



ASSOCIATED
STUDENT
GOVERNMENT
UNIVERSITY OF SAN DIEGO

Senate Minutes

Thursday, Nov 14th, 2024

12:30 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, Nov 14th, 2024
 - a. Senator Jonathan. Motion to approve the Agenda with the amendment. Seconded. Motion passes.
5. Approval of the Minutes, Nov 7th, 2024
 - a. Senator Sarah. Motion to approve the Minutes. Seconded. Motion passes.
6. New Business: Presentation on USD's Goal of Carbon Neutral by 2035
 - i. It was established in 2019
 - ii. Used to be by 2045 but switched to 2035 to reach carbon neutrality
 - iii. Limiting Carbon consumption is the #1 priority for USD
 1. Conservation of what USD uses
 2. Generating power themselves to produce 0 emissions
- a. USD Sustain
 - i. As of 2019, USD has reduced its greenhouse gas emissions by 35%
- b. Sustainability Office

To improve and protect the environment by implementing sustainability plans, projects, and programs.

 1. Engage the USD community to take action.
 2. To educate students about USD's Sustainability plan
 3. Create plans and programs to promote sustainability to inform students about what they can do to achieve USD's goal
- c. Plans
 - i. Every three years to five years they must remake the plan due to political reasons, costs, and many more outliers.
 - ii. Energy and Electricity is the largest Carbon footprint at USD
 - iii. 2016
 1. Transportation
 2. Energy
 3. Water

4. Waste
- iv. New focus plan...
 1. Environmental justice
 2. Food waste
 3. Stewardship of land and how to better manage our property
 4. Biodiversity
- v. The 2021 Energy Master plan focuses on
 1. Electricity and natural gas
 - a. Transportation is number one, however, it's not as much at USD
- d. Projects - Past
 - i. Solar array: 1.1 MW of electricity (5,214 panels) done in 2010
 1. On JCP
 2. down in the valley
 3. And Founders
 - ii. Fuel cell: 1 MW of electricity, 24/7
 1. Down in the west parking lot
 2. Uses natural gas to create electricity
 3. Feeds directly into the campus
 - iii. Energy efficiency: LED lighting; upgrades air conditioning units and hot water heaters; building electrical systems
- e. Projects - Future
 - i. Adding 2 MW of new solar tied to 1 MW of batteries to double solar on campus
 - ii. Increasing energy efficiency work in buildings
 - iii. Updating the Climate action plan to improve goals for water waste, recycling, and transportation
 - iv. In Olin, there will be solar panels installed over intersession
 - v. By next August USD will be using 60% to 80% Solar power.
- f. Programs
 - i. Certified Eco-Resident - conversation
 1. What can students do to be more sustainable
 - ii. Clothing Swaps/Pop-up thrifts - to sell reused clothing
 - iii. Student Sustainability Summit - to get students' opinions and ideas to put possible Eco-friendly solutions for USD as a whole.
 - iv. Clubs and Organisations
 1. ASG!
 - a. Any senator can come over to talk to the sustainability hub
 - b. Encourage interested constituents
 2. Association of Environmental Professionals AEP
 3. Sustainability Club

