among first and second year students in all academic disciplines
    2. Goals: They want to encourage and promote high standards throughout the collegiate experience, by providing opportunities for personal growth and leadership development. They look to provide scholarships, such as the Merit Award, Scholar Abroad, Scholar at Sea, and Graduate to member(s) who apply and compete for these awards.
  - iv. Academics Committee Chair: I move to approve all of the new student organizations that were presented. Seconded. Motion passes.
- c. Presentation by JC Rivas on Engaging Changemaking on Campus (30 min)
- i. The Clerk of the Senate: I move to suspend Robert's Rules of Order during the presentation by JC Rivas. Seconded. Motion passes.
  - ii. Backpack lobster activity
    1. Senators are tasked with making a backpack out of given arts and crafts supplies with a partner or group in three minutes.
    2. Senators are told that the backpack is actually for a lobster and have three minutes to change their design.

3. Senators are told that the backpack is for a lobster going to space and have three minutes to change their design.
  4. Senators present their final products and explain their backpack designs.
- iii. Why did we do this activity?
    1. Senator Valentina: We made our design according to the materials and time limit we were given but we had to adapt it to fit the changes. That's similar to what changemakers do because they adapt, evolve, and work with what they've got.
    2. Parliamentarian: It made us think about somebody else's need from a different perspective.
    3. Senator Andrea: This activity involved teamwork because everyone had different ideas.
    4. IDEA Committee Chair: We have to adjust to a changing environment and adapt to the students' needs.
    5. Student Org Committee Chair: The lobster would face different challenges in the ocean vs. in space; correlates to how we must recognize the different challenges that our constituents may experience.
  - iv. Why do the lobster and space matter?
    1. JC: Social changemaking requires consideration of the people you are serving. Different senators represent different members of the student body, not everyone's needs and challenges are the same.
  - v. Human-Centered Design Approach
    1. A problem-solving method used by the Changemaker Hub that takes things step-by-step to try to find solutions that address potential challenges that we have in our society
      - a. Empathy, Define, Ideate, Prototype, Test
  - vi. Pair-Share Activity
    1. Tell the person next to you what has been the best question that anybody has asked you and why?
  - vii. Project-Framing Activity
    1. Senators are asked to brainstorm topics, issues, or specific initiatives that they have for this semester and commit to specific goals on a timeline for themselves.
  - viii. Clerk of the Senate: I move to reinstate Robert's Rules of Order. Seconded. Motion passes.
11. Reports from The ASG Executive Board
    - a. President
      - i. This week I met with the Changemaker Hub Committee meeting

and presented on ASG updates

- ii. I met with Claire Gosen from CHWP and the Health and Wellness Coordinator
    - 1. Trying to figure out how to best utilize the lyft codes
  - iii. Had a phone call meeting with President Harris to discuss several issues students are facing and touch on his visit to Senate coming up this month!
  - iv. Working with Exec this week to start working on the goals of this year and have critical conversations about student frustrations
  - v. San Diego Student Government summit happening in November
  - vi. Going to start reaching out to Marginalized Student Org Leaders for a meeting
- b. Vice President
- i. Had a meeting next with Andre Mallie to discuss accessibility to breakfast for Muslim students during Ramadan and there will be an interest survey going out to students about their choices in meals and things like that and a tabling event later on about it.
  - ii. Attended USD mobility and parking committee on Wednesday
- c. Chief Justice
- i. Attended and helped out at the TPB/FSL Block Party
  - ii. Served on a Grade Grievance Hearing on Wednesday
  - iii. Judicial Branch has finished amending the Judicial Branch Bylaws, will hopefully present them to Senate soon
  - iv. Following an official inquiry from President Andres the Judicial Branch will provide an interpretation on the ASG Constitution
- d. TPB Chair
- i. In the last week:
    - 1. TPBxFSL Block Party for Breast Cancer Awareness
    - 2. LatinX Heritage Month with MEChA, AChA, FAMA, and SHPE
  - ii. Save the date
    - 1. Big Blue Bash on Oct. 27th
    - 2. Homecoming Tailgate on Oct. 28th—popcorn, t-shirts, and photo booth
  - iii. In November...
    - 1. Off-campus event
    - 2. Friendsgiving Celebration
- e. Finance Chair
- i. Finance Committee met this last Tuesday to discuss Q1 Reports & Rollover Requests
  - ii. Reaching out to Center's with infractions & clarifying their Q1

reports

- iii. Will present at Senate next week about Quarter 1 reports
  - 1. \$110,435.34 remaining in the ASGBC Fund
- iv. Working with Exec to tackle Exec 2023-2024 goals
- v. Looking into updating purchasing sustainability guidelines
- f. PR Chair
  - i. Undergraduate Research Grants are posted on the ASG Instagram
    - 1. Follow the ASG Instagram and TikTok @usd\_asg if you don't already!
  - ii. Attending the Academic Calendar Calendar Committee next week 10/16
  - iii. Use the Marketing Request Form
- g. Chief of Staff
  - i. Attended Finance Committee
  - ii. October Bonding Event is next Friday October 20th
    - 1. October Bonding RSVP by TOMORROW Friday 13th at 8:00am
    - 2. Send the Assumptions of Risk and Liability Form

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. Student Org Committee Chair: Question for the Chief of Staff, where can we find the liability form for bonding?
- b. Chief of Staff: In the original email I sent as well as an email I will send out today.
- c. Shane Duffy: I'm the new assistant director of marketing for the Athletics Department, I will be working with Anisa. I know one of your goals is to increase school spirit, so if you have any ideas let me know.

13. Adjournment

- a. Student Org Committee Chair: Motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded. Motion passes. ( 2:15 pm)

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