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Senate Minutes

Thursday, October 7th, 2021  
12:15pm  
University of San Diego

1. Call to Order 12:34pm
2. Land Acknowledgement (2 min)
3. Roll Call (3 min)
4. Approval of the Agenda, October 7th, 2021 (2 min)
  - a. Motion to add the student activity fee discussion
  - b. Agenda motion passed and seconded
  - c. Agenda approved
5. Approval of the Minutes, September 30th, 2021 (2 min)
  - a. Motion to approve.
  - b. Motion seconded.
  - c. Motion passed
6. Report from Speaker of the Senate (5 min)
  - a. Has group interviews set up early next week for potential Senator appointments
  - b. Attended a gathering with President Harris, VPs, and other student leaders on Tuesday
  - c. Justice, Ari, and Sean met with a student who shared their troubling experience regarding core curriculum requirements.
7. Reports from Committee Chairs and Coordinators (18 min)
  - a. Academics Committee - Valentina Rodriguez
    - i. First Academics Committee last Tuesday
      1. Set goals and Intentions for this month and semester
      2. Brainstormed initiatives and student concerns
      3. Set Committee Expectations
    - ii. Met with my advisor Jelitsa Fonseca on Monday
      1. Set SMART goals
      2. Reviewed USD Grant Bylaws
    - iii. Meeting next Monday to talk about USD Academic Grants with Madeline, Jelista and Ari
    - iv. Office hours: MON/WED 3:00pm-5:00pm



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- b. Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Accessibility Committee - Siri Dandu
  - i. First Committee Meeting this Friday at 4pm
  - ii. Set expectations, SMART goals and intention setting
  - iii. Met my advisor for my weekly meeting
  - iv. Remaining Office Hours for this week:
  - v. Friday: 11:00am-1:00pm - Outside the SLP
  - vi. Upcoming events: First Gen-Students and UFMC October Events
- c. Student Orgs Committee Chair - Ceci Barron
  - i. Student Org Committee is meeting after Senate
  - ii. New clubs that are coming to present
  - iii. In the process of setting up meeting with the Judicial Branch to edit the Student Org bylaws
- d. Student Life Committee Chair - Lauren Fettes
  - i. First Committee Meeting today.
    - 1. Goal & intention setting for the year
  - ii. Grocery / Food trams
  - iii. Tram efficiency
  - iv. Campus-wide community building
- e. Health and Wellness Coordinator - Jake Dredge
  - i. The Student Health Center is hosting Flu Vaccine Clinics on the following dates:
    - 1. October 11th, 18th, 19th 10am-12:00pm at Colachis Plaza
  - ii. USD Vista Publication today, should take a look and read.
  - iii. Chocolate Chips and Relationships event for domestic violence awareness month
- f. Sustainability Coordinator - Madeleine Woo
  - i. Eco-Fair
  - ii. Donate to support Emergence Art Installation 2021



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8. Reports from ASG Executive Board (18 min)

a. President - Justice Zoto

- i. Sean, Ari, and Justice met with a student who expressed concern and their experience around the transition to in-person learning while being a full time working student regarding CORE requirements
- ii. Attended at social gathering with President Harris, VPs, and other student leaders on Tuesday
- iii. Met with Ky Snyder and Charlotte Johnson (COVID-19 Action Team)
  1. Clarification on COVID-19 protocols regarding indoor events: Until November 1st if an event has over 1,000 attendees, all vaccination cards or proof of negative test need to be shown
  2. Provost Baker sends faculty a newsletter every week that has a link to anonymous reporting and a reminder of the mask mandate
  3. The Action team expressed to us that students should try answering all phone calls because it can be a contact tracer, this can slow down the process/turn around

b. Vice president - Ari Sambrano (Justice Zoto filled in for her notes)

- i. Met with Dean Norton and our ASG Exec team is planning to meet with the rest of the Deans
  1. Dean Norton is interested in seeing the google forum as well
  2. Trying to find a middle ground to ensure that students
  3. have flexibility with students
  4. Mention the Google Forum that senators are doing outreach with their constituents in terms of what their constituents are experiencing in the classroom. This is due by Thursday.
- ii. Met with COVID-19 action team to further discuss clarity on the covid guidelines provide on their newsletter and provided student feedback
  1. Such a infographic to further clarify the process
  2. VP Johnson and Ky Synder will be using this information and cross referencing provided by the google forum and