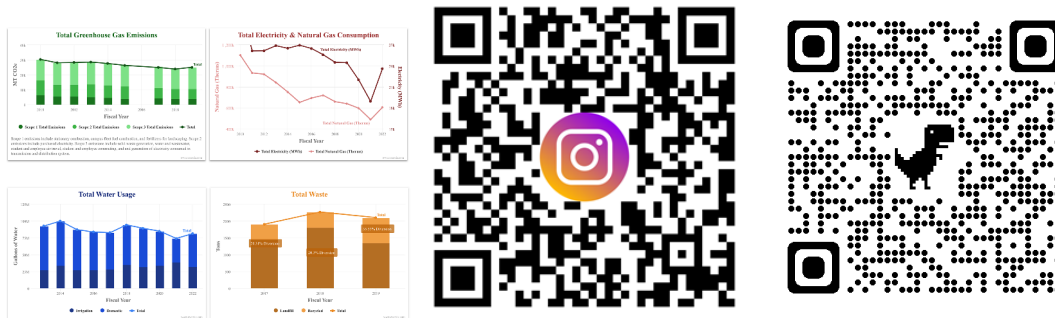
4. Surfrider Club

g. Sustainability tips

- i. ENERGY: turn off lights, computers, gaming systems, etc.
- ii. WATER: shorten showers, use cold water for laundry
- iii. RECYCLING: plastic (any!), paper, cardboard, glass - NO PLASTIC BAGS
- iv. FOOD WASTE: bags available in residencies (ask RA), green bins near dumpsters
 1. The biggest ways residents of USD to help in the Eco-Friendly campus
 2. Paper bags for food waste are in the RA desks used to

SLP: DON'T SCRAPE YOUR PLATE! - Leave your food on the cover belt

- v. USD has a high-tech biodegradable machine that creates reusable dirt for the groundskeepers on campus
- #### h. Data -



i. Questions

- i. Senator Angel - Are there any campuses that are 100% carbon neutral today?
 1. Sunny in New York is a university that is the closest to being carbon neutral campus.
- ii. Senator Angel- Is there any initiative for the trams to be electric?
 1. USD has a 100% electric tram that will be used to move people on and off campus
- iii. Speaker of the Senate Val Will there be more Biodigestors on campus?
 1. Berts and La Paloma send their scraps of food to biodigesters
- iv. Senator Annika - Can the Biodigestor take meat?
 1. Yes any food Meat, Eggshells, Liquids
- v. Senator Jonathan
 1. Is there any project in the works for all of the buildings on campus to have solar panels?
 - a. 11 buildings out of 72 buildings have solar panels
 - i. The other buildings are not worth it there are too many outliers thus all wide open spaces will hold solar panels
 2. How does the Wellness center be Eco friendly
 - a. Eco-friendly carpet, paint, heating, aircon,
 - b. It has a lot of advanced technology to help lower energy use in the buildings.
 - c. With more buildings USD continues to drop carbon emissions
- vi. Senator Marzena Has the idea of automatic lights been explored?
 1. Building controls will be implemented later in the future.
 2. San Buen will be implemented with automatic lights.
- vii. Senator Angel - Succeeds her time
- viii. Speaker of the Senate Val - Food waste in residential areas
 1. Green bins are the solutions both students and faculty are asking for

- ix. Senator Cassidy, Where do the donation items go?
 - 1. Those are clothing collection bins that take clothes and furniture.
 - a. They will take these items and sell them for a marked-down price. Like the Salvation Army.

Point of Order the time allowed for this agenda has lapsed
Senator Sarah moves to extend the agenda item by 2 minutes. Seconded. Passed.

- x. President Morgan The UTAs are being teared down to build new housing will that new housing building have solar panels?
 - 1. As of now, the UTCs don't know, the building must be under Title 24 and solar-ready if they want to place solar panels.
7. Report from The Speaker of the Senate
- a. Work Reports! DUE 11/15!
 - b. If you need to be added to the agenda please let me know by Sunday @12:00 pm
 - c. Add your office hours to the ASG office hours calendar
 - d. New Senators, please stay for 5 minutes after we adjourn
 - e. Let's wrap up initiatives or plan them well to execute next semester!
 - f. The initiatives sheet will be sent out soon! Everyone should be part of an initiative right now!
 - g. Bonding this Friday!!! Yay :)
 - h. ASG Google Drive has it all :)
8. Reports from The Senate Leadership Team
- a. Ava
 - i. Happy November! The break is soon, you got this!
 - ii. A 1:1 email went out two days ago, reply
 - iii. Looking for a date for next month's meeting for chairs
 - iv. Working on work reports
 - b. Jameson
 - i. Happy Turkey Month can't wait for a break
 - ii. 1:1 emails went out thank you to those who have responded so far
 - iii. No new Senate initiatives
 - iv. We still have 30 days left in the semester :O
 - v. I will create a Google sheet of all senate initiatives to look in senate forms in Google Drive.
 - c. Annalise
 - i. Thank you to all the new senators for completing the onboarding surveys and RR training :)
9. Reports from The Committee Chairs & Coordinators
- a. The Academics Committee Chair
 - i. We had our first meeting with new senators yesterday!!!!
 - ii. Prepped for Grants! Start grants next week
 - iii. Getting everyone caught up on goals and everything academics
 - iv. Setting up with Dr. Gong to come to our committee in Dec
 - v. Some of us helping out with the distress event tonight
 - vi. Events next week

