



Senate Minutes

Thursday, October 19th, 2023

12:15pm

The Senate Chamber, Solomon Hall, University of San Diego

1. Call to Order
2. Land Acknowledgement (1 min)
3. Roll Call (3 min)
4. Approval of the Agenda, October 19th, 2023 (3 min)
 - a. Athletics Coordinator. Motion to approve the Agenda for October 19th, 2023. Seconded. Motion passes.
5. Approval of the Minutes, October 12th, 2023 (2 min)
 - a. Senator Isabella. Motion to approve the Minutes. Seconded. Motion passes.
6. Report from The Speaker of the Senate (5 min)
 - a. Applications for open seats are about to open up, encourage your constituents to apply
 - b. President Harris is coming to senate next week so please fill out that Google Document
 - c. Make sure to find a proxy and let us know 24 hours in advance if you cannot make senate
 - d. Please use your office hours to get your ASG work done and meet with your constituencies
 - e. If you want any person or topic to be brought to senate please let me know
 - f. Will be working with the ASG President Andres to work on price points on campus
7. Reports from The Senate Leadership Team (3 min)
 - a. 1:1's began this week
 - b. Fill out the Senate Initiatives Sheet and keep it updated
 - c. Senate Initiatives Funding Requests
 - i. Congratulations to Senator Ava and the Student Life Committee and the Athletics Coordinator on having the first approved Senate Initiative Funding requests
 1. Student Life Committee Grocery Lyft Codes
 2. Athletics Coordinator's tabling event at the volleyball game on 10/26
 - ii. Be sure to inform your constituents of these upcoming resources

and events

- iii. More requests will be reviewed during our next meeting
- iv. Submit a detailed cost breakdown in the description of your request
- d. Familiarize yourselves with the ASG Google Drive, important documents and forms are located here
- e. Do your part in keeping the ASG offices clean

8. New Business

a. Approval Vote for New Student Organizations by Senator Jonathan (5 min)

i. Re-Registering Clubs

- 1. Kappa Alpha Theta
- 2. Phi Gamma Delta (FIJI)
- 3. The Alcala Review
- 4. Pee in Peace
- 5. Phi Delta Epsilon
- 6. Society for Integrated Engineering
- 7. Jewish Student Union
- 8. Real Estate Society
- 9. Italian Culture and Language Organization

ii. New Student Organizations

1. Music Student Leadership Group

- a. Mission: To represent the interests of the Music Department students through event planning and curricular advisory
- b. Goals: To create a better community among the music community and a larger community beyond the major and minor Music students

2. Loops of Love Crochet Club

- a. Mission: Through crochet, they hope to create a strong community, uplift those in need, and embark on a journey of skill enhancement and lifelong learning
- b. Goals: A philanthropy and community outreach focus where they create handmade comforting items to those within our community and broader communities. They also want to provide workshops, tutorials, and other resources to help members enhance their crochet skills

3. The USD Playhouse

- a. Mission: To provide a space for anyone who enjoys theater
- b. Goals: To expand performance opportunities on campus, viewing plays, and other gathering

opportunities to enhance their community and provide a space

4. USD Social Run Club

- a. Mission: To bring together students from all levels of running
- b. Goal: To provide a welcoming community through group runs and volunteering opportunities and to provide helpful information on proper training and safety

