



ASSOCIATED
STUDENT
GOVERNMENT
UNIVERSITY OF SAN DIEGO

Senate Minutes

Thursday, April 10th, 2025

12:15 pm

The Senate Chamber, Solomon Hall, University of San Diego

1. Call to Order
2. Land Acknowledgement
3. Roll Call
4. Approval of the Agenda, April 10th, 2025
 - a. Senator Jordan moves to add the vote of new student organizations for 5 minutes after new business.
 - a. Senator Lily. Moves to approve the amended Agenda with the amendment. Seconded. Motion passes.
5. Approval of the Minutes, April 3rd, 2025
 - a. Senator Gabriella. Motion to approve the Minutes for April 3rd. Seconded. Motion passes.
6. New Business
 - a. Presentation from K Thomas on projects and resources of the LGBTQ+ Commons.
 - i. Rainbow Educators program- celebrated 25 years and advocates for intersexual activity
 - ii. Journey so far
 1. In the year 2000, it was added to USD as a nondiscrimination policy at the school
 - a. Furthermore, it was funded by an official grant and was then initiated
 - b. The board of trustees acknowledged sexual orientation to the non-discrimination policy
 2. 2009, the Safe Space Ally program established
 3. PRIDE (QTES) sponsors the first on campus-wide dance.
 1. Something feels so little like a dance makes it worth it.
 4. 2011 Gender identity and Gender expression added to USD nondiscrimination policy
 5. 2012- First year when the web page sandiego.edu/lgbtq launches
 - a. 1st Supreme Drag Superstar event
 - b. PRIDE Alumni Affinity group framed by Office of Alumni relations
 6. 2017 where the First gender restroom opens on SLP's 4th floor
 - a. USD commits to include at least one all-gender restroom in all future buildings.
 - i. However, there is only one non-binary restroom in the whole of UCs.
 - ii. There are many students and faculty that dont

have a safe space to use the bathroom in some buildings on campus. More is needed.

7. 2018- LGBTQ+ and Allies Commons opens
 - a. Lanvender celebration institutionalized
 - b. Data collection of student LGBTQ+ identities begins
 8. 2024- Safe Space Allies program launches new asynchronous training online for greater reach
 - a. Self-service name and pronoun changes launched on the banner (working on the switch to canvas)
 9. 2024-2025 Rainbow Educators celebrates 25th Anniversary.
- iii. Religious Context -
1. LGBTQ and the Catholic church are always at odds.
 - a. 25% of religious LGTQ+ students are catholic.
 - b. Wonderfully Made is a film about queer spirituality
 - c. But students come to us to express both the catholic religion and their gender identity
- iv. Nation Wide context
1. Areas of LGBTQ+ impacted by the recent executive orders:
Some states criminalize associating with different Gender identities in topics such as
 - a. Access to gender-affirming healthcare
 - b. Legal documentation including passports
 - c. Military service and resulting benefits
 - i. Recently NROTC students who had gender biological change were given 1 week to take a leave of absence due to the Department of Defense
 - d. Education K-higher ed
 - i. There are laws not letting information about Gender identity be spread through schooling
 - e. Comprehensive reproductive health care education
 - f. Ability to engage in sports
 2. USD is a much safer space for students to embrace their decisions, religions, and gender identity.
 3. New undergraduate student data in the LGBTQ+
 - a. Total LGTQ+, Total responses, % of respondents identifying as LGBTQ+
 - b. 2019- 52, 877, 5.9%
 - c. 2020- 91, 892, 10.2%
 - d. 2021- 105, 1027, 11.9%
 - e. 2022- 122, 1027. 11.9%
 - f. 2023- 117 1101 10.6%
 - g. 2024- 51 562 9.1%
 4. Our values and starting place
 - a. Academic excellence
 - b. Catholic identity
 - c. Human dignity
 - d. Care for our common home
 - e. Ethical conduct and compassionate service
 - f. Inspired and meaningful lives
 5. Thriving student model
 - a. Academic excess
 - b. Belonging
 - c. Joy
 - d. Inclusive community
 - e. Holistic wellness
 - f. Spirituality- What does it mean to be LGBTQ+ and be spiritually affiliated?
- v. USD money situation-
1. Instead of worrying about money ASG should show ways and how they connect to students on campus, especially to the

LGBTQ+ community.

The floor opens to questions

Senator Sergei- reminds all ASGs to be supportive of everyone who is in that community, despite background, age, or race. Also thanks K Thomas for their time.

