



## Senate Minutes

Thursday, February 29th, 2024

12:15pm

The Senate Chamber, Salomon Hall, University of San Diego

1. Call to Order
2. Land Acknowledgement (1 min)
3. Roll Call (3 min)
4. Approval of the Agenda, February 29th, 2024 (3 min)
  - a. Academics Committee Chair. Motion to approve the Agenda. Seconded. Motion passes.
5. Approval of the Minutes, February 22nd, 2024 (2 min)
  - a. IDEA Committee Chair. Motion to approve the Minutes. Seconded. Motion passes.
6. New Business
  - a. Presentation and Discussion on University Strategic Planning by Dr. Michael Lovette-Colyer (30 min)
    - i. Strategic Planning → Revamping USD’s Mission, Vision, and Values
      1. President’s Advisory Council for Strategic Planning (PACSP) met four times last year to discuss the design and planning process for USD’s new strategic plan, including:
        - a. The horizon for the new plan
        - b. Key strategic questions to be addressed
        - c. Organizational structure
        - d. Important dates and timelines of the planning process
    - ii. Key Strategic Questions to be Addressed
      1. What does student success look like in the next decade and how does USD need to position itself to achieve this?
      2. How can USD achieve and sustain academic excellence (as shown by internal and external measures)?
      3. What is the optimal enrollment for USD and for each College and School, including the Division of Professional and Continuing Education?
      4. What must USD do to remain a leader in sustainability and fulfill its responsibilities as a University of Laudato Si’?
      5. What must USD do to develop and sustain a high degree of

access, diversity, and inclusion?

6. What must USD do to fulfill its role as a Hispanic Serving Institution?
7. What partnerships with other universities should USD consider to fulfill its mission and achieve its strategic goals?
8. How can USD achieve a sustainable financial model/financial position to succeed in its ambitious educational vision and mission?
9. What new/emerging academic and student programs should be considered in order for USD to fulfill its mission as a contemporary, Catholic university and prepare and equip our graduates for an ever-changing world?

iii. Organizational Recommendations

1. Convene a newly formed Strategic Planning Steering Committee (SPSC), which:
  - a. Includes and is led by an Executive Committee
    - i. Two co-chairs (one faculty, one administrator) for the duration of the strategic plan, appointed by the President
    - ii. Composed of 6-8 members serving multi-year terms
    - iii. Would meet on a weekly or bi-weekly basis and serve as core leadership team
  - b. 18-25 members that could consist of: trustees, faculty, administrators and staff, students, alumni, community/business leaders, K-12 educators and other key stakeholders
    - i. One-year term limits
    - ii. Would meet approximately once per month
    - iii. Is charged with proposing a new strategic plan for Board approval in May 2024

iv. Strategic Planning Process

1. Strategic Planning Committee
2. Writing Committee

v. Timeframe for Strategic Plan

1. Fall Semester
  - a. Collection of feedback and input from myriad constituencies
2. December - February
  - a. Reviewing and analyzing feedback and identifying themes

- b. Host Strategic Planning Summit
    - c. Identify potential pathways and goals
  - 3. Spring Semester
    - a. Revisit key constituencies to share findings and preliminary recommendations
    - b. Finalize pathways and goals
    - c. Present to Board at May Board Meeting
- vi. Envisioning 2024 → Previous Strategic Plan in Place
  - 1. 6 Pathways
    - a. Liberal Arts for the 21st Century
    - b. Engaged Scholarship
    - c. Anchor Institution
    - d. Access and Inclusion
    - e. Care for our Common Home
    - f. Practice Changemaking
  - 2. 5 Goals
    - a. Enhancing Student Learning and Success
    - b. Strengthening Diversity, Inclusion, and Social Justice
    - c. Improving Structural and Operational Effectiveness
    - d. Elevating Faculty and Staff Engagement
    - e. Amplifying Local and Global Engagement and Reputation
- vii. Questions for Today
  - 1. What are the major accomplishments of *Envisioning 2024* and what you most appreciate about the current plan?
  - 2. Which pathways or goals do we need to continue to focus our attention on with the new plan?
  - 3. What do you hope the new strategic plan will include?
  - 4. What should be the timeframe for the next strategic plan and why?
- viii. Questions
  - 1. Student Life Committee Chair. Emphasis on changemaking made attending a Catholic Institution as a non-Catholic less intimidating.
  - 2. Student Life Committee Chair. What place does AI have in the 21st century Liberal Arts higher education?
    - a. Dr. Lovette-Colyer. AI challenges institutions like USD that prioritizes small, in-person classes. Some want us to adapt to the changing technology, others want us to maintain our current educational model.
  - 3. Senator Osa. Food affordability and improvements to the

