



ASSOCIATED
STUDENT
GOVERNMENT
UNIVERSITY OF SAN DIEGO

Senate Minutes

Thursday, March 7th, 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, March 7th, 2024 (3 min)
 - a. Academics Committee Chair. Motion to approve the Agenda. Seconded. Motion passes.
5. Approval of the Minutes, February 29th, 2024 (2 min)
 - a. Senator Alejandro. Motion to approve the Minutes. Seconded. Motion passes.
6. New Business
 - a. Confirmation Vote and Swearing in New ASG Appointments (10 min)
 - i. Senator Jameson. Motion to approve new ASG appointments. Seconded. Motion passes.
 - b. Presentation and Discussion on Supporting BSRC beyond February by Jay Rice (30 min)
 - i. Beyond Black History Month
 1. Introduction
 2. BSRC Overview
 - a. BSRC History
 - i. The Black Student Resource Commons (BSRC) opened on December 9th, 2013 as a result of adamant advocacy by faculty, staff and students who recognized the need for such a space. We seek to support all aspects of Black collegiate experiences through programs, events, and services that are specifically focused on the needs of USD's Black community.
 - b. Our Approach
 - i. Identity development
 - ii. Community Connection
 - iii. Physical and Social Space

- iv. Leadership and Mentorship Opportunities
 - v. Academic, Personal, and Financial Resourcing
 - vi. Social and Cultural Immersion
3. National Trends: Challenges Black students face nationally at PWI's
- a. Statistics
 - i. Black students make up a small percentage of most institutions' student bodies
 - b. What are Black students saying?
 - i. Othering
 - ii. Macro/Microaggressions
 - iii. Intellectual Underestimation
 - iv. Limited Representation
 - c. Common Responses
 - i. When met with racialized challenges many Black Students:
 - 1. "Prove them wrong"
 - 2. Strategic Silence
 - 3. Speaking up, questioning, or educating
 - a. Resistant Capital
 - ii. Outcomes: Racial battle fatigue and centering dominant ideologies/white approval as a marker of success.
 - d. "How can student government support our Black student body and greater community beyond the month of February?"
4. What's Next?
- a. Things to consider
 - i. Needs
 - 1. What information do you have on our Black student bodies' perception of their needs? How'd you get it?
 - ii. Current Practices
 - 1. What is ASG's desired outcome from supporting the Black student population? How is this reflected in your current operation structure?
 - iii. Opportunities
 - 1. Based on what you've learned, what can you change? How do you hold yourself accountable to change?

b. Discussion

- i. Clerk of the Senate. Motion to suspend Robert's Rules for the remainder of this presentation. Seconded. Motion passes.
- ii. Student Life Committee Chair. I have gained knowledge about the experiences of black students primarily from classes.
- iii. Jay Rice.
- iv. Academics Committee Chair. I have gained knowledge about the experiences of black students through personal relationships.
- v. Vice President. The Executive Branch has been working towards improving outreach to student organizations from marginalized communities with an emphasis on listening.
 1. Jay Rice.
 - a. President.
- vi. Student Orgs Committee Chair. We are trying to improve knowledge and spread of information regarding student organizations on campus
- vii. Senator Aann.
- viii. IDEA Committee Chair. Increased outreach to student organizations from minority identities.
- ix. Jay Rice. Encourage you all to proactively gather information and gain feedback from black students, rather than wait for them to approach you. Being an active accomplice to communities.

c. Questions

- i. Clerk of the Senate. Are there any upcoming BSRC events that we can attend to help improve our outreach?
 1. Jay Rice. Soulful Reflections GBM on March 18th. More events are coming soon.
- ii. Student Life Committee Chair.
 1. Jay Rice. Build personal relationships early on, more opportunity for engagement, like Pop-Ups. Remind students of your presence, visibility.

