



Senate Minutes

Thursday, March 23rd, 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 23rd, 2023
 - a. Senator Jolie. Motion to approve the Agenda. Seconded. Motion passes.
5. Approval of the Minutes, March 23rd, 2023
 - a. Student Org 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. ASG Applications for elected positions are due TONIGHT! Please fill them out if you are interested in returning to ASG next school year!!
 - c. On Monday, I attended the Mission Statement meeting hosted by President Harris and VP Lovette-Colyer with the Finance Chair and Chief of Staff
 - d. On Tuesday, I attended the Wellness Building meeting, and discussed ways that students can have input to the art and messaging in the building especially including those that represented marginalized communities and especially tribal art! Details to come!
 - e. On Wednesday, met with the Chief Justice to discuss final edits to the Senate Bylaws.
 - f. I have been working with Exec to address some incoming potential issues and have been working with the Chief of Staff to help plan out Friday Bonding
 - g. Have been working with the finance Chair to plan out future budgetary items coming to senate!
 - h. Any questions please email agspeaker@sandiego.edu
8. Reports from The Senate Leadership Team
 - a. Each committee should be completing an out of office, office hour every week!
 - b. Reminder for you all, we will be having Senate on Tuesday April 4th! In the

Executive Board Room!

- c. Join the Groupme!! https://groupme.com/join_group/92950162/Nazrw7Fe
- d. Parliamentary Reminder: You want further study and/or investigation to be conducted regarding an agenda item, you may motion to refer the item to a committee. Try to be specific as as possible when presenting the charge to the committee.

9. Reports from The Committee Chairs & Coordinators

a. The Academics Committee Chair

- i. Grants are live (thanks Kayley for the flyer!)
- ii. Reaching out to faculty soon to sit in on grant meetings
- iii. Working on a survey concerning preferences about weekend library hours w/ Senator Maleah
- iv. Resolutions in the works for Academic Comm. if anyone is interested [water in the Valley w/ Bella, alternative/ additional studying space besides Copley open close to 24hrs w/ Aashika + Jolie, compass points/volunteer hrs for students to visit + engage w/ senate w/ Bre'Arra
- v. Still working with Student Org. Comm. Chair Dana about transferable credits
- vi. blong@sandiego.edu or meet w/ me during Office Hours

b. The IDEA Committee Chair

- i. My Girlfriend's Closet (March 20-24)
- ii. Please donate any gently used items for young women impacted by homelessness and the foster care system (shirts, dresses, sweaters, stuffed animals, etc)
- iii. Drop Off Sites: UFMC at SLP 418, UCs in front of the ticket office, main entrance to the Copley Library
- iv. Cookie for a Comment is finally happening!!
- v. April 14th 1:30-2:30 in front of the UCs (spread the word!)
- vi. Successful meeting with Brandon McCreary led by Senator Jacob about expanding questions about sexual orientation on the housing application for incoming Class of 2027
- vii. Student survey draft in-progress led by Senator Chloe about the renaming of Saints Hall and how we can be more inclusive of native students
- viii. Meeting with Catherine from Copley Library today also led by Senator Chloe about a potential tabling event for mental health around finals week

c. The Student Org Committee Chair

- i. Ramadan Mubarak everyone!
- ii. Today we will be presenting 3 student organizations for approval.