Food Pantry has been the focus of the IDEA Committee.

- a. Dr. Lovette-Colyer. We have recently reviewed and will continue to review your resolution about the Food Pantry
4. Academics Committee Chair. Affordability outside of classes for course materials has been a frequent concern of constituents.
  - a. Dr. Lovette-Colyer. Do you know of any successful resources that students prefer using?
    1. Academics Committee Chair. BibliU funds have been limited and not all classes use textbooks that are available with BibliU.
5. Senator Ava. One of the Student Life's Committee's main focuses this semester is student safety, especially in light of the recent influx of criminal activity on campus.
  - a. Dr. Lovette-Colyer. There are new plans being put into place to combat these issues. We are open to ideas constantly to figure out safety measures that are effective and make sense.
  - b. Dr. Lovette-Colyer. Dr. Nicole Whitner is focusing on the safety of residence halls and PSAFE is developing new ideas.
6. Senator Bella. I have been working on bringing more OER (Open-Education-Resources) to campus to improve textbook affordability.
7. Health and Wellness Coordinator. What plans are in place to bring student life opportunities to campus.
  - a. Dr. Lovette-Colyer. We are trying to find smart ways to invite members of the local community to USD events.
8. Senator Alejandro. Are there plans to update other housing residents? One of the biggest complaints residents of the Valley have is their access to water. These are issues that should be addressed when considering plans to revamp these spaces.
  - a. Dr. Lovette-Colyer. We have plans in place to revamp outdated buildings on campus. "Renaissance 2". Maher, Saints, and possibly the Law School are likely next on the list for revamp.
9. Senator Brooke. Food insecurity project previously mentioned relates to a newsletter for food insecure students

called “Food Finds” by the Changemaker Hub.

10. Senator Brooke. Renovations in Maher are a more pressing issue that should be addressed sooner rather than later.  
Flooding is a common issue among residents of Maher.
  - a. Dr. Lovette-Colyer. Necessary and urgent renovations will not be postponed, we are doing the best we can to make short-term renovations until we are ready to make the full remodel.
11. Parliamentarian. Point of order the time allotted for this agenda item has elapsed.
  - i. Clerk of the Senate. Motion to extend the allotted time by 10 minutes. Seconded. Motion passes.
12. Senator Aann. Natural science majors are frustrated that they are receiving their degrees as a “Bachelor of Arts”
  - a. Dr. Lovette-Colyer. This is actually a change happening now, this should be addressed so that it will be a “Bachelor of Science” degree
13. IDEA Committee Chair. Fizz is a problematic app, are there any plans or conversations around regulating it?
  - a. Dr. Lovette-Colyer. Previously had similar issues with Yik Yak. We are learning about Fizz and discussing how to approach this issue.
14. Chief Justice. There is a “Torero’s Thrive Together Campaign” in March that allows for donations to be made to the Food Pantry, Torero Closet, and Students in Need Fund
15. Senator Sean. Affordability struggles on campus you previously said were partially due to high minimum wage rates in California. How is this the case if Auxiliary Services does not function off profit?
  - a. Dr. Lovette-Colyer: We are working to find affordable alternatives to ease this burden on campus.
16. Parliamentarian. Point of order the time allotted for this agenda item has elapsed.
  - a. Senator Sean. Motion to extend allotted time by 5 minutes. Seconded. Motion passes.
17. Sustainability Coordinator. Increased and improved mental health resources are needed.
18. Academics Committee Chair. Regarding Fizz, someone from the company has reached out to a constituent to be a moderator for the USD forum. More administration

involvement or moderation of the app would be recommended.

b. Swearing in New ASG Appointments (10 min)

- i. Clerk of the Senate. I move to approve all appointed ASG positions. Seconded. Motion passes.

