



## Senate Minutes

Thursday, November 16th, 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, November 16th, 2023 (3 min)
  - a. Senator Lukas: Motion to approve the Agenda for November 16th, 2023. Seconded. Motion passes.
5. Approval of the Minutes, November 9th, 2023 (2 min)
  - a. Senator Deborah: Motion to approve the Minutes from November 9th, 2023. Seconded. Motion passes.
6. Raising of Questions from Members of the Public
7. Report from The Speaker of the Senate (5 min)
  - a. Stay after senate is over, we have Resolution Training
  - b. Held a few interviews and still have another planned
    - i. More seats are opening soon, so please tell your constituents to apply if they have interest
  - c. Met with AVP Byron Howlett, discussed ways to improve Health and Wellness on campus
  - d. Will be working with Senator Lukas on affordability for students with Auxiliary
  - e. Please make sure you are talking with your constituents, if you need any ideas ask around or even ask SLT
  - f. We only have 2 more senates after today for the semester, so please set goals of what you want done before we go on break
8. Reports from The Senate Leadership Team (3 min)
  - a. We will be doing Resolution Training today
  - b. The Speaker and SLT held group interviews for vacant positions on Senate
  - c. The Speaker Pro Tempore put together a standardized checklist for tabling
  - d. Senate Initiative Funding Requests: \$10,211.56 left
  - e. Upcoming Senator Events
    - i. The Judicial Branch is tabling at Garden of the Sky November 28th, 12:15-2:15 PM

- ii. Senators Deb and Alejandro are tabling in the Valley November 29th, 7:30-8:30 PM
  - iii. The Athletics Coordinator is tabling at the WBB game vs. SDSU December 7th, 5:30-8:00 PM
  - iv. Student Orgs Committee is having their mixer December 8th, 12:30-2:00 PM
9. Reports from The Committee Chairs & Coordinators (14 min)
- a. The Academics Committee Chair
    - i. I'm at Faculty Senate today in place of VP Dana
    - ii. Grant review meetings are done
    - iii. Senator Bella's funding request for library chargers was approved
    - iv. Planning a tabling event for December when we are back from break
  - b. The IDEA Committee Chair
    - i. Native American History Month: A Reservation in San Diego
      - 1. Location: 10 miles southeast of El Cajon, along State Highway 94.
      - 2. Ethnology - Language: Kumeyaay (Diegueño)
      - 3. Population: 60
      - 4. Acreage: 6
    - ii. Build-A-Bag was amazing, s/o Jordan and IDEA committee for working so hard
      - 1. Maybe a part 2 ...
    - iii. ManchYaLater was also amazing, shoutout Takilah
    - iv. Conversations with SSS
      - 1. Led by Senator Osa
    - v. "Did you think about..."
      - 1. Main new goal for IDEA as a whole for the remainder of the semester
  - c. The Student Org Committee Chair
    - i. Approved more organizations and we have more to review and approve
    - ii. Senator Jonathan will be presenting new and old orgs today
  - d. The Student Life Committee Chair
    - i. Grocery Lyft Codes have been a success so far
      - 1. Averaging about 43 trips per weekend
    - ii. Let constituents know that Thanksgiving and Winter Break airport Lyft Codes are coming soon
  - e. The Athletics Coordinator
    - i. Public Safety and Parking Services are assessing both parking garages currently to start placing convex safety mirrors in both the Main Parking Structure and the West Parking Lot

