



Senate Minutes

Thursday, March 16th, 2023

1:15pm

The Senate Chamber, Maher Hall, University of San Diego

1. Call to Order
2. Land Acknowledgement
3. Roll Call
4. Approval of the Agenda, March 16th , 2023
 - a. Senator Jolie. Motion to approve the Agenda. Seconded. Motion passes.
5. Approval of the Minutes, March 2nd, 2023
 - a. IDEA Committee Chair. 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. Happy Senate to you all!
 - b. First of all I wanted to say thank you to you all who attended last night's meeting, I think it was a very productive and helpful!
 - c. I met with VPSA Charlotte Johnson on this past monday and discussed more options for the field being able to be used by Campus Rec
 - d. Appointed two new senators in collaboration with Senate Lead Team this past sunday.
 - e. Met with PR CHAIR
8. Reports from The Senate Leadership Team
 - a. Out of Office - Office Hours - Upcoming Debrief
 - b. -Please email me with specific questions that you would like to ask Kathryn Roig (Vice President for Finance) and Marie Davis (Director of Budget and Planning)
 - c. -Budget
 - d. \$15,000.00
 - e. Spent
 - f. \$6,184.00
 - g. Remaining
 - h. \$8,816.00 (Also please make sure you all are going to your assigned office hours)
 - i. Parliamentarian Reminder: If you later want to "re-do" a vote on the

motion, later in the SAME meeting as the original vote, someone on the prevailing side of the vote (side which won) can call for a motion to reconsider. The motion to reconsider can be seconded by anyone and requires a majority to pass. Once the motion to reconsider passes, the motion to be reconsidered is on the floor, worded exactly as it was when passed and can be amended, discuss, and re-voted as required.

9. Reports from The Committee Chairs & Coordinators

a. The Academics Committee Chair

i. Spring Grants are live!

b. The IDEA Committee Chair

i. Hello everyone!

ii. Looking into outreach & ways to support POI and QTs regarding the events presented at last Senate

iii. Email me if you are interested in collaborating for ideas!

iv. Working on a timeline to finalize when the Cookie for a Comment tabling event will occur

v. Beginning outreach for both VGM and Muslim Prayer Room resolutions

vi. Setting up a meeting w/ Brandon McCreary discussing the functionality of the housing application for queer students at USD

vii. Questions? Email ajanumov@sandiego.edu

viii. Office Hours: M & Th 3-6PM

c. The Student Org Committee Chair

i. Hi everyone, I hope you all had an amazing Spring Break!

ii. Our committee will be meeting with two student organizations on Friday: Equality Now and Student Veteran Organization and they should be presented next Senate along with the 2 student organizations we met with on the Friday before Spring Break.

iii. Our committee decided not to do a Spring Mixer because we felt like there would not be enough time for us to implement anything before the semester ends.

iv. We will instead be working on our posters focused on making student orgs and the registration process more accessible and less daunting.

v. Thank you!

d. The Student Life Committee Chair

i. Grocery Lyft Codes

ii. Every Sunday (final day is May 21st) - Code: ASGGROCERY23

e. The Athletics Coordinator

i. Happy Senate everyone!

ii. Airport Lyftcodes were successful with about \$1000 funding used

- iii. SAAC Meeting this past Tuesday was also successful where Psafe was able to present about Narcan training to student athletes
- iv. Games This Week
- v. WBB Tonight v Long Beach State 6pm
- vi. Men's Tennis tomorrow 2pm
- vii. Sb Tomorrow 4pm and 6pm
- viii. BSB Tomorrow 6pm
- ix. SB Saturday 11:30 and 2pm
- x. BSB Saturday 5pm
- xi. BSB Sunday 1pm
- xii. BSB Tuesday Vs SDSU 6pm
- xiii. SB Wednesday 3pm and 5:30pm
- f. The Health and Wellness Coordinator
 - i. Hope everyone had a great break!
 - ii. TimelyCare Registration Contest throughout March (4 students will win \$25 Amazon gift cards - we will be sharing about this on @bewellusd today or tomorrow)
 - iii. Mental Health Check-ins: Wednesday, March 22nd, 4-6pm, UC Forums
 - iv. Student Wellness Community Drop-in event: Wednesday, March 29th, 4-6pm, CHWP - UC 161 (food, resources, games, open-house style)
- g. The Sustainability Coordinator
 - i. Happy almost St. Patrick's day!
 - ii. Welcome to the OoS!
 - iii. Spoke with JC at the Changemaker Hub
 - iv. Office hours & contact:
 - v. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 1:30-3, ASG offices
 - vi. spala@sandiego.edu

10. Reports from The ASG Executive Board

- a. President
 - i. Welcome back from Spring Break! I hope you all had the opportunity to rest and recharge :)
 - ii. Attended Student Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees w/ Andres
 - iii. Underrepresented minorities retention rates have increased!
 - iv. Very high ratings for TimelyCare, so keep promoting it with your constituents!
 - v. Hired the incoming 2023-2024 TPB Chair w/ Kobe!
 - vi. Met w/ AVPSA Charlotte Johnson and Finance Chair Ashley to discuss allocations for international students

