



ASSOCIATED
STUDENT
GOVERNMENT
UNIVERSITY OF SAN DIEGO

Senate Minutes

Thursday, October 13th, 2022

12:15pm

University of San Diego

1. Call to Order 12:34pm
2. Land Acknowledgement (1 min)
3. Roll Call (3 min)
4. Approval of the Agenda, October 13th, 2022 (3 min)
 - a. Motion to approve the Agenda. Seconded. Motion passes.
 - b. Senator Devon: Motion to table discussion
 - c. Senator Maleeah: Clarification?
 - d. Speaker: The organization has requested more time to refine the presentation for the senators.
5. Approval of the Minutes, October 13th, 2022 (2 min)
 - a. Motion to approve minutes. Seconded. Motion passes.
6. Raising of Questions from Members of the Public (5 min)
 - a. No questions raised.
7. Report from Speaker of the Senate (5 min)
 - a. Have been working with the Chief of Staff and Student Life Committee Chair on creating research and questions for Andre Mallie and hope to meet with him soon!
 - b. Have also been coordinating with Exec and others on meeting with the Mobility and Parking Committee

- c. Big Priority for this coming week is scheduling interviews to fill the vacant seats in close companionship with the President, the Chief Justice, and the Chief of Staff as well as the Senate Lead Team
 - d. Re-emphasizing how proud the speaker is am with all senators and all the work they are doing.
 - e. How many senators like the printed Agendas? Show of hands.
 - i. Nine senators.
 - f. Any questions email asgspeaker@sandiego.edu.
8. Reports from The Senate Leadership Team (3 min)
- a. Met with Committee Chairs & Coordinators
 - b. Had 1:1's with Senators
 - c. With Halloween approaching, the Senate Lead Team would like to get into the *spirit* by holding a dress-up Senate on October 27th (wear your costumes).
 - d. In the meantime, please dress business casual to the Senate.
 - e. Students have access to Torrero Closet.
 - f. If you have not done so already, add your office hours to the ASG google calendar.
 - g. Collaborate with other senators during office hours!
 - h. Keep in mind that everyone must volunteer at a TPB event.
 - i. Email lgiovannelli@sandiego.edu if you are available to set up around two or clean up around 10 on Friday.
9. Reports from the Committee Chairs and Coordinators (14 min)
- a. Senator Bre'Arra
 - i. Don't forget to share and repost ASG related posts, circulation is important!
 - ii. Met with our new Committee Advisor Tess
 - iii. Met with SLT this week and further discussed the 3.5% Student Activity Fee
 - iv. Drafting new initiative about compiling speaker notes, slideshows, recordings, and contact info for all campus events

- v. Autumn & Academics Meet and Greet
- vi. Department of Art, Architecture, and Art History Majors has a \$250 grant for class materials (email: mattrich@sandiego.edu)
- vii. blong@sandiego.edu
- b. Senator Ayah
 - i. Doing a cultural appropriation campaign now that Halloween is around the corner!
 - ii. Hoping to start a 'Cookie for a Comment' event for the IDEA committee which is a way to get feedback and get constituents opinions during dead hours.
 - iii. Discussed our EBT initiative, whether that can be implemented in USD and if not, if we can have CalFresh Specialists to help students apply for benefits on campus.
 - iv. Have also discussed a potential food drive before thanksgiving, we were wondering if anyone would be interested in donating or helping to spread the word.
 - v. Any questions: aalfadhli@sandiego.edu
- c. Senator Jordan
 - i. Completed
 - 1. Met with The Haven Project, Hiking, Neuroscience, Psychology, and Ski & Snowboard Clubs (in the process of approving)
 - ii. Current
 - 1. Meeting with Cars, Motorcycles, & Off-Roaders, Tau Beta Pi (engineering honors society), and El Club de Español next Monday
 - 2. Meeting with Alana to review Student Org Committee by-laws & discuss Phi Delta Epsilon concern
 - iii. Future
 - 1. Publicize how to make a club
 - 2. Create list of staff members willing to be advisors
 - 3. Have the valley tram arrive before clubs in the JCP (i.e. Dance Club)
- d. Senator Arissa

- i. Working on on-campus pricing affordability with the Speaker and the Chief of Staff
- ii. Set up with CA's to talk about commuter issues and further foster a working relationship
 - 1. Will reach out to other Commuter Senators if they'd like to join
- iii. Working some of my office hours in the Commuter Lounge to help identify individuals who want to go for any of the 3 open Commuter Senator positions
- iv. SLC working on potential Lyft Code Initiatives
- v. 2 Upcoming opportunities: Assistant Vice President for Student Life Open Forums + Donuts with the Dean

California General Elections started on the 10th, I encourage everyone to exercise their right to vote and encourage their constituents to do the same thing!