- ii. I have contacted the Principal of Perkins Elementary School to start putting the Holiday Toy Drive in motion
    - 1. Tentative Dates: November 27th- December 8th
  - iii. Senate Initiative Request was approved for tabling on December 7th at the WBB vs SDSU game
  - iv. Games this week
    - 1. Today - MSOC vs California Baptist @7
    - 2. Friday - MBB vs Le Moyne @7
    - 3. Saturday - WVB vs Gonzaga @12pm LAST HOME GAME!
    - 4. Sunday - WBB vs Princeton @2
    - 5. Monday - MBB vs Navy @7
  - f. The Health and Wellness Coordinator
    - i. Met with Claire and Dr. Woodruff on Wednesday to discuss SHC concerns and possible feedback forums
    - ii. Narcan Training with Arthur Cummins moved to February
      - 1. We got ~300 more doses of narcan!!
    - iii. Meeting with Claire and Sarah Diamond after break to discuss more resources for survivors of sexual assault on campus
    - iv. Tabling with Meg about informing on and differentiating CARE and the counseling center's services on November 29th
    - v. Tabling for TimelyCare with Claire during finals week
    - vi. Meeting with Serena right after break to discuss new wellness building equipment
    - vii. Working on getting an online informational system going for USD narcan training and general narcan info
  - g. The Sustainability Coordinator
    - i. I went to the thrift flip hosted by the Tribal Liaison and Sustainability Club last Sunday
    - ii. Food waste and composting tabling on Tuesday next week
      - 1. 12:00-2:00 PM in front of the UCs
      - 2. Learn more about how to compost on campus or at home
    - iii. Holiday Sustainability Fair promotion content coming soon
    - iv. Stay tuned for content promoting the Holiday Sustainability Fair!
10. Reports from The ASG Executive Board (14 min)
- a. President
    - i. This week unfortunately the Vice President and I had to cancel our luncheon with marginalized student org leaders, will be rescheduling soon
    - ii. I am working with the Athletics Coordinator, Senator Cassie, The PR Chair, and the Finance Chair on an idea for school spirit, will be updating soon

- iii. Lyft Codes for all students will be coming out soon for the whole month of December
- b. Vice President
  - i. Currently at Core Curriculum Committee
  - ii. Research Grants Reviewing is done
    - 1. Will be sending out the emails in the next couple of days
- c. Chief Justice
  - i. Had an ASGBC Appeal this week during our Judicial Branch meeting
  - ii. In the process of scheduling a meeting with advisors, Parking Coordinator, and Parking Service to address concerns
  - iii. Judicial Branch Tabling Event! November 28th 12:15-2:15 pm at the Garden of the Sky
- d. TPB Chair
  - i. Upcoming Events
    - 1. Winter Wonderland–Tuesday, Nov. 28th from 5-7PM
      - a. Pajama pants giveaway, photo booth, karaoke, carnival rides, carolers, and FOOD
    - 2. De-Stress Event – Dec. 5th
  - ii. TPB is hiring.
    - 1. Applications due Sunday, 11/19 at 11:59 PM– details and application on IG @usd\_tpb
- e. Finance Chair
  - i. Working on Q2 reports and Spring 2024 allocations
  - ii. Working with TPB Chair on Spring 2024 allocations as well as \$1,000 limit for food
  - iii. Meeting with Chief Justice and Dr. Byron Howlett on Spring Campaign
  - iv. ASG Controller (Kayla) has been doing an awesome job keeping up with emails from student organizations
  - v. Met with Emma (IC) and Jackie to discuss funding process for student organizations
- f. PR Chair
  - i. ASG Team Polos should arrive when we come back from Thanksgiving Break
  - ii. Marketing Committee is working on a crewneck giveaway
  - iii. Editing the ASG Monthly Email
- g. Chief of Staff
  - i. SLP 308 furniture was approved
    - 1. My goal is to have everything done before next semester
  - ii. Working on the Holiday Banquet
  - iii. Keep the office clean

