



## Senate Minutes

Thursday, October 17th, 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, October 17th, 2024
  - a. Senator Ava. Motion to approve the Agenda with the amendment.  
Seconded. Motion passes.
5. Approval of the Minutes, October 10th, 2024
  - a. Senator Johnathan. Motion to approve the Minutes. Seconded. Motion passes.
6. New Business
  - a. Dr. Howelett's presentation on the civil discourse initiative
    - i. Started by Vice President Charlotte Johnson
      1. Making sure our campus is ready to go into civil discussion
      2. Making people prepaid for the results of each election
    - ii. What is civil discourse?
      1. Civil discourse is a respectful and constructive way to discuss public issues and exchange views, with the goal of promoting understanding and expanding knowledge. It can help people bridge divides and make informed decisions that are important for citizens and governments.
    - iii. USD Vision statement
      1. Strengthened by the Catholic intellectual tradition, we confront humanity's challenges by fostering peace, working for justice, and leading with love.
      2. No other school has the word love in its vision statement
    - iv. How can USD prepare for Civil discourse
      1. Got feedback from students at the school about civil disclosure
      2. Lessons led from this information can be used abroad
    - v. The goal of the initiative this year is to
      1. Help students engage constructively with difficult issues in a civil manner
      2. Get people to explore how to balance free speech with being an inclusive community

- vi. We want people to move from basic listening to more sophisticated civil discourse instead of arguing using hate and biased options
- vii. Student affairs are leading the initiative but these are the following partnerships that have been pushing this initiative
  - 1. **USD Votes**
  - 2. **Political Science Department**
  - 3. **Communications Department**
  - 4. **Peace Studies Department**
  - 5. **Copley Library**
  - 6. **Campus Ministry/Mission Integration**
  - 7. **Associated Student Government/Torero Program Board**
  - 8. **Mulvaney Center for Community, Awareness and Social Action**
  - 9. **Changemaker Hub**
  - 10. **University Marketing & Communications**
  - 11. **Center for Inclusion & Diversity**
  - 12. **And many more.**
- viii. Some major things USD is doing are...
  - 1. Joining a piolet program for the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities Constructive Dialogue Institute
  - 2. Civil discourse in student leadership training
    - a. Senator Johnathan is taking ours outside his summer to work on this
    - b. Greek life will be trained in Civil discourse in the upcoming months
    - c. More USD organizations will be also given this training in the future
  - 3. Civil discourse ambassadors' positions
    - a. Positions will open up
    - b. Anyone can apply, they must be passionate and open to civil disclosure
  - 4. Fall civil discourse and civic engagement event
    - a. The California secretary of state will come down to talk with the USD community along with the general public to engage in a fireside chat about the topic of helping understand national issues in the at-large community.
      - i. Although she is a part of the democratic party she will be non-partisan due to her being in the secretary of state position.
      - ii. For more context, she makes sure everyone in Cal has the proper voting materials and gets people to vote.
  - 5. Civility Cafes

- a. Members of the community that come in and talk about civil discourse in the world, nation, and in the community.
  - i. 1st one with proffer Jonathan Bowmen talked about intercultural communication 3 weeks ago
  - ii. 2nd topic will be Prof. Hugh Berg from the library And he will be talking about fake news
  - iii. After the election, there will be a meeting about conflict resolution
- ix. Tabling events about civil discourse
  1. Some questions asked during the event were...
    - a. . Do you feel disagreements could be good for us?
    - b. Q2. What is one way to tune into other's perspectives?
    - c. Q3. What is a way you can recognize a fake news story?
    - d. Q4. How do you engage in respectful discussion and debate with others?
    - e. Q5. How might you confront an inappropriate comment that someone else made?
    - f. Q6. Why does voting matter to you?
    - g. Q7. What is the best way to engage in a respectful conversation?
    - h. Q8. What does civility mean to you?
    - i. Q9. What is one way to de-escalate a heated conversation?
    - j. Q10. How might you challenge yourself to learn about others' opinions that might be different than you own?
- x. Civil Discourse website
  1. You can find everything and everything in civil discourse on the Discourse website
    - a. USD resources
      - i. USD votes - anything and everything about voting
  2. The California Secretary of State Dr. Shirly Weber will speak to the USD community about civil discourse.
- xi. Upcoming events
  1. Oct 23rd Military and Veterans Program discourse discussion
  2. Oct 30th Civility Cafe - communication Literacy, Media Literacy
- xii. Questions
  1. Senator Cassidy
    - a. How can students become civil discourse ambassadors
      - i. USD is at the forefront of this, the best way to join is to email Byron or talk with him after Senate.