- iii. President: I wanted to ask about the USD Social Run Club, a constituent has expressed concerns about the similarities between the USD Social Run Club and the Cross Country Club's mission statements. According to the Student Organization handbook, if the mission of a club is too similar or overlaps with another club's mission, then they cannot be approved as a student organization. This constituent argues that the Cross Country Club tries to make their organization as open and social as possible, indicating a large overlap between the Cross Country Club and the USD Social Run Club.
- iv. Senator Jonathan: We discussed this issue with the Social Run Club and they say that they are different from the Cross Country Club because they aim to be less competitive and focus on welcoming runners from all levels of experience, especially beginners.
- v. President: My concern is that if the Cross Country Club in their document says that their organization is open to runners of all levels for running and socialization, then their mission statement is not taken into account when considering the Social Run Club's establishment as a student organization. It is hard to determine whether a club is competitive or not just because they are a sports club; when the constitution of that sports club states that they are open to all runners and recreational as well as competitive, that's where it becomes difficult to determine whether or not this new club is encroaching on their same mission.
- vi. Speaker Pro Tempore: Point of information, do you have the Cross Country Club's mission statement?
- vii. Parliamentarian: Point of order, the time allotted for this agenda item has elapsed.
 1. IDEA Committee Chair: I move to extend the allotted time for 7 minutes. Seconded. Motion passes.
- viii. President: Responding to the Speaker Pro Tempore's question, the Cross Country Club's constitution states that the purpose of their

organization is to promote health and fitness within the USD community, provide a collaborative environment to encourage socialization, and improve personal running goals. To me, that sounds very similar to the USD Social Run Club's mission statement.

- ix. Student Orgs Chair: We felt that our constituents and the other members of the Student Orgs Committee were very expressive on how they felt the Cross Country Club and USD Social Run Club differ. The Cross Country Club focuses especially on bettering your running goals, whereas the USD Social Run Club is more voluntary and more for social purposes without the pressures of competition. USD Social Run Club wants to invite runners of all levels and constituents have expressed that the Cross Country Club is too competitive for them. That's why we decided it was a good idea to approve this club as an organization on campus.
- x. Senator Sean: The Cross Country Club is open to everyone and welcoming, but they are specifically a sports club, which is a different type of student organization. Club Cross Country has a coach and participates in competitive meets on the weekends, which is very different from the objectives of the USD Social Run Club's purpose. I think this USD Social Run Club makes a very good case arguing that they are a completely different entity from the Cross Country Club. Just because the Cross Country Club allows runners of all skill levels to join, does not mean they are not competitive and intense.
- xi. Senator Jonathan: The Cross Country Club is a club sport and has uniforms and merchandising. At the end of the day, they are more competitive, the USD Social Run Club's purpose is to be more recreational and provide fun opportunities to students that are interested in running and joining a new community or group that they feel comfortable in.
- xii. Senator Osa: It is important to recognize the different kinds of people that the two clubs are attracting. USD has a Cross Country Team, but a lot of the people joining the Cross Country Club may be highly experienced runners from high school that completely change the environment for a member that has never ran before.
- xiii. Senator Jordan: It does not hurt anyone to have an additional club that is at more of an introductory level for runners.
- xiv. Senator Jordan: I move to approve all new and returning clubs presented today. Seconded.
 1. Senator Isabella: Point of Information, if we are a member of one of the re-registering clubs, do we have to abstain from voting?

- a. Speaker: You only have to abstain from voting if you are a member of one of the new clubs, but not if you are a member of a returning club.
 2. President: I am trying to advocate for the president of the Cross Country Club, he says that they do not make cuts to the team and members make their experience as competitive as they want it to be. The cross country meets are optional, not required, and he expresses that they are not as competitive as most people think they are. A club that is too similar to theirs would damage their efforts towards outreach and inclusivity.
 3. Parliamentarian: Point of order, the allotted time for this agenda item has elapsed.
 - a. Senator Sean: I move to extend the allotted time by 5 minutes. Seconded. Motion passes.
 4. Speaker Pro Tempore: There is a fee when you join the Cross Country Club, is there a fee for joining the USD Social Run Club?
 - a. Senator Jonathan: There is no fee to join the USD Social Run Club.
 5. IDEA Committee Chair: It is fair to bring up the concerns of the constituent; however, it seems to be the concerns of just the one student. Maybe there is a way to connect the two clubs in a way so that they do not interfere with one another?
 6. Senator Valentina: It seems like it will be difficult to connect these two clubs; the Cross Country Club has a maximum capacity on their time as well as the membership fee, so although these clubs may sound similar, they are very different from each other.
 7. Student Life: Point of information, do we need to make another motion since the time allotted ran out?
 - a. Speaker: No.
 8. Senator Jameson: The USD Social Run Club heavily emphasized the fact that members who could not run can choose to walk. This is unlike the Cross Country Club that encourages members to improve their running skills.
 9. IDEA Committee Chair: I move to call the question. Seconded. Motion passes.
- xv. Motion to approve all new and returning student organizations passes.
- xvi. President: I claim Presidential Privilege and veto the decision of the Senate.