## 11. New Business

- a. Updates and Overview of USD's Recent Sustainability Efforts by John Alejandro (30 min)
  - i. USD's Goal
    1. Carbon neutral by 2035
    2. USD has reduced its greenhouse gas emissions by 35% as of 2019
  - ii. Office Goals
    1. Improve and protect the environment by implementing sustainability plans, projects, and programs
    2. Engage the USD community to take action
  - iii. Plans
    1. 2016: Climate Action Plan
      - a. Transportation, energy, water, waste
      - b. To be updated in 2024
    2. 2021: Energy Master Plan
      - a. Energy only
      - b. Updated annually
  - iv. Projects
    1. Past & Current
      - a. Solar array: 1.1 MW (5,214 panels) on 11 buildings = 7% of campus annual electricity
      - b. Fuel-cell (Bloom Energy): 1 MW (West Parking) = 33% of campus electricity
      - c. SY23 energy efficiency work: LED lighting; HVAC and boiler upgrades; building electrical systems
      - d. Results: saving 827,244 kWh = 1.3M lbs CO<sub>2</sub>e (equal to annual electricity use of 114 homes)
    2. Future
      - a. Adding 3 MW (21% of campus annual electricity) of new solar tied to 1 MW of batteries, eventual campus microgrid (2024-2025)
      - b. Increasing energy efficiency work
      - c. Updating the 2016 Climate Action Plan: Improving goals for water, waste, recycling, and transportation systems
      - d. Building greener
  - v. Take action
    1. Programs & Events
      - a. Sustainability education module
      - b. Certified eco-resident

- c. Clothing swaps/pop-up thrifts
    - d. Sustainable Holiday Fair: December 7th
    - e. Student Sustainability Summit: February 13th
  2. Clubs & Organizations
    - a. Associated Student Government (ASG)
    - b. Association of Environmental Professionals (AEP)
    - c. Sustainability Club
    - d. Surfrider Club
    - e. Many more...
- vi. More information
  1. Email: [sustainability@sandiego.edu](mailto:sustainability@sandiego.edu)
  2. Instagram: @usdsustain
  3. Website: sandiego.edu/sustainability
- vii. Questions
  1. Student Life Committee Chair: How are we funding these goals?
    - a. John Alejandro: It costs a lot of money. Energy master plan was approved by the Board of Trustees along with money. All projects have a rate of return on the project. Repurpose savings and put it into energy infrastructure on campus (\$30 million). Balance needed. Taking advantage of federal funding, state grants, and more.
  2. ASG President: Last year Sean had written a resolution for future building on campus to have sustainability as part of the building practice. Is this occurring?
    - a. John Alejandro: Yes! Sustainability was often brought in at the last second, for example with the wellness center. Was able to offer some feedback. But for future developments, sustainability is at the table from the very beginning. Resolution was very effective, circulated at a higher level. Don't think that no one is looking at them. Would love considering another resolution because the sustainability resolution got noticed at a high level.
  3. Sustainability Coordinator: Data on sustainability website. When the data is updated will it be from 2019-now or per year?
    - a. John Alejandro: Going to do another GHG assessment starting in 2019, as it's the last normalized year before COVID. Will establish 2019 as a new benchmark. All of

the numbers on the website will include last school year amounts.

4. Senator Sean: What is the school doing to reduce water usage going forward?
  - a. John Alejandro: Water consumption on campus is huge. Great strides in conservation since 2010. That particular part of the climate action plan is important. Want to do a whole campus water assessment to see exactly where all the water is going on campus. Already applying some strategies. Grounds manager has been utilizing moisture centers on fields to see if they need to be watered in order to not waste water. Getting smart when it comes to water. Discussed purple pipe water, reclaimed water from the sewers.
5. Student Life Committee Chair: Can you briefly explain where we are in terms of implementing the CAP and Energy Master Plan or what benchmarks will be measured in the following years to ensure we are on track with these plans? Are we collaborating with CAPs within the local governments?
  - a. John Alejandro: CAP will have a variety of working groups that will be developing the benchmarks. All items will be assessed, strategies will be developed, and then assessment will be created. About a month ago I had a Zoom with the City Chief Sustainability Coordinator. Had a conversation about how the City and USD can work together. Want to try and create a partnership that is a win-win. Now in constant communication with the office. Trying to get on the same page in order to take advantage of funding opportunities. Not just for USD but the community around USD and include them in sustainability plans. Want to, with new solar and battery, establish USD as an emergency services center for the community. In the case of an emergency who will the community look to? USD. Encouraging sustainability programs to be taken up by the community that we are driving would be amazing. Goes beyond partnering with the city, but also partnering with the community.
6. Senator Johnathan: When it comes to the carbon neutral goal, you mentioned it's a hard goal. Can you go into more depth as to why 2035 was the set date?