- iii. We will be meeting with one on Friday which is Model United Nations.
 - iv. We have been finalizing our posters and information focused on making the student organization registration and behind-the-scenes process more accessible and less daunting.
 - v. Thank you to Mia for submitting a marketing request about helping student organizations make sure their work for the year is recognized and celebrated!
 - vi. Thank you and if you need to reach out to me my email is: dfarhoud@sandiego.edu
- d. The Student Life Committee Chair
- i. Meeting with Finance Chair Ashley on Monday to discuss proposed changes to ASGBC Funding Guidelines to encourage sustainable practices
 - ii. Fitness Center Hours update: all contacts and funds focused on new wellness center building, does not seem like a possibility this semester, thank you to Senator Josh for hard work
 - iii. On-going Student Life Committee projects (reach out to collaborate!):
 - iv. Dining Dollars/Meal Swipe transfer system (led by Senator Jonathan)
 - v. Water Fountains in Valley B and April Mental Health Awareness Event in UC Commons (led by Senator Angelica)
 - vi. Campus Tram Benches and Library Hours Survey (led by Senator Maleah)
 - vii. Wing Initiative (led by Senator Josh)
- e. The Athletics Coordinator
- i. Happy senate everyone!
 - ii. Working on a Senate appreciation night at a baseball game this semester
 - iii. Potential tabling opportunity as well
 - iv. Games this week
 - v. Men's Rugby Vs Claremont Saturday at 1pm
 - vi. MSOC vs Cal Baptist Saturday at 1pm
 - vii. WTEN vs Oklahoma Saturday at 2pm
 - viii. WTEN vs Gonzaga Sunday at 12pm
- f. The Health and Wellness Coordinator
- i. I hope everyone had a happy and HEALTHY st pattys day weekend!
 - ii. Download timely care!
 - iii. 4 \$25 amazon gift cards
 - iv. Women of Color Discussion groups
 - v. Wednesdays, 1-2 SLP 422

- vi. Senator Chloe and Catherine meeting today discussing finals week tabling
- g. The Sustainability Coordinator
 - i. Welcome to the Changemaker Hub
 - ii. Upcoming:
 - iii. Meeting with Ashley about updating ASGBC funding guidelines to include incentives for sustainable practices
 - iv. Meeting with Andre Mallie about Generation Conscious laundry detergent on Wednesday
 - v. Out of office for tomorrow's office hours
 - vi. Contact and office hours:
 - vii. M, T, W, F 1:30-3 in the ASG offices
 - viii. spala@sandiego.edu
- 10. Reports from The ASG Executive Board
 - a. President
 - i. Happy Thursday all—I hope midterms season is going well!
 - ii. The ASG Food Pantry survey is officially live!
 - iii. Will be open for 3 weeks
 - iv. Please share with your constituents that use the Food Pantry!
 - v. First Meeting of the ASG Endowment Scholarship Committee
 - vi. Seeking 4 non-ASG members to sit on the committee
 - vii. Welcomed AVPSL Dr. Byron Howlett to our Exec Meeting
 - viii. Removing 'graduation' from Senior ceremonies to reduce commencement confusion
 - ix. Hosted my second Pop-Up Lunch on Tuesday!
 - x. Questions? Email asgpresident@sandiego.edu
 - b. Vice President
 - i. Parking committee last week-the following citation reductions have been proposed and will be voted on soon by the parking committee:
 - ii. Exceeding time limit on metered parking: \$50→\$25
 - iii. Parking outside assigned area (before 4pm): \$100→\$50
 - iv. Parking in USD official vehicle space: \$100→\$75
 - v. Relocating vehicle: \$100→\$75
 - vi. Also, these citations have been proposed to be removed entirely due to being redundant:
 - vii. Incorrect plates
 - viii. Multiple plates
 - ix. Not in marked space
 - x. Continue to spread the word about research grants! Accepting application through april 14
 - c. Chief Justice