- vii. Met w/ Jelitsa to discuss Food Pantry survey
 - viii. Attended a Food Justice workshop with the Changemaker Hub, and working on initiatives to promote plant based food vendors on campus w/ Juan Carlos Rivas
 - ix. Applications for Executive positions are LIVE! Please feel free to come to me with any questions!
- b. Vice President
- i. At faculty senate today
 - ii. Spring 23 research and travel grants are active! Open through April 14.
 - iii. Andres and I have had several meetings with USD parking committee- park up options now allow for permit holders to park outside their designated areas after 4:00pm
 - iv. We also met this morning to further discuss reduction of citation prices and payment plans
 - v. ->Today in Music History: ABBA is inducted into the US Rock and Roll Hall of Fame (2010)
 - vi. Notable hits: “Waterloo”, “Angel Eyes”, “Momma Mia”, “Dancing Queen”
- c. Chief Justice
- i. Leading Senate Bylaw Updates Discussion
 - ii. Had meeting with PR Chair Kayley and Manda to make sure we are on track for elections...application is due next Thursday at midnight!!
 - iii. Filming Day in My Life on ASG Instagram today
- d. TPB Chair
- i. Women’s History Month Speaker is now March 29th at 7:00 PM in the KIPJ Theater
 - ii. TPB/ASG Common Application is open! Apps are due April 16th.
 - iii. Olé Music Festival: Keep checking out the IG for hints!
 - iv. In honor of the Taylor Swift Eras Tour kicking off: Glendale, AZ has been renamed to “Swift City” for March 17th and March 18th, 2023.
- e. Finance Chair
- i. Had another “bonus” ASGBC meeting on Wednesday to catch up on requests
 - ii. doing our best to get people responses in a timely manner
 - iii. Went to the BOT Finance Committee meeting during last Senate meeting
 - iv. Reviewed another Get Involved Fund Request
 - v. Will be reviewing a Centers Discretionary Fund Request today
 - vi. Met with Melissa and VP Johnson
 - vii. Met with a student from the Changemaker Hub

f. PR Chair

- i. Happy St. Patrick's Day Everyone!!
- ii. On Campus Promotions:
- iii. Applications for ASG close on March 23rd at 11:59pm
- iv. Research Grants are open now!
- v. Day in the Life Videos are up and running :)
- vi. This past Tuesday I did a press conference on behalf of ASG
- vii. Please make sure to submit your Marketing Request Forms
- viii. Contact: asgpublicrelations@sandiego.edu

g. Chief of Staff

- i. Happy Green Thursday!!!
- ii. Bonding is next week Friday:
- iii. Location: DAC-120 (across from SLP)
- iv. Theme: Formal Dinner
- v. Activities: SURPRISE ... but you won't want to miss it!! 🤩🤩
- vi. To those that are helping with this, please stay back a couple minutes after senate please!
- vii. Will attend Student Life Committee Meeting this coming Tuesday

II. New Business

- a. Confirmation Vote on the Newly Appointed Senators by the Speaker of the Senate (5 min) this needs to pass by 2/3s majority vote for your information to keep in mind.
 - i. Speaker Pro Tempore. Motion to table the confirmation of Charles Lorenzo. Seconded. Motion Passes.
 - ii. Sustainability Coordinator. Motion to approve Tatum Mosley as a newly appointed senator. Seconded. Motion Passes.
- b. Swearing in of Newly Appointed and Confirmed Senators by the Speaker of the Senate (5 min)
- c. Presentation and Discussion on Sustainability Presented by Director John Alejandro (20 min) Please come prepared and ready to ask Director Alejandro some questions about sustainable practices!
 - i. Goals: to improve and protect the environment by implementing sustainability plans, projects and programs, and to engage the usd community to take action
 - ii. Usd's goal to be carbon neutral by 2035, as of 2019 usd has reduced its greenhouse gas emissions by 35%
 - iii. Plans: 2016: climate action plan-transportation, energy, water, waste, 2021-energy master plan-energy only
 - iv. Projects-past and current-Solar array 7% of campus electricity fuel-cell-33%, energy efficiency-led lighting, hvac and boiler upgrades, building electrical systems. Example-January LED lighting saved enough electricity to power 11 homes in a year
 - v. Future-adding 2 mw of new solar tied to 1 mw of batteries, increasing energy efficiency work in 2023, updating the 2024 climate action plan-improving