- b. Presentation and Vote on the ASGBC recommendation on over 10k requests from the USD Medical Brigades
 - i. Medical Brigade to Belize for 6 nights and 7 days June 1st to June 7th
 1. Who we are
 - a. Medical Brigades is a student-run, non-profit organization
 - i. Provides primary health care to under-resourced local and foreign communities with limited to no access to medical care.
 - ii. Public health inequities are addressed through the global brigade's holistic model.
 2. Funded Through Student Movement
 - a. Full-Time Local Teams
 - i. 100+ full-time local staff, 300+ part-time local staff year-round
 - b. Community-Led Sustainability
 - i. Community members lead through the formation of committees and long-term funding for future sustainability
 - ii. Instead of our teams implementing ourselves into the community, communities submit proposals for our entrance into their community, which is first met by extensive team member education. This helps to ensure that we are aiding communities in their own public health efforts, and not imposing our own ideas about what we *think* these communities *need*.
 - c. Government Collaboration
 - i. Working with local governments instead of against or in replacement of local governments
 - d. Holistic understanding of Honduran culture and health systems
 - e. Bringing positive, **change-making** ideas to our campus from what we learn during Brigades
 3. Physicians provide patient consults and prescribe treatment for acute or chronic illnesses.
 - a. Student volunteers work ***DURING FULL CLINIC DAYS*** in triage, shadow physicians, provide education workshops, and help to distribute medicine in the community pharmacy
 - b. Also, participate in community outreach events throughout the semester leading up to the brigade
 4. Volunteers-
 - a. Kevin Guerrieri, advisor
 - b. 23 undergraduate students
 - c. The deadline to have funds in for the brigade is April 25th
 5. Cost breakdown
 - a. Total cost: \$72,927
 - b. Cost per person: (\$2701 \$1800) without flights
 - i. Request \$22,057 to help fund
 1. A portion of in-country costs (meals, transportation, lodging, and medication/supplies)
 - a. \$959 allocated

Floor opens for questions

Finance chair Kayla- For the remaining costs how are you going to pay them?

The volunteer will be paying for the cost and furthermore, they had a fundraiser event to help pay for the trip. A lot of what they did during the beginning of the semester was raising money for the event and community outreach.

Chief Justice Kaitlyn- Can you clarify more on which expenses are members paying for? They are expected to pay for everything but we are asking to pay for logging, transportation, medical supplies, and meals.

Senator Sam For the volunteers you are bringing in, do you pay for there travel?

Yes, that is the reason why they had a gala to have people donate to the cause. A lot of them pay for doctor events etc.

Senator Annika- How many people do you expect to help during the brigade?

We can not give you a definite answer but we expect a lot of people from the surrounding communities. It can range from 200-600. Depends on the community.

Senator Sam- For all of the volunteers you said they already bought there flights is that all finalized on the 25th, will they get the money back?

We have other deadlines that fill in, but all flights have been booked so there won't be any dropouts.

Senator Sergei- Just to clarify everyone paid for everything already?

Yes. they paid for everything.

44 Volunteers are committed to the cause knowing that they could have paid for the whole event themselves.

ASGBC Recommendation

ii. Current ASGBC Budget

1. Beginning Budget - \$260,000.00
2. Allocated- \$186,781.34
3. Current balance- \$73,218.66
4. Balance- \$192,581.50

All numbers are up to date as of 4/9/2025 (Note Current balance does not include 7,200 from rugby.

Senator Anna- Why are we not funding their medical supplies?

We are only funding undergraduate students so lodging and transportation make the most sense. All funding must support students only.

Senator Sam- Why is it considered to be conventions, conferences, and retreats?

I do agree its more fit for community outreach but, if we classify them as conventions, conferences, and retreats we are able to fund them with more money.

Senator Sam moves to approve ASGBC's recommendation for \$11,040. Seconded.

Discussion-

Senator Marzenna asks the floor if anyone has any comments on this suggestion. For those who were hesitant to second the cause.

Senator Lily moves to have a 5-minute recess. Seconded Passed.

Senator Anna moves to extend the time by 10 minutes. Seconded. Passed.

Senator Anna moves to extend the recess by 5 minutes.

The motion was denied.

Senator Marzenna moves to allocate \$12,420 to medical brigades to modify ASG recommendations from 80 to 90 dollars per person. To accommodate for international air fair. Seconded

Finance chair Kayla- mentioned that the current motion on the floor was to approve, but now ASGBC recommendation must be denied. Then reallocated.

Speaker of the Senate Valeria- We have the motion to be approved and then it was seconded then the majority decided to deny the motion. So it was decided now they must vote on the new motion.

Finance chair Kayla- But we must motion to deny asgbc's recommendation then vote on the new number.

Chief Justice Kaitylin- The chief justice is right. Now they must vote to deny ASGS

recommendation.

Senator Lily- Because there is a current motion on the floor I move to amend the current motion to deny the ASGBC recommendation and approve the medical brigades funding for undergraduates funding for \$12,420 for international airfare and lodging.

Amended the motion

Speaker of the Senate Valeria- Just so everyone is clear we are moving to deny the motion then we will have another motion to approve the medical brigade's new funding request.

And approve the funding request for 12,420.

Seconded. Motion passes.

The approval of new student organizations

Direct democracy and mutual aid

- **Mission / Purpose:** The purpose of this organization is to promote grassroots decision-making, cooperative resource sharing, and community-driven initiatives through mutual aid efforts and democratic participation. The organization seeks to foster a culture of collective problem-solving, self-governance, and direct action to support students and the broader community in times of need.

Senator Dorthy moves to approve the new student organization. Seconded. Passed.