- a. John Alejandro: Kinda just what sounded right. Within 15-20 years is what we have heard. It's aggressive. Would prefer 2040. Carbon neutrality can make great gains in 5 years and then it can get really hard to clinch the last mile to reaching carbon neutrality, which is why you want to have more time. If we wanted to, we could do it as long as everyone keeps their money where their mouth is.
- 7. Athletics Coordinator: How much our fleet is contributing to this and how feasible it is to decrease this?
  - a. John Alejandro: Transportation is the biggest GHG emitter. Fortunately we don't have a huge fleet in comparison to SDSU, UCSD, or City. Got a list of every vehicle on campus early on to look at age and fuel usage. Question is how do you want to go about it.. Change everything at once which will cost a lot of money? No. Better to replace vehicles over the age of 10. But because our fleet is small, maybe we could replace the fleet within 3 years. Transportation emissions are generated by commuters, which are technically not USD's emissions. But because they are coming to school here they are kinda our emissions, considered scope 3, and we should do something if we want to achieve carbon neutrality. Think they should be included. Need to figure out better ways to get people on and off campus
- 8. Parliamentarian: Point of order, the time allotted for this agenda item has elapsed.
- viii. Presentation and Vote on New Student Organizations by Senator Jonathan (5 min)
  - 1. Old-New Organizations
    - a. Association of Environmental Professionals
      - i. Mission: To encourage and facilitate the professional advancement and education of its members within the environmental field by improving public awareness and involvement in the environmental planning, analysis and educational process
      - ii. Goals: To promote student involvement in a professional organization for the purpose of networking and gaining awareness of

environmental opportunities

b. Phi Kappa Theta

- i. Mission: A Catholic fraternity with the aim to provide an opportunity to experience, through practical application, a working knowledge of the process to exercise leadership through participation in a self-governing community.
- ii. Goals: To assist in the formation of men who, upon graduation, will be capable of making significant contributions to the development of society.

c. Software Engineering Club

- i. Mission: To create a collaborative space to envision software solutions at USD, while uniting students across multiple disciplines in the process of software design.
- ii. Goals: To support the development of students in the field of software engineering.

2. New Organizations

a. Omega Psi Phi

- i. Mission: A faith based fraternity part of the Divine 9 with the mission to prepare members for greater usefulness in the causes of humanity, freedom, and dignity of the individual while aiming to achieve higher social, economic, and intellectual status.
- ii. Goals: To promote the principles of manhood, scholarship, perseverance, and to uplift while furthering brotherly love and fraternal spirit.

ix. Questions or motions?

1. Senator Sean: Motion to approve all new and returning student orgs. Seconded.

a. ASG President: Was there a conversation about affordability for the club and its ability to cater to the whole student body?

- i. Senator Jonathan: This concern was brought up by our committee, but the organization assured us that they would be able to provide opportunities to all students.
- ii. Student Org Committee Chair: They are establishing an affiliation with a dive shop to

provide necessary equipment. They will also be in conversation with risk management.

- iii. PR Chair: Will they be collaborating with Campus Recreation?
  1. Parliamentarian: Point of order, the time allotted for this agenda item has elapsed.
    - a. Senator Sean: Motion to extend allotted time by 10 minutes.  
Seconded. Motion passes.
  - iv. Senator Jonathan: No, they would not be affiliated with the class and were not brought up in conversation.
    - b. Athletics Coordinator: Motion to call the question.  
Seconded. Motion passes.
    - c. Vote to approve all new and returning student organizations. Motion passes.

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. Senator Jameson: A kitchen in Camino and Founders caught fire from visitors, please be careful if visiting.
- b. Shane: NCAA soccer game tonight for men's soccer. Developing more structure for the Bull Pit.

13. Adjournment (1 min)

- a. Student Org Committee Chair: Motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded. Motion passes. 1:34 pm.

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