- goals for water, waste, recycling, and transportation systems, building greener
- vi. Programs: asg! Sustainability education module, certified eco-resident and green usd office, clothing swaps/pop-up thrifts, sustainable holiday fair, clothing donation bins, sustainability club, surfrider club, usd herbivores, AEP, EIL
 - vii. Contact: sustainability@sandiego.edu
 - viii. Parliamentarian. Point of Order. The allotted time has expired.
 - ix. Senator Osa. Motion to extend allotted time by 5 mins. Seconded. Motion Passes.
 - x. Senator Osa. How are GHGs measured and are cars factored into this?
 - xi. DA. Greenhouse gas emissions are calculated in this instance through our electricity output in kilowatt hours. Or for natural gasses the amount of therms that are burning or being produced. And from the combustion of vehicles. To find how much electricity is contributing to the greenhouse gasses you need to multiply the kilowatts by the emissions factor from the EPA. We've actually calculated this for the University and we have found that about 25000 metric tons of ghds which is what our emissions are to date.
 - xii. Clerk. Does our climate action plan look at food on campus.
 - xiii. DA. The current one does not but the new one will.
 - xiv. Senator Devon. Do the solar panels directly wired into the building and what are the utilization rates of electricity if we are over or underproducing for each building. How efficient are our solar panels.
 - xv. DA. Yes. The solar array is underproducing from degradation and the microinverters are failing. Their lifetime span is 10 years so they are being replaced currently. The efficiency has been lost and we keep track of this. We want to replace the array with more efficient panels. We want to get a microgrid for our campus so we can control it.
 - xvi. Parliamentarian. Point of Order. The allotted time has expired.
 - xvii. Sustainability Coordinator. Motion to extend the allotted time by 10 mins. Seconded. Motion Passes.
 - xviii. Proxy for senator Valeria. The new wellness building won't be powered by solar. How do they plan on making the building more green.
 - xix. DA. The University has set aside 30 million dollars to make improvements on campus. And some of this money is given to me to make things more green after the construction. I think this should be done during the construction.
 - xx. Sustainability Coordinator. Are there any plans on putting solar panels on buildings that do not have them and even on buildings that are built after this wellness building. How difficult is it to retrofit old buildings on campus.
 - xxi. DA. The batteries are large lithium ion batteries that reduce the electricity we use. I intend to use batteries that are tied directly to the solar panels to house this power and employed directly to the campus grid. I can take buildings and things offline and power the new solar arrays to better manage

the utility and power on campus between 4 and 9 this will also help us pay a lot less. The existing buildings that I could go to and retrofit to make them more efficient. I intend to do this with buildings they do not want to tear down. I want to be aggressive and included so I am always advocating for efficient and sustainable energy.

- xxii. Speaker Pro Tempore. What can we do as student leaders to help you in the future and now.
- xxiii. DA. Your focus in this field. I want this not to be my last time and I want to help keep you all informed and come back regularly and give updates. I think lending your voice and credibility as students, but I need your support to get this work done and to get more done.
- xxiv. Senator Devon. Is there a way to implement this power grid where you can turn on and off in a hybrid model.
- xxv. DA. This is a hybrid model. And in an emergency situation we can do whatever we need. We can become an island if we need to. Practically this does not make sense. But maybe in 5 to 10 years we could be islanded in an island grid.
- xxvi. Parliamentarian. Point of Order. The allotted time has expired.
- d. Presentation and Vote on a Senate Initiatives Funding Request from the Academics Committee Chair, Bre'Arra Long (20 min) This will be a discussion and vote on a large part of our senate budget, so please ask questions and come ready to participate in the vote and discussion.
 - i. Intro: the office of undergrad research: serves students, serves faculty mentors, offers on and off campus opportunities.
 - ii. Cost breakdown-\$3000-groups up to 1000\$ and individuals 500\$ a person can fund up to 6 individuals
 - iii. Timeline-all allocated funds will be spent by june 30, 2023
 - iv. Impact-we have run out of travel award funding for this semester, but they are still accepting applications, help with conferences, research, fellowships, speaking engagements, internships, innovation, exploring passions and interests, community building.
 - v. Ask yourself. How will your decision impact the lives of your constituents? How big would you dream if you knew you couldn't fail? How big would you dream if there was no price attached?
 - vi. This is an emergency type of funding. This is not consistent.
 - vii. IDEA committee chair. How other methods of funding have been looked into for this.
 - viii. I have been in talks with VP Connor and they have reached out as their organization.
 - ix. Athletics Coordinator. This is important for their opportunity to share the hard work and is a requirement for many students to do for their future.
 - x. Sustainability Coordinator. How much has been spent?
 - xi. Clerk. \$8816 we have spent 6184 in total this semester.
 - xii. Senator Osa. Does the office fundraise from alumni or in general?

- xiii. The funding comes from their allocations. And they have events that spread awareness to the work they do. So I can't speak much on the fundraising aspect. But this is an emergency type situation.
- xiv. Health and Wellness Coordinator. Motion to approve the Academic funding request in full for \$3000. Seconded. Motion passes.

12. Old Business

- a. Discussion and Vote on Senate Bylaw Amendments presented by the Chief Justice, Alana De La Torre (15 min) As mentioned above please see the attached bylaws and READ THROUGH THEM!
 - i. Speaker pro tempore. Motion to table the discussion and vote of senate bylaw amendments. Seconded. Motion passes.
 - ii. Parliamentarian. Please take the time to review for the next session.

13. 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.*

14. Adjournment

- a. Student Org Committee Chair. 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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