7. Report from The Speaker of the Senate

- a. [Senate Initiative Sheet 25](#) Just for you all to have :)
- b. 3 Senates left :(Let's Finalize those initiatives! Funds are running low :(
- c. Please encourage all your constituents to vote it is super important!
- d. No need to sign in for office hours next week, next week office hours can be remote! Happy Easter Break! For the future! If you can't make your office hours please communicate :)
- e. Anyone writing a resolution? If you are or you are thinking about it please contact me ASAP!

8. Reports from The Senate Leadership Team

- a.

9. Reports from The Committee Chairs & Coordinators

- a. The Academics Committee Chair

Rising Seniors and Juniors should already be filling out their schedule for next semester. Sophomores or those with 50 units and below start next week.

- b. The IDEA Committee Chair

10. Shoutout to TPB for Ole Fest!

11. Shoutout to Athletics Coordinator for Tailgate!

12. Endowment Scholarship meeting yesterday

13. Permit for Senator Jackie's Initiative Approved!

14. Alpha Pi Sigma Alpha Cup Tournament 4/13 Manch Field

15. Civility Fest 4/15 12:15-2:15 Paseo de Colachis

16. LUL Meet the Elite Lambdas 4/15 12:30 SLP 4th Floor

- a. The Student org Committee Chair

Reviewed and approved 1 org, pending review of 1 org

Committee tabling event for locker initiative in the works!

Sen. Jordan working with Speaker of Senate on Multicultural Org Highlight Night.

S/O to Maya for the best bonding event this past weekend!

Please fill out the QR code for Student Org Award Nominations!!! (You should all be scanning)

b. The Athletics Coordinator

Tailgate debrief:

- Around 233 students entered the tailgate!!
- About 250 students went to the game
- Had so much fun (Final Score USD 9 - UCSD 8)

Thank you to everyone that supported Exec. and I!!

Could not have done it without you all ❤️

Tennis Shout Out!

Currently Womens tennis is 57th in the Nation and Mens Tennis in 7th in the Nation!!

c. The student life committee chair

Weekly Updates ✓

- ☆ Budget Committee (ASGBC)
- ☆ Had one-on-one with Manda
- ☆ Went to the beach via Tram Event
- ☆ Worked the Tailgate
- ☆ Endowment Scholarship Committee

✿ Lyft Codes

- ☆ Grocery Lyft Codes: \$1,647.91

d. The Health and Wellness Coordinator

Baseball Tailgate Event

- had a blast setting up
- had class :(

Met W/ Ann

- nourish to flourish
- vector mandatory modules

Met W/ Nicole

- nourish to flourish

Meeting W/ Dr. Burden Tomorrow

- USD insurance

e. The Sustainability Coordinator

17. Thank you to everyone who attended the Tram event it was a great success
 - a. Getting numbers on the amount of GHG's prevented through Tram use
 - b. If you heard feedback- please let me know!
18. Congrats senator natalie for such a fun tailgate!
19. 4/10 meeting with John Alejandro
 - a. Updates on Green move out: Volunteers get a one day extension on move out

- b. EARTH WEEK: really cool events going on when we get back from break, tell your constituents!!

20. Reports from The ASG Executive Board

a. President

- i. Huge thank you to the ASG Chief of Staff for planning bonding last weekend!
- ii. ASG x Athletics Torero Tailgate was a success! Thank you to everyone who helped at the event!
- iii. 1st Endowment Committee Meeting on 4/9 and second meeting is 4/14
- iv. Sent an email about Mandatory attendance for ASG members to attend Linda Vista Multicultural Fair and Parade 4/26
- v. Speaking at the Wellness Building Opening on 4/22
- vi. Filming Rideshare Safety Video with ASG Vice President on 4/17
- vii. Diversity Banquet Class Awards Nominations due 4/11
- viii. Planning ASG tour of Wellness Building before opening date 4/22
- ix. Senior Photo Date changed to 5/13 during Torero Hours

b. Vice President

Wrapping up the semester, I will be working with the library to give away our old textbook reserves to students. Most of them are outdated textbooks, so it's an easy way to keep supporting the community while cleaning up some of our old space.

- I will be working with Academics for this, but if you are interested in helping please reach out!

I will be adjusting grant bylaws for judicial to review shortly.

c. Chief Justice

Judicial Branch

- ✿ Added Amendment to Interpretation

- ✿ [Judicial Interpretation of the Procedures Concerning a TPB Chair Vacancy](#)

Parking Re-Appeals Court

21. Next parking court: April 15 during dead hours

a. TPB Chair

b. Finance Chair

c. PR Chair

d. Chief of Staff

22. Old Business

a.

23. 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 Jackyn- Speaking on behalf of the Multy Greek council. - Faced significant delays on ASGBC, these delays are hard on this community.

They are looking for important ways to increase ways to not let this happen again.

- b. Joice- invited by Sam but worked with NADP, they help anyone with any blood or cell transplant. They are hoping ASG can help us out and spread the word about NDP. Their organization wants to diversify and May 1st is their event with ASA about this topic.

24. Adjournment

- a. (Senator Johnathan). Motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded. Motion passes. (2:13 pm)

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