xvii. IDEA Committee Chair: I move to override the President's veto.

Seconded.

1. President: In my veto, I hope I did not communicate that I do not wish that this organization to not exist. I just want to abide by the rules laid out in the Student Handbook where it says the organization does not duplicate another student organization's and has minimal overlap with the mission and goals of other student organizations offered services on campus. With the Cross Country Club's detailed purpose in their constitution, I feel that it is not right for us to assume what it is like. Approving a club with an overlapping mission statement would violate the Student Organization Handbook.
2. Senator Jonathan: There are parallels between these two organizations; however, one is a club sport while the other is a social club.
3. Senator Osa: Point of information, where is the ASG President reading that bylaw from?
4. President: I am reading directly from the Fall '23, Spring '24 Student Orgs Handbook posted on the Student Activities and Involvement website on page 627
5. Finance Chair: Approving the USD Social Run Club will violate the bylaws of the Student Orgs Handbook, so maybe we could suggest that their organization changes their mission?
6. Manda: We have about 180 student organizations on campus and sometimes they do overlap. It is at the discretion of all of you to decide whether that overlap is significant enough to prevent the two similar organizations from existing.
7. Athletics Coordinator: Cross country is not the only sport that involves running.
8. IDEA Committee Chair: I move to call the question.
Seconded. Motion passes.

xviii. Motion to override the President's veto passes.

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

Tribal Liaison, Sahmie Wytewa (30 min)

- i. Centering Identity and Systems of Support
 1. Building capacity for the recruitment, retention, and success of Native-Indigenous students
- ii. Acknowledging Kumeyaay Ancestral Lands
 1. Moving beyond land acknowledgements
 - a. Be intentional, engage in active learning

- b. Spend time in community for perspective and relationship building
 - c. Cultivate restorative practices, returning to cultural ways of living in reciprocity with the land
 - 2. We all have a shared responsibility as stewards of the land to acknowledge the Kumeyaay Ancestral Lands
 - iii. Reciprocity
 - 1. Identity and systems of support
 - 2. Rooted in inclusivity and equity
 - 3. Humility and perseverance
 - 4. What you put into the universe, in thought, intention, commitment, and with purpose, it will return.
 - a. We represent communities that do not have a voice historically.
 - iv. Centering Healing
 - 1. Change the name and narrative
 - a. Truth, healing, and reconciliation
 - i. Native and Indigenous thought is that you can never reconcile the trauma and harm that was done to Native and Indigenous Peoples
 - ii. We can come from a place of healing to change the name and the narrative
 - b. You all have opportunities to meet with important administrators and faculty that other students may not ever have, use these opportunities to represent students without a voice
 - 2. Take a look at holidays, place names, and ways language is harmful and reinforces false narratives
 - a. Places with “mission” in their names, USD’s architecture is modeled after a mission, these are reminders of the harm and history experienced by Native and Indigenous Peoples
 - b. How can we be a part of changing this?
 - i. Make respectful and productive suggestions about ways to move forward
 - ii. Learn the original names and try to utilize them whenever possible
 - v. On the Horizon
 - 1. Programming for Native-Indigenous Students
 - a. Student survey
 - b. Native American Heritage Month