([Ballotpedia](#) is a good resource to get informed - thanks to USDVotes!)

- e. Senator Anisa
 - i. Met with the advisor to SAAC to start building a relationship there
 - 1. Got in touch with the student leaders within SAAC and we will be setting up a meeting for next week
 - ii. In the beginning stages of creating a Student Athlete Resources Catalog to be in place until the resources presentations I would like to do later in the semester.
 - iii. Met with athletic leadership to start meeting people and making connections
 - iv. This week's Bull Pit Game: Homecoming Football Game!
 - 1. First 500 people get free rally towels and first 300 students get free Kona Ice
 - 2. Everyone spread the word about the Tailgate as well! The more attendance there, the more likely attendance at the game!
- f. Senator Chloe
 - i. October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month!
 - 1. October 19: Mental Health Check-ins 4:00-6:00 pm in UC Forums
 - a. Free 15 min Mental Health check in, burritos

- and snacks!
 - b. Next Thursday wear purple.
 - ii. Meeting with Director of Health Center to discuss availability and hours
 - iii. chloeholm@sandiego.edu
 - g. Senator Sean
 - i. Chicano Park update: huge success, 25 lyft codes were used, positive feedback.
 - ii. The 2022 Changemaker Challenge topic is addressing *food justice*.
 - iii. To compete and win cash prize, visit: <https://www.changemakerchallenge.me/>
 - iv. Inform your Constituents!
10. Reports from the ASG Executive Board (14 min)
- a. President Melissa
 - i. Will be late today after sitting in the AVPSL interview.
 - ii. Mental Health Awareness Month
 - 1. Counseling Center: (630)260-4655
 - 2. On-call counselor 24/7
 - iii. Indigenous People's Day 10/10
 - iv. Discussing reopening Lyft codes for Halloween weekend
 - v. HOMECOMING!
 - vi. Homecoming
 - 1. Arts & Culture Festival: Saturday, October 15
9:00-12:00
 - a. Founders/Camino Courtyard, Melissa will be performing!
 - 2. Melissa will also be opening for Loud Luxury
 - b. Vice President Connor
 - i. Exec/ASG goal: Reduce parking ticket prices/ allow payment plans for low income students. If any senators are interested in helping us with this, please email me!
 - ii. Are any senators interested in writing an initiative to get new usb-c chargers for Copley? They are down to just one working charger and need new ones (400\$)
 - iii. MEChA GBM at 7pm upstairs! (food, games, great people)
 - iv. Go see Queen Melissa open for Loud Luxury tomorrow!

- v. asgvicepresident@sandiego.edu
- c. Chief Justice Alana
 - i. Finished the Judicial Branch Application: will start promoting next week hopefully!
 - ii. Student Org Committee Bylaws: Meeting with the Student Org Chair to go over edits
 - iii. Reminders: Judicial Branch jurisdiction (taken from Bylaws):
 - 1. To adjudicate all cases involving violations of the provisions of the ASG Constitution and Bylaws, including the Performance Review Bylaws.
 - 2. To work in conjunction with the Office of Ethical Development and Restorative Practices to serve as the Student Organization Discipline Board for student organizations registered with ASG.
 - a. If there are any issues/concerns senators have with ASG members, or Student Organizations please email me to submit a formal complaint: asgchiefjustice@sandiego.edu
- d. TPB Chair Kobe
 - i. LatinX Event went super well. Shoutout to AChA & MEChA for an awesome collaboration.
 - ii. Homecoming Concert is tomorrow on Paseo de Colachis!
 - 1. Doors are now opening at 7:30 PM instead of 6:30 PM
 - 2. Our own Melissa Tumlos will be the student opener!
 - 3. TPB does need help with set-up and clean up; Alondra Gonzalez and Lily from TPB sent out emails to senators who signed up
 - iii. Homecoming Tailgate starts at 11:00 AM in the Vistas Parking Lot
 - 1. Come enter a drawing to win a spirit pack (includes shirt, stuffed animal, lanyard, and foam finger)
- e. Finance Chair Ashley
 - i. Preparing for Student Activity Fee Vote
 - ii. ASGBC weekly meeting on Tuesday
 - iii. Updating ASGBC Bylaws
 - iv. Preparing for Q1 Finance Committee meetings starting

