



ASSOCIATED  
STUDENT  
GOVERNMENT  
UNIVERSITY OF SAN DIEGO

Senate Minutes

Thursday, September 30th, 2021

12:15pm

University of San Diego

1. Call to Order
  - a. Meeting called to order 12:27pm
2. Land Acknowledgement (2 min)
3. Roll Call (3 min)
  - a. Roll call at finished at 12:30pm
4. Approval of the Agenda, September 30th, 2021 (2 min)
  - a. Agenda approved 12:31pm
5. Approval of the Minutes, September 23rd, 2021 (2 min)
  - a. Minutes approved 12:31pm
6. Report from Speaker of the Senate (5 min)
  - a. Sean Kenney, Speaker of the Senate
    - i. Doing outreach to fill in the Senate positions that are not filled
    - ii. Attended SACBOT meeting with Justice
    - iii. Attended lunch with President Harris and VPs
    - iv. Committee Chair training tomorrow from 2:30-3:30pm.  
If unable to attend contact Sean Kenney
    - v. Start logging your office hours, check email from Logan
    - vi. [Here](#) is the link to the Senate Initiatives Funding Form. If you create an initiative that requires funding, please fill out this form! This will also be in an email soon
    - vii. Headshot pictures next week after Senate.

- viii. Justice and Sean would like to attend a meeting from each committee once a month.
- 7. Reports from Committee Chairs and Coordinators (18 min)
  - a. Academics:
    - i. No Updates
  - b. Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Accessibility:
    - i. The IDEA committee will have its first meeting next Friday [10/8/2021]
    - ii. Discussed past ideas that were put forth by students, went over position expectations and talked about goal setting
    - iii. Emailed committee members to find a mutually convenient time to meet every week
    - iv. Plan on setting up an appointment with the librarian, Ms.Catherine, in the next week about ideas to make the space for accessible and open to all students
  - c. Student Organization:
    - i. First meeting today after the Senate meeting
  - d. Student Life Committee:
    - i. First meeting next Thursday, 10.7.21
    - ii. Following this meeting there will be a meeting with Coordinators and the Chair
  - e. Health and Wellness Coordinator
    - i. October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, Student Wellness office will be hosting various events to educate and raise awareness
    - ii. October 20th, Mental Health Check-In Event from 3:30pm-6pm in the UC Forums
    - iii. Plans to better connect students to the resources available to them on-campus.Sustainability Coordinator
    - iv. Office Hours: M 11:00 am-1 pm, W 2:30 pm-4:30 pm, F 8:30 am-10:30 am
    - v. Ideas about having vegetarian/vegan options first and then having protein options as add ons, let her know about your thoughts on this

8. Reports from ASG Executive Board (18 min)
  - a. President, Justice Zoto
    - i. Lunch with President Harris and VPs yesterday
    - ii. Meeting with VP Charlotte Johnson and Ky Snyder today at 4 regarding feedback on COVID-19 policies
      1. Reminder: an email sent to student body yesterday regarding clarification on COVID-19 policies
    - iii. Exec discussed a project for our Senators to do outreach with, will be discussed later as an agenda item
    - iv. Planning to visit each committee once a month! Let Sean know times/days of when you all meet
  - b. Vice President, Ari Sambrano
    - i. Attended ACBOC-confidential
      1. After meeting spoke with Dean Bryd about COVID-19 Mask mandate in library/ protocol
      2. Planning to meet with her to discuss more about how ASG can help
    - ii. University Senate
      1. Administration are trying to create a protocol for professor who aren't enforcing mask mandate
      2. Contact tracing/exposure emails are going to conunuted to be clarified
    - iii. Planning to meet with Dean Norton this Friday with Sarah, Chief Justice
    - iv. Planning to meet with Academic committee chair, Valentina this Friday to talk about COVID-19 ok classroom students
    - v. Met with President Harris and VP's
  - c. Chief of Staff, Logan Tucker
    - i. Share google calendar by 10.1.21
    - ii. Don't forget to log office hours
  - d. Chief Justice, Sarah Barbar
    - i. Parking re-appeals court now in session
    - ii. Email if any concerns
  - e. TPB chair, Kobe Huynh
    - i. Orgullosamente (Proudly) LatinX is tomorrow from 5-8pm in front of the SLP. I hope to see you all there!
      1. LatinX clubs will be tabling, food from LatinX small