- i. Sunrise Hike with the President and Office of the Tribal Liaison
 - ii. Kumeyaay History Day, potentially on November 3rd
 - 1. Morning walk
 - 2. Breakfast reception
 - 3. Potentially inviting other college campuses
 - iii. Guest speaking at a Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women's class on November 6th
 - iv. Art is our Culture and Community Event
 - 1. Soliciting artwork from artists of all levels for submission to display at the event
 - v. Storytelling on November 9th
 - 1. Theme: Power, Privilege, and Politics of Decolonizing Education
 - vi. "Humble Me and Grant Me Grace" Event tonight
 - c. Literature
 - i. Partnership with Copley Library in creating a book club that emphasizes Native-Indigenous identifying literature and authors
 - ii. Undergraduate Research Center
 - 1. Our ideas of research do not always align with Western-Colonial frameworks
 - d. Community Partners and Collaborative Opportunities
- vi. Partnering for Success for Native-Indigenous Students
 - 1. Financial Aid
 - 2. Health/Benefits
 - 3. Community Space
 - 4. Collective Responsibility
 - 5. Developing and Fundraising
- vii. Parliamentarian: Point of order the time allotted for this agenda item.
 - 1. Clerk of the Senate: I move to extend the allotted time by 15 minutes. Seconded. Motion passes.
- viii. Promising Practice of Nation Building
 - 1. Social-Community Capital
 - a. Collective responsibility to do the best that we can for our community

- b. College Corps
 - c. Kumeyaay Community College
 - d. American Indian Health Center
 - e. Nurturing a Culture of Collaboration
- c. Approval Vote for Quarter 1 Reports and Reallocations by the Finance Chair (15 min)
- i. Finance Committee Overview
 - 1. Roles and Responsibilities
 - a. Associated Student Government committee responsible for the allocation of the USD student activity fee
 - b. Allocate funds, Review spending, be a good steward of the student activity fee
 - 2. How funds are allocated
 - a. ASG, TPB, and the Centers submit quarterly budget requests
 - b. Finance Committee reviews the requests and allocates funds
 - c. Senate reviews the Finance Committee allocations and votes to approve the budget
 - 3. Members of the Finance Committee
 - a. Voting
 - i. ASG President, ASG Vice President, ASG Speaker of the Senate, TPB Chair, Four Senate Committee Chairs
 - b. Non-Voting
 - i. Chief of Staff
 - ii. Finance Chair
 - iii. Advisor Jen Lee Aller
 - ii. Quarter 1 Reports and Additional Allocations
 - 1. CLD: Continue to use BIPOC Vendor
 - 2. Mulvaney Center: Continue to use BIPOC Vendor
 - 3. UFMC: Remind not to go over general budget
 - 4. Women's Commons: Glow Stick Night
 - a. Request funds to be returned back to ASG for glow sticks
 - 5. Student Support Services: Finance Committee decided to table and have SSS redo their budget and explain their calculations; came back to Finance Committee and we approved Q1 reports
 - 6. ASG OPS: Continue to follow our own guidelines