- b. The IDEA Committee Chair
 - i. Wellness Center Tour!
 - ii. 1 on 1 w/ Speaker of the Senate
 - iii. Finalized date for meeting with Executive Director of University Design
 - iv. Annika: Manchester Mailroom Issue
 - v. Marzena: Main Structure Parking Elevator
 - 1. M.E.C.h.A GBM SLP 4th Floor 7-8 PM
 - 2. FUSO Project Agapay Networking 11/16 9-11:30 AM Shiley Atrium
 - 3. MGC x Tribal Liaison Native American Month Celebration 11/19 7-9 PM

- c. The Student Org Committee Chair
 - i. Each member is reaching out to org to attend GBM's and get first-hand feedback on how we can better support our constituents
 - ii. Student Org mixer planning
 - iii. Reviewing 2 orgs' registration next week
 - iv. Next SOC meeting: Tuesday, November 19th 5:30-6:30p

- d. The Student Life Committee Chair
 - i. Student Life Committee Updates
 - 1. Fall Event: POSTPONED :(
 - ii. Grocery Lyft Code
 - 1. (11.7) Expected to be the last Sunday (\$1421.42 used)
 - 2. Potentially raising the amount given per Lyft Code
 - iii. Current Projects
 - 1. Pavilion Dining - small changes coming soon!
 - 2. Thanksgiving Lyft Codes

- e. The Athletics Coordinator

This week I have continued to plan for the Men's Basketball game against SDSU. I have another meeting next week with some of the people from Athletics to finalize ideas.

- i. Games this week:
- ii. Men's Basketball (Sat @12pm)
- iii. Football (Sat @1pm)

- f. The Health and Wellness Coordinator

- i. Met with Anne Cass
- ii. Progress reports
 - 1. Nothing as of this week
- iii. Goals
 - 1. To start some initiatives!! Please let me know if you have any ideas as well!

- g. The Sustainability Coordinator

November: Sustainable Transportation for students off campus!

- 1. Still working with Sean and John on logistics and the date
- 2. Loryn Johnson- license and marketing for possible Zipcar promo codes
- 3. Please send out the Google form to your constituents, we want to make sure this

service will be of use to students

4. Shoutout to Dorothy, Grace, Desiree, Alex, Angel, and Cassidy for reaching out about the Tram event!

10. Reports from The ASG Executive Board

a. President

- i. [Center for Social Innovation & Entrepreneurship Internship](#): The Internship offers students the opportunity to work with mission-driven organizations, earning \$22/hour in a flexible, hybrid format supported by the Prebys Foundation (Applications due by November 22)
- ii. Had so much at the Multicultural Night!
- iii. Working with Danni Michelle to send campus-wide surveys out next week
- iv. Attending the Founders Gala with the PR Chair this Saturday, Nov. 16th
- v. Will be attending a luncheon with the Fall 2024 Design Lab cohort

1. Reminder: Executive Order 1:

All ASG members, including those in the Executive, Legislative, Judicial, and Programming branches, must attend/participate in at least 1 event organized by another branch each semester, in addition to their regular duties

2. Upcoming events:

FUSO Project Agapay 11/ 16: Connect with Filipino professionals for career insights and mentorship. Come learn about their journeys and expertise!