2. Student org chair
  - a. Senator Angel asked if USD would hold the California Secretary of State Dr. Weber accountable for being nonpartisan.
    - i. She is bound by law (Cal Sec of State) to be a Democrat, but in talks like these she will stay neutral
    - ii. All questions were formed with the USD administration and agreed upon with the California secretary of state and USD.
  3. Fizz is not a civil place to be and hoping to move Fizz from political opinions entirely so political views can be disclosed
- b. Q1 budget reports
  - i. Finance committee
    1. Is an ASG committee and is responsible for the ASG activity fee.
    2. Making sure to be a good steward of the student activity fee
  - ii. How funds are allocated
    1. ASG, TPB, and centers submit quarterly budget reports
    2. The Finance Committee reviews requests and allocates funds
    3. Senate reviews FC allocations and votes to approve budgets
  - iii. ASG Q1 expenditures including ASG Funded Centers and ASG Exec Budgets
    1. No additional allocations this quarter 23-24 rollover will be added to the spring 2024 Budget
    2. ASG Q1 expenditures including ASG Funded centers and ASG Exec Budgets
  - iv. The following were approved with follow-ups
    1. MCCASA- Mulvaney Center vans: \$66.44- Request funds to be returned to ASG for food for Bi-monthly meeting
    2. Fall workshops: \$132.44 - request funds to be returned to ASG for food purchased from the non-BIPOC restaurant
    3. SSS- Empower Hour: \$129.97 - Request funds to be returned to ASG for food purchased from non-BIPOC restaurants  
Continue to follow Sustainability Guidelines
    4. ASG President - Ole Weekend Socials \$76.18 - request funds to be returned to ASG
    5. TPB Vice chair reminds to not go over-allocated budget for the event
  - v. Sustainable purchasing Guidelines
    1. The addition of glow sticks to the list of non-approvable

items in the sustainable purchasing guidelines with the alternative of using other decor options.

- vi. Questions regarding the numbers of ASGBC budget
  - 1. No questions regarding the ASGBC budget.

#### Motions

- Senator Ava moves to approve the Q1 with follow-ups and glowsticks to the purchasing guidelines. Seconded. Passed.
  
- c. Approval for votes for registered student organizations
  - i. German club
  - ii. Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers
  - iii. Surfrider Foundation University of San Diego Club
  - iv. Theta Tau
  - v. Torero Themed Entertainment
  - vi. USD Film Society

#### Motions

- Senator Marzena moves to approve the reregistered student organizations. Seconded. Passed.
  
- d. Approval for old/new student organizations
  - i. Delta Sigma Pi
  - ii. Business Administration Society
  - iii. Panhellenic Council
  - iv. Psychology Club
  - v. El Club de Español
  - vi. Black Student Union
  - vii. Alpha Epsilon Delta

#### Motions

- Senator Annika moves to approve the old/ new student organizations. Seconded. Passed.
  
- e. Approval for new student organizations
  - i. USD Mens Basketball
  - ii. USD juggling club
    - 1. The purpose is to teach and improve juggling skills
  - iii. USD DAA+AH Basement Society
  - iv. Jigsaw Puzzle

#### Point of order the time of this agenda time

- Senator Johnathan moves to approve the agenda time by 5 minutes. Seconded. Passed.
  
- f. Questions
  - i. Do we already have a USD men's basketball club?
    - 1. No, there was not one already.

#### Motions

- Senator Johnathan moves to approve all new student organizations. Seconded. Passed.