next week

- f. PR Chair Kayley
 - i. 2nd Marketing Meeting on Wednesday...here's some things we're working on:
 - 1. More ways to promote Senate
 - 2. Events for Friendsgiving and Winter holidays
 - 3. Posting content for the Love Linda Vista Farmers Market...if you end going send us your photos/videos!
 - ii. Reminders:
 - 1. Group photo and headshots after Senate
 - a. No longer doing that today due to leaky roof.
 - 2. For any formal marketing requests please fill out this [Google Form](#)
 - 3. if you hear of other organizations who would like more formal marketing materials please share it with them
 - iii. Please repost ASG & TPB content on your Instagrams
 - iv. Word of mouth marketing is often the best way to get the word out
 - v. Contact: asgpublicrelations@sandiego.edu
- g. Chief of Staff Amaya
 - i. Please continue submitting your office hours log, I will be checking this week and reaching out if I do not see them in there. These are due **SUNDAY NIGHTS!!!**
 - 1. 8 haven't done one at all, 9 missing one, and 4 stars
 - ii. Update for this week:
 - 1. Working alongside Speaker of the Senate, Andres Fernandez Perez, and the Student Life Committee Chair, Arissa Lelevier, on researching resources we have for a meeting with Andre Mallie
 - 2. Organizational, would like some helpers if anyone would like to help with this please reach out to me or come talk to me after senate

11. New Business

- a. Discussion and Vote on the USD Student Activity Fee (30 min)
 - i. Option to Pause the Increase of the Student Activity Fee for the 23-24 Year
 - ii. This is applicable to all USD undergraduate students. ASG Senate has the ability to pause the automatic (~3.5%)

increase of the Student Activity Fee for the next school year You have the option to pause the set ~3.5% increase of the fee

- iii. The 3.5% number comes from the projected increase in tuition for next year. The exact amount that it would be raised is the same percentage as next year's tuition increase
- iv. Background The current student activity fee is \$125 per Fall and Spring semester* This would bring the fee from \$125 to about \$129.35 (per semester) *this is for full time students.
 1. Part time students pay less
- v. What the Student Activity Fee Supports:
 1. TPB Exec Food Pantry, ASGBC Senate, Judicial Branch, Operations, Creative Zone, ASG, BSRC, Changemaker Hub, CHWP Community, and Leadership Development (CLD), Fraternity & Sorority Life (FSL), LGBTQ+ & Allies Commons MCCASA Centers, McNair Scholars, Outdoor Adventures, Student Activities & Involvement (SAI), Student Support Services (SSS), Sports Clubs, UFMC, Veterans Center, Women's Commons, Centers Continued
- vi. What the activity fee funds:
 1. Underrepresented, under supported students on campus All undergraduate organizations / clubs
- vii. How much things cost:
 1. ~14.4% increase in inflation since the fee was last increased in fall 2019 for the 20-21 school year