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their own **STUDENT** students are experiencing  
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- c. Chief of Senate - Logan Tucker
    - i. Make sure to log office hours and send out G-cals
  - d. Chief Justice - Sarah Barbar
    - i. Student Org Bylaws
9. New Business
- a. Approval of Returning Student Orgs (5 min)
    - i. Motion to approve
    - ii. Motion seconded
    - iii. Motion passed.
  - b. Presentation by Marie Minnick (30 min)
    - i. Reports that faculty make about COVID regulations are not anonymous.
    - ii. called the Responsible Torero Harm Reduction Program, a program to monitor the concerns of students regarding drinking issues; similar to a “Good Samaritan” program. The program is not to punish students, but to help them reach programs that will be helpful.
    - iii. As long as the students are cooperative and willing to accept the help then there will be no conduct record.
    - iv. QUESTIONS:
    - v. Lucía Fiore - Is there a deadline for the report to be made if someone is too scared to make it? It is an immediate report
    - vi. Claire Ingrey - Have there been any efforts to let students know about this opportunity? It be added to the



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website and senators should promote a “get out of jail free” pass. The website will be updated soon. It is not

- vii. Logan Tucker - If this is just an in the minute help will there be something more done to connect them to get help (e.g. sobriety resources)?

When meeting with them there will be communication about their actions and their friends' concern that they seeked help.. They will be assigned to councils and they must meet this or the conduct record will be added to the students record.

- viii. Shyen Hirabayashi - If the person self-reports and wants in the moment help, will it be the same process?

Yes it will be the same process.

- ix. Lucía Fiore - If someone makes the report and the friend that made this report wants to stay anonymous, is this an option?

No.

- x. Andres - Is it different from openly reporting them in the matter of conduct implication?

This is no different, this still implies that there are ways in which this department can help and wants to provide that help to the student. Yet, when it is an in the moment situation, the help wants to be provided then and there.

- xi. Eliza Giroux - What is the difference between having this go through the school and not just the police or ambulance?

When an ambulance is called on to campus, public safety is involved because it is private property. Driving someone to the hospital may take too much time; help will be provided as soon as possible to ensure safety if you contact Public Safety

- xii. Arissa Lelevier - Is there a form or what is the protocol to have this reported?



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It is not a report. At the moment it is not a form, it is a phone call to public safety (619.260.2222)

- xiii. Madeline Woo - Where is this information and where is it able to be found?

Waiting on approval to be added to the university's website → [sandiego.edu/conduct/resources](http://sandiego.edu/conduct/resources) .

- xiv. Justice Zoto - Does this still apply to students on and off campus?

Public safety usually cannot go to off campus calls so the better option here would be for the paramedics..

- xv. Andres - Is the conduct issue to harm reduction just a policy to encourage people to report this or is there a conversation had with the student that there is either or?

The letter they receive is like a conduct letter. This will probably stay as a conduct issue if the student is not interested in knowing their impact on others or receiving help.

If any more questions arise email [mminnick@sandiego.edu](mailto:mminnick@sandiego.edu) or meet with Dean Minnick in person.

- c. Senate Speaker Brainstorm (15 min)

- i. Madeliene Woo - someone from dining
- ii. Lauren Fettes - someone from the COVID response team and having more information about what has been going on campus with some professors not following protocol.
- iii. Alana - Issues regarding tram service
- iv. Sabrina - issues with people not having caps for their drinks which is not the best. Someone from supplying/dining

10. Pausing potential increase 2022-2023 student activity fee (15 Minutes)

- i. Pause a potential increase for 2022-2023 activity fee?
- ii. Jake Dredge - If we move to pause this increase what funding changes does this make?



Jen Lee - Student activity fee is now currently \$125 per semester and will stay \$125, but it should not impact financially and should keep us in a financially stable position.

Shyen - The student activity fee funds the programming, undergraduate funds, and centers for undergraduates as well.

Lauren Fettes motions to pause the student activity fee and it is seconded.

- iii. Madeleine Woo - Where does the extra funding go if we were to pause it?
- iv. Dr. Avery - This is to help us know the formulas for next year. Tuition has not been set to change.
- v. Motion to pause the raise is passed by majority vote. Two opposed. None abstained.

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. Sarah Babar - Make sure you are wearing your masks properly inside all buildings
- b. Justice Zoto - We were told that the reporting is anonymous and some professors know it is anonymous so Justice Zoto will be looking into that and make sure we have the right information.
- c. Jen Lee - Every 10 years the university goes through an accreditation process Also, there will be a forum.
- d. Dr. Avery - Is the form that was being looked into the COVID regulation one? That one is anonymous.



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Justice Zoto - The form in question is when a professor knows a fellow colleague that is not following the mask regulation policies then they are able to report that anonymously.

- e. Lauren - Go to residential halls and see how that is going with your constituents and ask questions if you are a residential senator.
- f. Manda - Headshots following this meeting

12. Adjournment (2 min)

- a. Motion to adjourn
- b. Motion seconded
- c. Motion passed. 1:36pm

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