7. Report from The Speaker of the Senate
  - a. Be honest on your work reports! Only Val will see them
  - b. We have more applicants on their way
    - i. Expect a meeting with everyone sometime soon
  - c. Met with Scarlet Johnson and discussed all passed senate initiatives and working on how these can be followed up.
  - d. Add your office hours to the ASG office hours calendar
  - e. EVR 1 week before tabling and 3 weeks before an event
    - i. For larger venues please ever two weeks in advance
  - f. Committee meetings is not a part of office hours
  - g. All resolutions can be found on our website
    - i. <https://www.sandiego.edu/associated-student-government/senate/resolutions.php>
  - h. Please add your Google calendar to the ASG google calendar
  - i. Initiative funds have \$10,451 left
    - i. For tabling it must be one week in advance

The time allowed for this agenda item is up

- Senator Ava moves to approve adding 2 minutes to the agenda item.  
Secconded. Passed.

#### 8. Reports from The Senate Leadership Team

- a. Ava
  - i. Led the committee chair meeting last Friday
    1. If you didn't attend please watch the video recording of the meeting
  - ii. Please complete the EVR training if you have not already done so
  - iii. Planning to hold a meeting next week with the coordinators
  - iv. Working on resolution and initiatives presentations for the next senate meeting
  - v. Emailed potential speakers at the senate thank you for all of your input last meeting!
- b. Jameson
  - i. We have \$10,451 left for this semester's senate initiatives.
  - ii. Congrats to Senator Sarah Grunkemeyer for her \$600 request for her Halloween tabling event has been approved!
    1. Please use these funds and make a difference in your school community
  - iii. Please send your google calendars to Ava and I so we can get the 1 on 1 meeting started!
  - iv. If I am pronouncing your name incorrectly please let me know!
- c. Annalise
  - i. No new updates
  - ii. Hope you are crushing your midterms!

## 9. Reports from The Committee Chairs & Coordinators

- a. The Academics Committee Chair
  - i. During office hours he worked with Diego to help prehealth students
  - ii. Working with the library to find out what they need
  - iii. More information will be on the google drive
  - iv. Looking through University files to see if we have any problems or they seem wrong
- b. The IDEA Committee Chair
  - i. Weekly civil disclosure Ambassadoe meeting w/Dr. Howlett
  - ii. 1 -1 advisor meeting w/JC
  - iii. IDEA committee meeting tomorrow 2:30 - 3:30 PM
- c. The Student Org Committee Chair
  - i. SOC met with 11 organizations during weekly meetings
  - ii. Approved some organizations since the last meeting
  - iii. Working on approving 12 more organizations as of today for SOC
- d. The Student Life Committee Chair
  - i. Student Life Committee Meeting 2
    1. Looking at the Halloweek tabling event
      - a. promoting drink safety
      - b. Brainstorming ways to increase school spirit around campus
    2. Grocery store Lyft codes
      - a. Working with the PR chair in promoting the event
      - b. They will be up and running soon
    3. School Spirit
      - a. Trying to find a USD phrase Motto or tagline to represent the school
      - b. Possible giveaways for dress-up weeks
      - c. Always looking for spontaneity and Visibility
- e. The Athletics Coordinator
  - i. Met with the student life committee and narrowed down that we want our tabling event to look at life and upcoming goals for that
  - ii. In the process of meeting the marketing director for athletics
  - iii. Talked to multiple athletes and gathered information on what they want to see marketing and school spirit-wise.
- f. The Health and Wellness Coordinator
  - i. NA
- g. The Sustainability Coordinator
  - i. Halloween tabling event!
    1. Handing out nightcaps, crumble, and notebooks

- ii. Swap meet! - December 3rd
- iii. Holiday fair - December 5th
- iv. Bosley Health event- Sustainability
- v. Colab with a blender bike that can bike your way to get a smoothie