7. Old Business

a. Presentation and Vote on New Student Organizations (10 min)

i. Returning Student Organization

1. The Sustainability Club

- a. Mission: Serve as a resource for USD students to get involved with sustainability resources
- b. Goals: Expand campus awareness and commitment, foster integration among academics and sustainability, build campus infrastructure that promotes sustainability, cultivate the capacity of individuals, serve as a suitability resource for the San Diego community, engage internal and external partnerships, commitment to make the campus more sustainable, increase environmental stewardship among students, faculty, and staff at USD

2. Watch Club of USD

- a. Mission: The purpose of this organization is to learn about the watch marketplace and how to buy and sell watches, while meeting people with similar interests.
- b. Goals: Allow students to find a niche subject they can pursue and enjoy, like a hobby. Facilitate a great network of people that enjoy talking about watches. Improve students' well being on campus while learning some sorts of practices and economic strategies.

3. Middle Easterns at USD

- a. Mission: To unite and learn about sub minorities found in the Middle East.
- b. Goals: Allow for an open space where different Middle Eastern cultures can come together and learn about each others' background.

4. Questions or Motions?

- a. Academics Committee. Motion to approve all new and returning clubs presented. Seconded. Motion passes.

b. Discussion on a \$10,000 plus request by the Queer and Trans Student Union (25 min)

- i. Speaker of the Senate. A motion has been made to approve the

\$14,850 for the QT's Ball.

1. Student Life Committee Chair. This is a question for the Controller, how much money has been allocated since the last meeting?
  - a. Controller. About \$17,000 has been allocated since last week.
2. Sustainability Coordinator. I move to call the question.  
Seconded. Motion passes.
  - a. Motion to approve \$14,850 for the QT's Ball. Motion fails.
- ii. Student Life Committee Chair. I propose that we take the average of the number of attendees they estimated, about 650, with 250, the number of attendees they had last year, which is 450, and multiply that number by \$27, which would be \$12,150.
- iii. Student Orgs Committee Chair. Are there any updates regarding the petition that went around?
- iv. Academics Committee Chair. I yield my time to a member of the public.
  1. Member of QT's. The online petition plus some in-person signatures totaled to 250 in 5 days.
- v. Senator Valentina. Are the people signing the petition people who are certainly attending the event, or are people signing it just to show their support for the organization?
- vi. Clerk of the Senate. I yield my time to a member of the public.
  1. Member of QT's. The petition was signed by people who are certainly coming to our event. We are expecting double the amount of attendees as we did last year, and last year we struggled to make do with the funds we allocated.
- vii. Academics Committee Chair. I think the previously recommended amount given by the Student Life Committee Chair, \$12,150, is a fair amount to allocate for this event because it is clearly expanding, and in order to accommodate for this growth, they should receive more funding.
- viii. Senator Aann. Is there a way to cut the budget for the DJ and decorations?
- ix. Senator Jameson. I yield my time to a member of the public.
  1. Member of QTs. DJ includes photobooth and lighting, which is why it is more expensive than usual.
- x. IDEA Committee Chair. I think \$12,150 is a fair number in order to accommodate the needs of their event.
- xi. Senator Sean. Are decorations being rented or bought? Can we look

into reusable options to save money for future events?