2. Meaning, overall, something that use to cost \$1.00 in 2020 would cost \$1.14 in 2022
 3. There was no tuition increase for the 21-22 school year and the activity fee increase was paused last year
 4. Last Spring, we had budget cuts due to a reduced budget This was the case even though we still have rollover from the COVID-remote era
- viii. Who pays for the activity fee - every undergraduate student, including future students Based of the revenue for this year ~\$1,387,500.00, an additional \$48,562.50 would be raised next year
- ix. Things to Consider:
1. I recommend that Senate votes to not pause the student activity fee increase for next year.
- x. Recap: Pause the automatic fee increase (about 3.5%) for next year or do not pause it. Your Options Currently Full-time (12-18 units) \$125; Part-time (7-11.5 units) \$45; (3-6.5 units) \$10 Potentially Full-time (12-18 units) \$129.38; Part-time (7-11.5 units) \$46.58; (3-6.5 units) \$10.35 By the Numbers Vote to not pause the automatic increase of the student activity fee My Recommendation
- b. Question and Answer:
- i. Senator Gunner: If we vote to pause the activity where would the money go? Is it included in the tuition?
 - ii. A: It is not included in tuition, the tuition number will increase.
 - iii. Senator Ayah: Will this affect the amount of money for the food pantry?

- iv. A: the percentage will most likely be the same.
- v. Senator Sean: What were the budget cuts like last spring.
- vi. TPB Chair: Every organization across the board faced cuts
- vii. Senator Ayah: If we are looking to improve the food pantry, would the pause affect that?
- viii. A: Yes, because the food pantry is funded by our pool of money.
- ix. Jen: Senators have the ability to fund things they find important, many clubs request this money. The pause would simply mean there is less of a budget to spread out. We cannot over allocate and clubs are asking for more money because of inflation, therefore this money would give more of an opportunity to fund initiatives.
- x. Senator Sean: The recommendation is to not pause the fee, can we change the amount the fee increases?
- xi. A: no it is 3.5%
- xii. Senator Josh: This four dollar increase is to the benefit of our student body
- xiii. Speaker: Communicate with the student body on what this fee means as well as what it does
- xiv. Clerk: It is important to keep in mind that this money goes back to the students to improve their experience and it's only approximately a four dollar increase.
- xv. Senator Isabella: Did the Senate use all of the money last year?
- xvi. A: All of the money was allocated, but not all of it is spent, the finance committee does their best to estimate the needed funds, and although there was access money last it was mostly due to roll over funds from covid.

- xvii. Senator Devon: As a member of the budgeting committee, despite financial hardships, hopefully the four dollar increase would not break the bank for students, it is difficult to allocate funds and having the money increase due to inflation would be extremely beneficial to student organizations. The pause on the fee from last year
- xxviii. Clerk: Has anyone who reached out to their constituents heard of a strong objection to the increase?
- xix. Senator Jolie: Many students are against the activity fee increase
- xx. Senator Arissa: tuition is raised independently, therefore we are simply trying to catch up with inflation, and the increase in money is scary, but we cannot control the increase of inflation and only control the positive 4-5 dollar effect.
- xxi. Senator ayah: Reminder the fee is to help underrepresented students on campus, with an increase we could help groups like the food pantry and food insecurity.
- xxii. Senator Sean: Can we see the results?
- xxiii. Senator Devon: Can I yield time to a particular member of the public?
- xxiv. Speaker: Yes
- xxv. Senator Devon: Yields time to members of the public.
- xxvi. Member of the Public: If students are receiving financial aid are they still paying the increase in the fee?
- xxvii. Manda: If they are a full time student there will be an increase
- xxviii. Point of order: time expired

- xxix. Motion to extend time. Seconded. Motion passes.
 - xxx. Recess for 5 minutes (1:34)
 - xxxi. Recess ended (1:39)
 - xxxii. Senator Arissa: Motion to amend the motion on the floor to increase the student activity fee in accordance with tuition. Seconded. Motion passes.
 - xxxiii. Moves to call the questions. Move to call is affirmed.
 - xxxiv. To allow the increase of the student activity fee in accordance with tuition. Seconded. Motion passes.
 - xxxv. Speaker: The activity fee will not be paused.
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.* (10 min)
- a. Copley Library representative: ASG purchased accessories for students in order to charge. Undergraduate Use only, Connor suggested allowing \$400 dollars to replace these accessories.
 - i. Informs senate of upcoming film followed by a panel discussion on October 26th
 - b. Speaker: Can someone from the academic committee make a request to cover that form.
 - c. Senator Cici: Will discuss funding with the academic committee chair.
 - d. Senator Dana: Motion to adjourn meeting. Seconded. Motion passes. (1:46).
13. Adjournment (1 min)
- a. Senate adjourned ()

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