b. Vice President

- i. The grants review will begin next week:
 1. Over double the amount we have to allocate was requested for grants, so this process will certainly be tedious
- ii. Met with Academics Committee on 11/13 to prepare for grants UCC/CCC meetings this week (hence why I am not at the Senate).
- iii. Great discussions so far over the incoming majors in psychology/neuroscience as well as approving some new flags for courses

c. Chief Justice

i. Judicial Branch

1. Senate By-Law Edits - Reviewed First Round
2. Spring Election Schedule - In Progress
3. Next Parking Court: Nov 19

d. TPB Chair

- i. Destress later today !! 5-7 PM in front of the UC's!
- ii. Winter Wonderland 12/03 from 5-7 PM @PDC

1. Last chance to volunteer !! ;)
- iii. Guest Speaker event on Thursday 12/05 @Shiley Theater 7-8PM
- iv. Hiring Applications open tomorrow!
- e. Finance Chair
 - i. ASGBC Recap
 1. 23 requests reviewed
 2. \$11,835 allocated
 3. 28 requests in Torero Orgs
 - ii. ASGBC approved their first edit of the Funding Guidelines
 1. Under the Supplies Category, "Any subscriptions (ex: Canva, Mailchimp) will not be funded"
 - iii. Working on an email to send out to student organizations about important deadlines for the Fall semester
 - iv. ASGBC Budget Update
 1. Beginning - \$177,500
 2. Available - \$56,608.65
 3. Balance - \$117,661.28
- f. PR Chair
 - i. Ordered ASG Polo's!
 1. Something you can wear to Senate, ASG Events, etc
 2. Estimated Arrival: Thanksgiving Break
 - ii. Marketing Committee Meeting 11/13
 1. Welcome Senator Grace
 2. Interested in joining next semester? [Marketing Committee Interest](#)
 3. Major Update: Auditing the ASG website. Stay tuned!
 - iii. Thank you to those who signed the *Thank you Cards* for the Founder's Gala.
 1. Handed out to the Endowed Scholarship donors.
 - iv. If anyone has pictures from your events (ie: Wellness Building Tour)
 1. [Shared Google Photos Album](#)
 2. Used for things such as Instagram, website, end-of-the-year video, etc.
 - v. Start getting those Senate Initiatives going!
 1. Showcase all that your ASG does! The people want to see it!

Reminders:

1. [Marketing Request Form](#) is due **TWO WEEKS** before the day of the event
2. Follow our Social media!
 - a. Instagram and tik-tok: @usd_asg, @usd_tpb
 - b. LinkedIn: USD Associated Student Government

g. Chief of Staff

- i. YAY BONDING TOMORROW!!
 1. If you have signed up to go, will receive an email with final details from me today!
- ii. Past Week
 1. Attended Multicultural night, basketball game, volleyball game and UFLC
- iii. Shoutout Senator Grace for jumping in and helping out on the sustainability tram pilot event and attending different student org GBMs!

11. Old Business

No old Business.

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.*

ATO Alpha Tau Omega New social fraternity on campus

- a. James Myers and Dylan - ask everyone to talk about the organization they are a part of.

Senator Jameson moves to relinquish Roberts's rules of order for five minutes.

Seconded. Passed.

- b. Leaders on campus looking for advice, are different from other Greek life organizations

- i. What can they do to look out for and do on this campus
ii. Val- Greek life is great for philanthropy/ as a new organization to be more inclusive

Time for this agenda item has elapsed.

Senator Jonathan moves to extend the time by 5 minutes. Seconded. Passed.

- iii. Not here to close doors but to make a difference in the San Diego community, making sure that the fraternity experience is inclusive and strong bonding
iv. Set up mandatory times a week for studying to ensure members that education comes first GPA requirement to help with academics, etc

13. Adjournment

- a. Senator Cassidy. Motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded. Motion passes.
(1:46 pm)

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