## 10. Reports from The ASG Executive Board

### a. President

- i. Conducting interviews next week for the vacant senator positions
- ii. Met with Kelsey Grey and other members on campus on how as a collective we are going to approach school spirit from the social media perspective.
- iii. Met with VP of Student Affairs Charlotte Johnson on 10/16
- iv. Meeting with Athletic Director and Associate Director of Athletics on 10/18
- v. Attending the UFLC meeting on 10/23 with some members of the Executive Board
- vi. Meeting with the VP of Community Growth of the Multicultural Greek Council for the APIDA Sorority Interest Group
- vii. **REMINDER: Executive Order 1 states all members of ASG, spanning across the Executive, Legislative, Judicial, and Programming branches, are required to attend and actively contribute to at least one event organized by another branch each semester.**

### b. Vice President

- i. I am on the Core Curriculum Committee right now
  - 1. At these meetings, we discuss and vote on any changes to the curriculum:)
  - 2. Undergraduate Core Curriculum on Tuesday. I recently followed up, asking about what information is confidential so that I can begin sharing with you all updates.
- ii. Yay for more senator applications!
- iii. Grants close November first at 11:59 PM! Don't forget to spread the word

### c. Chief Justice

- i. Two ASGBC appeals last week
- ii. One ASGBC appeal today
- iii. Have next parking re-appeals court Oct 22
- iv. Domestic Violence Awareness Month

### d. TPB Chair

- i. BIG BLUE BASH TOMORROW
- ii. Doors open at 6!!! Be there or be square
- iii. Wait for it... TAILGATE THE NEXT DAY 11 am-2 pm in front of the SLP:)
- iv. Haunted Trails ticketed event with Lyft codes!!
- v. Ticket drop is tonight at 5:30 PM!!!
- vi. The event is Tuesday, October 29th (check Instagram for more info)\
- vii. Midterm De-Stress Event November 12th, 5-7 PM

### e. Finance Chair

- i. ASGBC recap
  - 1. 21 requests reviewed

2. ~ \$9,820 allocated
3. 42 requests in Torero Orgs
- ii. The Finance Committee met last Thursday
  1. Finished in 1.5 hours!
  2. Presented to Senate
- iii. Get Involved Fund and the Center Discretionary Fund are back open!
  1. Will be contacting committees soon
  2. Does not apply to students/open to senators who want to put on events
    - a. Reviewed by ASGBC
  3. Get involved fund
    - a. Lets students ask for money from ASG to get involved around campus
- iv. ASGBC Budget Update
  1. Beginning- \$177,500
  2. Available-\$101,285.30
  3. Balance-\$157,309.18
- f. PR Chair
  - Currently at work.
  - Met with Kelsey Grey, Cara Brown, Shane Duffy, and other members on campus on how as a collective we are going to approach school spirit from the social media perspective.
  - Unedited Headshot photos are in the Google Drive NOW!
    - Use the photo to update your LinkedIn profile, email profile image, etc
    - Edited headshots will be available within two weeks. Please be patient as there are a lot of people to go through. If you need your headshot image sooner, please email me.
  - [Marketing Committee Interest](#): Those that I have emailed about joining share your Google Calendar ASAP so we can begin to meet!
    - If you are still interested please fill out the Google form.

Reminders:

- [Marketing Request Form](#) is due **TWO WEEKS** before the day of the event!
- Follow our instagram and tik-tok: @usd\_asg, @usd\_tpb

g. Chief of Staff

*By the time this is read I will be gone, I am at a PhiDE event.*

1. *Great job on the work reports, the next ones will be due October 25th!*
  2. *Please add office hours and meetings to the ASG Shared google calendar, titled "ASG Meetings and Events" I made sure you all have access*
  3. *I will be sending out a Google form about the next bonding sometime soon, I have some ideas but if you have any you would like to suggest, please do!*
    - *Text me: at (805)657-3075 or Email me: at [mrothwell@sandiego.edu](mailto:mrothwell@sandiego.edu)*
11. Raising of Questions from Members of the Public
    - a. Byron acknowledges the parents and Claps all around
  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.*

13. Adjournment

- a. Senator Johnathan. Motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded. Motion passes. 1:38 pm

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Associated Student Government of the University of San Diego  
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