- xii. Senator Valentina. I would like to see a more in depth breakdown of the costs.
- xiii. Senator Jameson
  1. Member of QTs. This year we are investing in reusable decorations that will be bought. The drapes are the only things that are being rented.
- xiv. Academics Committee Chair. I move to approve QT's \$12,150 for their Fright Night Ball. Seconded. Motion fails.
  1. Speaker of the Senate. The motion must pass with a  $\frac{2}{3}$  majority.
  2. Senator Sean. Point of clarification. I thought it passed with a simple majority?
    - a. Speaker of the Senate. That was specifically for denying the budget amount. For approving an amount, it must be approved by  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the Senate.
- xv. Academics Committee Chair. Can those who opposed the motion please speak up and share your thoughts so that we can come to an agreement on an amount.
- xvi. Senator Valentina. I think that they are planning to spend more money than is needed for this event in all categories.
- xvii. Senator Aastha. The petition was not signed by people who are attending the ball. The petition is not a reliable resource for estimating an accurate number of attendees.
- xviii. Student Life Committee Chair. We could approve the amount in a lump sum so that they do not necessarily have to spend a certain amount of money for certain items. Whether we reference the petition or not, I think it is still necessary to increase their estimated number of attendees as they do come from a marginalized community on campus where being outspoken and identifiable is not always an option. It is likely that many more will attend than just the few who came forward.
- xix. Senator Paulina. I would love to circle back to the main point of the funding.
- xx. Academics Committee Chair. This is not just a sports club we are providing funding for, it is important to keep in mind that this money is for a marginalized group of undergraduate students at USD.
- xxi. Senator Osa. I yield my time to a member of the public.
  1. Member of QT's. The event serves as a hybrid of prom, homecoming, MET Gala, etc. etc. to provide LGBTQ+

members a safe space to express themselves and enjoy a night in community with fellow students.

xxii. Student Orgs Committee Chair. It seems like we are throwing around a few different options. \$12,150 for 450 students at \$27 per student, \$10,800 for 400 students at \$27 per student, \$10,125 for 375 students at \$27 per student.

xxiii. Clerk of the Senate. I understand the perspective of some senators that want to follow the ASGBC funding guidelines to maintain consistency across all organizations because all undergraduate students pay the same activity fee; however, something I feel is important to consider is if all students that pay that activity fee have the same uplifting and inclusive experience. Because QT's comes from a marginalized community on campus and as it is a part of our mission and goals, both on ASG and also as an institution, to improve the experiences of these students, I believe that it is warranted in this situation to go beyond the ASGBC funding guidelines.

xxiv. Parliamentarian. Point of order, the time allotted for this agenda item has elapsed.

1. Academics Committee Chair. Motion to extend the allotted time by 5 minutes. Seconded. Motion passes.

xxv. Clerk of the Senate. Motion to approve QT's for \$12,150 in lump sum for their Fright Night Ball. Seconded. Motion passes.

8. Report from the Speaker of the Senate (5 min)

- a. Update the Initiative Sheet as you make progress
- b. When submitting for funds make sure you are being detailed
- c. Leaving Early or Being Late now equates to  $\frac{1}{2}$  absence
- d. Please make sure you are going to your office hours in the office
- e. We will be having a lot of over \$10,000 requests coming in

9. Reports from the Senate Leadership Team (3 min)

- a. Senate Resources Sheet → Check your emails
- b. Senate Initiatives Fund

10. Reports from the Committee Chairs & Coordinators (14 min)

- a. The Academics Committee Chair
  - i. Looking into publicizing professor office hours for students
  - ii. Working on more free textbooks that more teachers can rely on
  - iii. Established funding guidelines for grant requests to make the process more efficient
  - iv. Establishing more vending machine locations/replacing old and broken machines
- b. The IDEA Committee Chair
  - i. Stuff in the works concerning housing concerns/resources for