7. Student Activity and Involvement: Alcalá Bazaar
 - a. \$250 - Request funds to be returned back to ASG for spider box
- iii. Excess/Rollover from Spring 2023: \$57,354.95
 1. Funds reverted back to ASG
 - a. BSRC: \$2,325.00
 - b. LGBTQ+: \$566.64
 - c. ASG OPS: \$5,519.77
 - d. ASG President: \$15,662.22
 - e. Total: \$24,073.63
 2. Finance Committee reverting funds towards rollover
 - a. ASG Chief Justice & Parliamentary Work Service Awards: \$3,900
 - b. Total: \$3,900
 3. Total Rollover for Q1: \$81,428.58
- iv. Additional Allocations Made (including ASG Ops)
 1. President: President Discretionary Fund - \$1,000
 2. Vice President: Food for Academic Grant Committee - \$540
 3. Speaker of the Senate: Students in Need Fund - \$5,000
 4. PR Chair: Marketing Materials - \$2,000, Promotional Giveaways - \$1,000
 5. TPB Chair: Events - \$25,000
 6. Chief Justice: Judicial Tabling Event - \$410
 7. Chief of Staff: Holiday Banquet - \$500, ASG Office Updates - \$8,000
 8. Finance Chair: Get Involved Fund - \$2,000, ASGBC - \$20,000, Centers' Discretionary Fund - \$1,500
 9. ASG Ops: ASG Professional Staff - Executive Assistant - \$7,500, ASG Professional Staff - Director's Laptop - \$700
 10. Total: \$75,150.00
- v. Sustainability Coordinator: I move to approve the Quarter 1 Reports and Reallocations. Seconded. Motion passes.
- d. IDEA Committee Chair Addressing the Israeli-Hamas Conflict and Offerings of Support on Campus (15 min)
 - i. The email regarding the Israeli-Hamas Conflict statement was reviewed by members of the ASG Executive Board and myself, the IDEA Chair. It may have seemed as though we were delayed in publicizing a statement. However, as representatives of the entire student body we wanted to create something that would emphasize this representation.
 - ii. We did not want to put out a one-sided or uneducated statement as

we understand the depth and intense historical, geopolitical context involved with the current events.

- iii. Alongside having an understanding that there is a vast spectrum of identities in the student body and perspectives that those of us not directly affected may not understand.
- iv. Please continue to educate yourselves on the topic. Although it is not your duty to educate others it is your duty to help guide and support education of such important current topics as members of the Associated Student Government. We do not condone hate and will have zero tolerance of it.
- v. Please take care of yourselves and some helpful mental health resources were posted alongside this email. I will be sending links to helpful resources that will best guide a reliable understanding.
 1. I will be sending out educational resources soon that can be shared with your constituents

9. Reports from The Committee Chairs & Coordinators (14 min)

a. The Academics Committee Chair

- i. Representing VP Dana at Faculty/University Senate today
- ii. Academics Committee met last night
- iii. Started assigning initiative research to each committee member and explained resources available to them in our ASG folder
- iv. Set committee goals/standards for the year

b. The IDEA Committee Chair

- i. Committee met on Monday and discussed updates and actionable items toward everyone's goals regarding initiative requests and planning
 1. Valley Senators are distributing flyers for their tabling event
- ii. Sent out a marketing request for a Cultural Appropriation post regarding Halloween costumes for the entire student body
- iii. Statement in New Business

c. The Student Org Committee Chair

- i. Approved more organizations, we have more to approve
- ii. Senator Jonathan will be presenting re-registered and new organizations today
- iii. Started discussion on ideas for our mixer and initiatives

d. The Student Life Committee Chair

- i. First committee meeting last Friday
- ii. Working on a variety of initiatives
 1. Grocery lyft codes, water and security in the valley, and more
- iii. Focus areas include: marketing ASG and resources on campus, mental health check in's and suicide prevention, accessibility on

campus, being proud to be a Torero, Linda Vista community engagement

- e. The Athletics Coordinator
 - i. Attended my first committee chairs and coordinators meeting
 - ii. Emailed Tim Novara to discuss the use of Olé points
 - iii. Met with my advisor and we are moving forward on creating a student lounge area in Torero Stadium
 - iv. Pizza at the JCP tabling event on Thursday October 26th at 7pm before Volleyball vs LMU
 - 1. Athletics is trying to break the attendance record since COVID
 - v. Pink out games on Saturday for Volleyball (@12) and Football (@2)
 - 1. PHC will be selling t-shirts (first 20 free) and all proceeds go to Helen Knoll foundation
- f. The Health and Wellness Coordinator
 - i. STI/STD testing is now live in the Student Health Center
 - ii. Mental Health Check-ins going on
 - iii. Meeting with Claire Gosen to discuss more Narcan training on campus next week
 - iv. Still need a few more people to help brainstorm equipment for the new Wellness Center
 - v. Meeting with Sarah Diamond to discuss more resources for survivors of sexual assault
- g. The Sustainability Coordinator
 - i. Thank you to anyone who donated clothes for the Pop Up Thrift
 - ii. Food Waste and Composting tabling by the Office of Sustainability on 11/16 and 11/21
 - 1. Goal is to spread the word about the benefits of composting and providing composting bags for students
 - iii. Mark your calendars for December 7th for the Sustainability Holiday Fair
 - 1. Goal of this event is to promote actionable giving this holiday season!
 - 2. If you are interested in helping at all or have any suggestions please let me know