- businesses, and performances
- 2. We are in need of some volunteers! Contact him if you are interested.
- ii. SD Loyal Game event on October 9th at 7:30pm
  - 1. TPB is giving away free tickets online via Google Form
  - 2. Link: [tinyurl.com/TPBSDLoyal](https://tinyurl.com/TPBSDLoyal)
- iii. Save The Date: HC Concert on October 15th at 5:30 PM & HC Tailgate on October 16th at 11:00 AM
- f. Finance Chair, Shyen Hirabayashi
  - i. ASGBC Chair Vacancies: Special Interest, Multicultural, Religious/Spiritual Orgs
  - ii. Student Org Event/Funding Request Presentation next Thursday, 10/7
  - iii. Q1 Reports Due Monday 10/4
  - iv. Finance Committee Meeting
    - 1. Senate Committee Chairs: Student Life, Academics, Student Orgs, Inclusion, Diversity, Equity & Accessibility
  - v. Resources: Food Pantry & Torero Closet, Toreros in Need Fund, Lyft Initiative, Get Involved Fund, Academic Research Grants
- g. PR Chair, Lucía Fiore
  - i. Resend the Google forms with emails
  - ii. Will be promoting events that are occurring
    - 1. Will be taking pictures throughout Senate
  - iii. Two Senators who are free one hour before Senate to help volunteer to promote Senate?
    - 1. Starting next week
    - 2. You can also reach me through email [lfiore@san Diego.edu](mailto:lfiore@san Diego.edu)
    - 3. This is something we will do throughout the semester, you all will have a chance to participate.
- 9. New Business
  - a. Student Organization Committee Bylaws (5 min)
    - i. Motioned by Ceci Barron
    - ii. Motion seconded (Motion passed 12:48pm)
  - b. Approval of Returning Student Orgs (5 min)

- i. Motioned by Madeline Woo
  - ii. Motion seconded (Motion passed 12:50pm)
- c. Constituent Outreach Project (10 min)
  - i. Sean Kenney has been talking about the COVID changes on campus and wants to know how everything is going. QR code that will survey about student experiences and help the university be aware about what is going on.
- d. Presentation by Dr. Christopher Burden (30 min)
  - i. Contact information: [cburden@sandiego.edu](mailto:cburden@sandiego.edu) and 6192604655, office in Serra Hall
  - ii. Wellness of the students at USD: there has been a rise in the psychological and emotional difficulties
  - iii. Current context about COVID - there has been an increase in mental health and abuse of substance has risen as well. “Echo” Pandemic → as students are returning to campus there are anxieties and increased depression during these times. Mostly in students that are completely new to campus There are more signs of a previous “loneliness” epidemic.
  - iv. Promoting events is an optimistic way to get societal norms back to inclusiveness and how students can better experience their lives at USD.
  - v. Here at USD → Fear, worry, uncertainty, anxiety, unsure, and social withdrawal and emotions. Mental Health Services at USD → Located in three different locations (Counseling center in Saints (Hall 300), Student health center (UC161)). There opportunities for brief therapy, group therapy, and many more options. Routine appointments can be accessed online or by calling student wellness at 619.260.4655 (24/7)
  - vi. There will be enhancement of space in order for group conversations, well-being collaboration, and enhancing the capacity of the space as well. Some could be asynchronous if necessary so that people have the opportunity to meet in person and a hand held device.

- vii. Student access is available 24/7 and student leaders are able to direct people to these available resources.
- viii. QPR Training - Question, Persuade, Refer is going to happen in order to be able to help other students. Mental health check ins - October 21, 2021 3:30 to 6:30 at UC Forums
- ix. Questions: Jake Dredge - Is brief therapy and psychiatry bridge resources a most effective method for mental health or is long term a better way? Answer: There is no session limit, and it is up to students on their comfortability and students can always return as many times as they'd like. There is always time to see you and rarely ever a waitlist especially when there are urgent scenarios.
- x. Motion to extend time by 10 minutes, and seconded. Motion is passed. (1:28pm)
- xi. Question: Ezra Wheeler - Are there any specific ways that you are addressing the dramatically increasing level of grief in our community? How will it be continued to be handled? Answer: There are a variety of ways and there are either group therapies to help through this. Staff and counselors are also understanding this grief. Grief is either personal or interpersonal in situations. Also, thinking about what kind of conversations will help counselors and the community deal with this grief.
- xii. Question: Siri Dandu - Any recommendations of places on campus that students would be comfortable in these situations? Answer: Rainbow process group is great for daytime and is a great space offered this year. Also, there is a space for those who identify as male. Understanding yourself and Others (more traditional counseling groups) and Coping with Stress is also a space that is great for having these conversations. Wellness Wednesdays are also intended for people to enter and have conversations about what is going on.

- xiii. Questions: Lauren Fettes - How do you recommend helping students that feel unsafe in their spaces due to other students not taking the pandemic seriously? Answer: We are trying to have conversations with people that are starting to have thoughts about, “What will happen if I go to a concert, party, etc. and decide not to wear a mask?” This helps because it is coming from the individual. Be aware of the consequences that are warm and sensitive. Do it in a way that is person oriented and raises questions to raise consciousness.
- xiv. Motion to 5 minute recess passed
- e. Presentation by VPSA Charlotte Johnson (30 min)
  - i. Started on August 2nd and is the new VP of Student Affairs, office in Hahn 232.
  - ii. In the past weeks has been meeting with students and people at USD to see how the community is and understand her vision for USD.
  - iii. Her priorities: She is not sure at the moment, but she is working to figure this out and wants to make sure she understands the community.
  - iv. Questions: Madeleine Woo - COVID guidelines and how are we going to accurately deal with these situations? There is a problem on what specific classes and times there are when coming in contact with someone. People quarantined when they were not supposed to and emailed them, but received an automated email in return.  
Answer:. There are use of technological and actual people that help these emails concerning quarantined students. Will bring this back to the board as they meet every morning. It is also a good way to contact the COVID team that can help more in these situations.

10. 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. Motion to adjourn the meeting, no final business
11. Adjournment (2 min)
- a. Motion adjourned 2:03pm

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