- i. Applications for Elected Positions close TODAY!!! 11:59PST
 - ii. Applications for Appointed Positions due April 16th
 - iii. Still working on ASGBC Bylaws, TPB Bylaws, and Judicial Branch Bylaws
 - iv. Attending Commencement Committee today!
 - v. Excited to have good discussion around the Senate Bylaws
- d. TPB Chair
- i. Sorry I'm not here today. I'm off in Salt Lake City, UT presenting a research poster!
 - ii. The Driver Era aka Ross Lynch & Rocky Lynch will be headlining Olé Music Fest this year on March 31st!
 - iii. We need volunteers for clean-up. Please respond to the email I sent out if you can!
 - iv. Dr. Mae Jemison will be coming next week on Wednesday, March 29th. We may need volunteers; TBD.
 - v. Marco Jimenez will be the 23-24 Chair; so proud of him and excited for him.
 - vi. I will be assisting with Vice Chair hiring & will transition out of the hiring process when the 23-24 Exec Team is appointed.
- e. Finance Chair
- i. Sorry to be missing Senate today. I hope you all are doing well (despite this terrible weather)!
 - ii. ASGBC
 - iii. Still getting a lot of requests and working on how we can get more funds to support student orgs throughout the semester
 - iv. Had another bonus ASGBC meeting on Wednesday
 - v. Updating ASGBC Bylaws to reflect current practices as well as make changes
 - vi. updating ASGBC Funding Guidelines - No longer funding merchandise other than cords or stoles for the rest of the semester & adding sports clubs and (large) cultural/affinity/religious group event categories & working with Senators Sean and Arissa on sustainability in ASGBC
 - vii. We have another over \$10k request in the pipeline, will be presenting on it next week or the week after break
 - viii. Will be making a couple small adjustments to how over \$10k requests are presented
 - ix. Met with VP Katy Roig and Marie Davis on Wednesday
 - x. Went to the mission, vision, value meeting with Amaya and Andres - good developments
- f. PR Chair

- i. Happy Thursday!
 - ii. On-campus Promotions:
 - iii. Application for Elected Positions due TONIGHT
 - iv. Application for Appointed Positions (ASG & TPB) due April 16th!
 - v. Research Grant Applications due April 14th
 - vi. Food Pantry Survey
 - vii. Met with the Endowment Committee to prepare for the Endowment Scholarship process
 - viii. Working with the Parliamentarian to film a Robert's Rules Cheat Sheet Video
- g. Chief of Staff
- i. Bonding is this Friday, please be there if you can, it is going to be fun!
 - ii. Met with the team and are finalizing/have finalized the script
 - iii. Show up on time please!!
 - iv. Mission Statement Conversation with Speaker of the Senate Andres and Finance Chair Ashley
 - v. Joined Student Life Committee meeting on Tuesday to sit in and offer support/taking a deeper dive into what they're up to
 - vi. Was a pleasure!
 - vii. Attended one of Melissa's pop-up lunches and conversed with constituents

11. New Business

- i. Presentation on Changemaker Initiatives Led Dr. Rivas and the Student Team (10 min)
 1. Oak Mily by default Pilot at Aromas
 2. Details: April 3-28, Allergen inclusivity Environmental Sustainability, Oat milk during this time will be served as the default milk, and it will come at no extra charge, Changemaker Hub and Dining Services in partnership with the Better Food Foundation
 3. First campus to try this out
 4. Making oat milk our default option ensures that the most sustainable and inclusive option is more affordable for our community
 5. You can still select dairy milk as usual at no cost, other alternative milks: soy almond continue to have an extra charge of 75 cents
 6. Oat Milk and sustainability, oat milk as one of the lowest carbon and water footprints of all milk options, oat milk emits three times less carbon emissions than dairy milk