- students, parking permits on campus for commuter students, and hosting community building events/activities
- ii. Going to be working closely with Senator Osa, PR Chair Morgan, and Spencer from the Vista paper to work on an article talking about the resolution passed last semester
- iii. Will be joining Gunner in meeting with the leaders of the LGBTQ+ clubs on campus to see how we can better support them
- c. The Student Org Committee Chair
  - i. Clubs rolling in weekly
  - ii. Main focus is to review feedback from last semester
  - iii. Getting general information out to club exec boards
- d. The Student Life Committee Chair
  - i. Grocery lyft codes
    - 1. \$736.68 used so far
    - 2. 82 rides taken so far
    - 3. Expanded radius to include Manchester
  - ii. Senator Alejandro had a tabling event to raise awareness for water access for the Valley
- e. The Athletics Coordinator
  - i. My initiatives funding request has been approved for the Women's History Month Tailgate event on Friday March 15th @3pm on Manchester Field
    - 1. I met with panhellenic leadership yesterday to talk about the event so we will now be co-sponsoring to hopefully encourage more attendance and activities
    - 2. I will be sending out a volunteer sheet so please be on the lookout for that
  - ii. I have reached out to Rachel Shellstrom about conversations to restructure parts of Olé Weekend and we are meeting next week so if you have any ideas please reach out to me
- f. The Health and Wellness Coordinator
  - i. JED survey (in your email "Healthy Minds" from Charlotte Johnson)
    - 1. Participating in this survey will automatically enter you into a sweepstakes for one of 2 \$500 prizes or one of 10 \$100 prizes; for USD students only: one of 10 \$50 Amazon gift cards
  - ii. JED coming to campus April 16; if you would want to participate in a student focus group, please email me
    - 1. Meeting with JED on April 17
  - iii. CARE tabling event on Wednesday March 6 from 12-2pm
  - iv. Narcan training pilot program was a success
    - 1. Working with Anne Cass to continue training through FSL

and community training → coming up on March 19th!

- v. Met with Anne Cass and Claire on Monday - working on getting testing strips on campus as well as informational flyers to be handed out along with narcan at trainings; working on potentially getting narcan doses replenished
- vi. Met with Claire Gosen and Meg Martin last week, working on redesigning CARE's posters
- vii. Wellness Equipment Focus Group
- g. The Sustainability Coordinator
  - i. Crafting Our Green Future: Tabling event located at Colachis Plaza on Tuesday March 5th 12:15 to 2:15 pm
    - 1. There will be tote bag decorating, cookies, pictures, and lots of enthusiasm for sustainability

## 11. Reports from the ASG Executive Board (14 min)

### a. President

- i. Currently at Student Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees with the Speaker of the Senate
- ii. Appointed one CAS Senator, one At-Large, and one School of Engineering Senators
- iii. Met with the new TPB Chair Katie to see how things are going in the programming branch
- iv. Met with VP of Student Affairs last week about civic engagement
- v. Met with the newly elected IFC President tomorrow to discuss bridging the gap between ASG and greek life
- vi. Toreros Thrive Together Campaign is coming March 4th

### b. Vice President

- i. Undergraduate Research and Travel Grant Applications were released on February 26th
  - 1. Applications close on March 22nd
- ii. Ramadan interest survey will be sent out this week by student affairs
- iii. Working with Dr. Sumner and Senator Zevin on accessibility of professors office hours on the USD website

### c. Chief Justice

- i. Judicial Branch had our first Parking Re-Appeals meeting this semester on Tuesday 2/20
- ii. ASG Application opens March 4th
- iii. Working on Constitution amendments

### d. TPB Chair

- i. Disney is happening March 9th, tickets go on sale tonight @ 8pm
- ii. Women's History Month, happening March 19th
- iii. Concert planning is beginning

- iv. 3 new Event Coordinators and a Graphic Designer coming soon
  - e. Finance Chair
    - i. Sent out all Get Involved Decisions earlier this week
      - 1. Almost all funds that were allocated to this fund this semester have been used
    - ii. ASG Budget Committee receiving lots of requests
      - 1. Will be presenting to Senate for the next 3-4 weeks for other over 10k requests
      - 2. Have allocated around \$67,000 in ASGBC so far out of a \$175,000 budget this semester
  - f. PR Chair
    - i. Met with Russell Yost who is Associate VP of Marketing and Communications here at USD to talk about marketing on social media and possibly putting together an event for students commemorating 75th Anniversary of USD
  - g. Chief of Staff
    - i. Cosmic Bowling RSVP: March 8th 6:30-8:30 at Parkway Bowling
      - 1. Submit Risk and Liability Form
    - ii. Tentative date for End of the Year Banquet: May 5th
    - iii. Office Hours Spring Log '24 are due Sunday at 11:59pm
    - iv. Update Google Calendar (office hours, events, etc.)
    - v. Absence from training makeup work is due this Sunday at 11:59pm
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. Student Life Committee Chair. Motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded. Motion passes. (2:13 PM)

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