10. Reports from The ASG Executive Board (14 min)

- a. President
 - i. I met with the University General Legal Counsel on Monday with the PR Chair
 - ii. I also met with FSL on wednesday to discuss how best to implement and represent FSL and ASG together and collaborate on student

needs

- iii. Today I attended the Strategic Planning Committee of the University and if any of you have any thoughts that you would like me to share with them please do not hesitate to let me know.
 - iv. Tomorrow, I will be meeting with AVP Dr. Byron Howlett to discuss several issues.
- b. Vice President
- i. Currently at Core Curriculum Committee
 - ii. Research Grant applications are open until November 3rd
 - iii. Thank you to Academics Chair Jolie for going to University Senate in my place
- c. Chief Justice
- i. Attended a Grade Grievance Committee Meeting yesterday
 - ii. Judicial Branch has started to look at the Constitution regarding some interpretations and possible amendments
 - iii. Had 2 Parking Re-appeal Meetings this week
 - iv. Started to work with PR Chair Morgan and Speaker Gunner about filling the few vacant positions open in Senate
- d. TPB Chair
- i. The Big Blue Bash is next Friday
 1. Headliner announcement soon
 2. Paseo de Colachis
 3. Doors open @ 6:30 PM
 - ii. Homecoming Tailgate
 1. Saturday, Oct. 28th
 2. Alcalá Vista Parking Lot
 3. 12:00-2:00 PM
- e. Finance Chair
- i. Have a full ASGBC Committee
 - ii. Continuously sending out decisions on Get Involved Fund and Center's Discretionary Fund
 - iii. Meeting with Athletic Director next week
 - iv. Q1 Reports & Additional Allocations
 1. Will follow up to Center's about Q1 Budget Report
- f. PR Chair
- i. Working on filling the vacant Senate seats with Chief Justice, John and Speaker of the Senate, Gunner
 - ii. Had my first Marketing Committee meeting
 1. Get to Know the ASG Team Intro Google Form will be sent out soon!
 - iii. Reminder: Send in your marketing request before putting up flyers

on campus

- iv. Team apparel this year is polos
- v. Marketing Request Form is available
- g. Chief of Staff
 - i. ASG October Bonding is this Friday 10/20
 - 1. Carpool meet at 5:15pm
 - ii. President and I met with Fraternity Sorority Life
 - iii. Working on updating the office
- 11. 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. Athletics Coordinator: The Women's Commons is seeking nominations of undergraduate students for the 2023 Gender Equity Awards
 - b. Athletics Coordinator: I was unhappy that the statement regarding the Israeli-Hamas conflict was not shared with Senators prior to sending it out to the student body, I was disappointed to find out about the statement at the same time as the rest of the students.
 - c. Shane: Diego Torero auditions are tonight. We are doing a competition between the residence halls for best attendance in October. The residence hall with the best game attendance wins a pizza and movie night on Fowler Field
 - d. Vice President: In response to the Athletics Coordinator, choosing not to consult the senators about the statement we released was an oversight on our part and we apologize for that and we hope to do better in the future.
- 12. Adjournment (1 min)
 - a. Clerk of the Senate: Motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded. Motion passes. (2:09 pm)

The public is invited and encouraged to attend and participate in all Associated Student Government Senate Meetings. All meetings are open to the public and participation in discussion is welcome during Final Business and Hearing of the Public.

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