7. Graph of Environmental impacts of one glass of different milks, Dairy has the Most impact while oat has the second least amount of emissions
 8. You can support by telling constituents, sign the petition to make the change permanent and support a senate resolution, have a latte, volunteer!
 9. Volunteer! For questions and education time! To let people know and take the survey for feedback and data!
 10. PR Chair. Would the prices of current prices go up at all?
 11. We do not have enough data for this to be true. This will be able to give us the data to find out if it will.
 12. Parliamentarian. Point of Order the allotted time has expired.
 13. Senator Jolie. Motion to extend the allotted time by 5 minutes. Seconded. Motion Passes.
 14. Senator Jolie. Will this be clarified at the register?
 15. There is a platform in dining services that will train the baristas to tell the customers. And the volunteers and signage will tell you.
 16. Speaker pro tempore. This saves me 60\$ a semester as an avid coffee drinker.
 17. Senator Jonathan. If it was permanent would it go on to all places on campus?
 18. We would make the case for Aromas to first stay this way in order to gather more data to make it campus wide.
 19. PR Chair. What the objectives for success in this program.
 20. Widespread student and faculty support. IF students are enjoying this that would be a success and if students fill out the survey and engage.
 21. Finance Chair. What is the cost to the school per drink for the school is this a price thing as it's not already a thing.
 22. It is a price thing for sure. But they do not have any data to support this. Other companies have the data and have already done this.
 23. Parliamentarian. Point of order the allotted time has expired.
- ii. Presentation and Vote on New and Returning Student Orgs
Presented by the Student Organizations Committee Chair, Dana Farhoud (10 min) please come prepared to discuss the student organizations.
1. New and Old-New Clubs
 - a. All new and old clubs that have been on campus but not in recent years must get approved by Senate.

- b. We have 1 new student organization and 2 old-new student organizations that we are presenting today.
2. Social Justice Club
3. Mission:
4. To provide a space and outlet for people to productively talk about global issues.
5. Goals:
6. To spread their message and garner a community that supports one another and allows voices to be heard. They want to focus on different topics, more importantly ones that have stigmas behind them that are brushed under the rug.
7. USD Film Society
8. Mission:
9. To cultivate an artistic community for those in the cinematic arts regardless of their majors or minors.
10. Goals:
11. To focus on the cinematic arts, collaborate with other organizations, and foster cinematic arts opportunities.
12. Student Veteran Organization
13. Mission:
14. To have an inclusive environment for veterans, aid with their transition and integration, and have an academic and beneficial support system for all veterans, dependents, and active duty members.
15. Goals:
16. To welcome all members of the military or anyone that has any military connection and gain publicity as well as have prominent members of USD that have military connections like Knauss to come speak and grow the organization.
17. Any questions or concerns?
18. Athletics Coordinator. Motion to approve the New and Old-New Clubs. Seconded. Motion Passes.

12. Old Business

- i. Discussion and Vote on Senate Bylaw Amendments Presented by the Chief Justice, Alana De La Torre (20 min) READ THROUGH THEM AND MAKE SUGGESTIONS ON THE DOC!
 1. I want to open this up to thoughts and questions
 2. Under this new suggestion, no election to a new speaker would occur and the speaker pro-tempore would become the new speaker like the president and vp.
 3. Athletics Coordinator. What would be the next step? And I

believe we should elect the new speaker.

4. This happened last year and the speaker pro tempore became the new speaker.
5. Student Life Committee Chair. I believe we should have the election because we did not choose the speaker pro tempore.
6. Senator Tatum. Is this election done by Senate or Lead Team.
7. All new senators have the ability to elect a new speaker by 2/3rds majority vote. Every senator can run and be elected by the other senators.
8. Senator Jonathan. How long would this election occur after resignation.
9. This is not outlined but is just as soon as possible, practice is by the next senate.
10. Senator Chloe. Would this take away from your other responsibilities.
11. Typically there is no campaign process and is more like a meeting and interview process. Senate would be asking you questions.
12. Senator Jacob. Would they take over for just this class?
13. They would only serve until the next election process. The only difference is acting vs being a speaker.
14. Senator Jacob. I like the act of voting in, but for functionality this would make the most sense.
15. President. If the president were to resign then the VP would become the president and the only difference is that the speaker pro tempore is not a voted position.
16. The appointments do maintain from the previous speaker. And any senator and senate lead team would be able to be speakers.
17. Chief of Staff. We could add unless another senator wants to become the speaker.
18. I was just thinking that they have the most training and constitutionally how it is set up. I feel like it would make the most sense for the speaker pro temp, what is their role if they do not become speaker if they are set up secondly to them.
19. Parliamentarian. If they do not have the credits at the beginning of the year they cannot become speaker during the year.
20. Senator Maleah. I think we should leave it as it is even though the speaker pro tempore is the most trained. But I do think it is nice to give the option to other people to run and see if fit

of the speaker pro tempore.

21. Student Life committee chair. I think the speaker pro tempore would have a lot of the time to show they are capable so there should be no worry if they are and senate feels they are appropriate for the role. But I think everyone should be able to voice their opinion.
22. Senator Chloe. I wanted to clarify that the consensus is to disregard the speaker's suggestion.
23. New Line item on the bylaws: Checks and balances reasons. The appointments are done by the speaker and are confirmed by the rest of senate and we believe that this decision should be made by senate.
24. Point of order the allotted time has expired.
25. Motion to extend the allotted time by 15 mins. Seconded. Motion passes.
26. The reason of suggesting the clarification of the secondary roles that they keep their secondary roles of senator. The power should remove completely from asg should not be in the power of the speaker. So they can be referred to the judicial branch of review.
27. Academics Committee Chair. For clarification who becomes the new chair. And would I keep by position.
28. This totally depends on the reasons. If it is for performance then likely completely out of ASG.
29. Senator Chloe. If a committee chair steps down, from their role can they in one way step down completely.
30. They can step down completely if they choose at any time.
31. Senator Maleah. If you step down you would still be in the senate?
32. One part of the suggestion is adding the clarification of the secondary position and keeping that position. And adding the power of the speaker to remove the speaker from their primary position without vote.
33. Senator Aashika. So the speaker appoints but everyone has to be approved. So it does not make sense for the speaker to have the power just to remove.
34. These bylaws either need to be tabled or voted on today.
35. The amendments can be voted on individually and the suggestions we mentioned today will not be put into the bylaws by the vote.
36. Parliamentarian. If we vote on this today we ignore the

- suggestions by the speaker and only vote on the judicial branches suggestions.
37. Senator Jacob. Motion to go to recess 5 mins. Seconded. Motion passes.
 38. Another suggestion that andres made. The addition roles of the speaker in the constitution would be added to the bylaws. You can vote for specific line items and if you vote for it all then the suggestions would not be considered.
 39. Point of order
 40. Athletics coordinator. Motion to extend allotted time by 5 mins. Seconded. Motion passes.
 41. Academics Committee Chair. What are you saying by this other line item.
 42. The suggestion adds the roles and duties of the speaker in the constitution to the speaker in the bylaws, making it more straight forward.
 43. Athletics Coordinator. Motion to approve the bylaws as presented by Judicial Branch along with the new line item.
 44. Point of Order. The new line item must be posted for a week.
 45. Point of Clarification. You can only vote on the suggestions made by the judicial branch.
 46. If you vote now it will leave out the suggestions made by the speaker.
 47. Speaker pro tempore. Motion to table the discussion of the senate bylaws amendments. Seconded.
 48. Senator Chloe. What are your means of tabling?
 49. Point of Order the allotted time has expired.
 50. Speaker protempore. Motion to extend the allotted time by 5 mins. Seconded. Motion passes.
 51. Point of clarification. I wanted to table by the means of the third suggestion made.
 52. Academics Committee Chair. If we chose to table then we can add the 3rd suggestion?
 53. Yes.
 54. Student Life Committee Chair. Motion to call to question. Seconded. Motion passes.
 55. (Line item 47) Motion to table the discussion of the senate bylaws amendments. Seconded. Motion passes.

13. New Business Part II

- i. Discussion and Brainstorm on Upcoming Senate Speakers led by The Speaker Pro Tempore of the Senate, Lily Giovannelli (15 min)

Please be open to discussions so we can have a productive time.

- ii. Speaker pro tempore. Motion to table the discussion and brainstorm on upcoming speakers. Seconded. Motion passes.

14. 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. President. Applications close tonight. So if you are interested to VP and President come chat with us.

15. Adjournment

- a. Student Org Committee Chair. Motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded. Motion passes. (2:21 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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