- iii. Senator Brooke. Do you have any suggestions for action for us as an organization?
 1. Jay Rice. Review of policy with constituents and student organizations that are responsible for upholding these policies. Distribution of funds equitably, emphasis on identity-based student organizations. Give rationale for funding cuts that are not related to identity.
- iv. Clerk of the Senate. Motion to reinstate Robert's Rules. Seconded. Motion passes.
- c. Presentation and Vote on New Student Organizations (10 min)
 - i. Old-New Student Organizations
 1. Bull Pit
 - a. Mission: Bring the student body together through school spirit and unified identity while also supporting the athletes during games.
 - b. Goals: To better the student section during sports games.
 2. Eta Kappa Nu
 - a. Mission: Eta Kappa Nu is the honor society of Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE), which is the world's largest technical professional organization dedicated to advancing technology for the benefit of humanity.
 - b. Goals: Identify and develop technical leaders through community service, leadership opportunities, and life-long experience. Providing a supportive community for students and professionals in the field of electrical engineering and computer science. We offer a wide range of resources that promote professional achievement, service to others, and leadership development.
 3. Questions or Motions?
 - a. Academics Committee Chair. Motion to approve the Old-New Student Organizations. Seconded. Motion passes.
- d. Presentation and ASGBC Recommendation on a \$10,000 plus request by Club Rugby (30 min)
 - i. 2024 Club Rugby Playoff Funding Request
 1. Who we are

- a. Player-Led
 - i. USD Rugby is first and foremost a student organization, with elected student-leaders overseeing the coaching, development and success of 60+ student-athletes
 - b. Changemakers
 - i. From defeating top-tier varsity programs on primetime network television to establishing a novel mentorship program, USD Rugby is dedicated to supporting our student-athletes' success both on and off the pitch.
 - c. Sustained Success
 - i. After winning the university's first national title since the 1970s in 2022, USD Rugby won two titles in 2023 and seeks to defend their titles this Spring.
2. 2024 Men's Club Rugby Playoffs Request: \$40,300
- a. 7's National Tournament: \$13,155
 - i. Date and Location
 1. April 25-28, Washington DC
 - ii. Flights: \$9,405
 1. \$627/player, 15 players
 - iii. Hotels: \$2,850
 1. \$190/night, 3 nights, 5 rooms
 - iv. Meals: \$900
 1. \$20/day, 15 players, 3 days
 - b. 15's Regional Tournament: \$9,734
 - i. Date and Location
 1. April 12-14, Chico, CA
 - ii. Ground Travel: \$5,834
 1. Charter bus from USD
 - iii. Hotel: \$2,700
 1. \$135/night, 2 nights, 10 rooms
 - iv. Meals: \$1,200
 1. \$20/player, 30 players, 2 days
 - c. 15's National Championship: \$17,460
 - i. Date and Location
 1. May 4th, Houston, TX
 2. Contingent on winning in Washington DC
 - ii. Flights: \$12,600

- 1. \$420/player, 30 players
 - iii. Hotel: \$3,660
 - 1. \$183/night, 2 nights, 10 rooms
 - iv. Meals: \$1,200
 - 1. \$20/day, 30 players, 2 days
- 3. Supplemental funding
 - a. Change Funding campaigns
 - i. Ran over the last two years to cover operational costs (professional coaches, new gear for club members, etc.)
 - b. Fundraising
 - i. Spent the last year compiling a list of individuals and businesses that have supported our program in the past and will reach out to them for additional support this season
- 4. Questions
 - a. Student Life Committee Chair. Why do you need only 15 players for 7s and 30 players for 15s
 - i. Club Rugby. 15s require more players and more subs.
 - b. Academics Committee Chair. How much of your own budget are you contributing to playoffs?
 - i. Club Rugby.
 - c. Senator Sean. How much do you receive from fundraising and sponsorships?
 - i. Club Rugby.
 - d. Senator Paulina.
 - i. Club Rugby.
 - e. Senator Aann. Can you request fund
 - i. Club Rugby.
 - f. Student Orgs Committee Chair.
 - i. Club Rugby.
 - g. Clerk of the Senate. Could you clarify the changes you have made to the budget?
 - i. Found cheaper flights and hotel accommodations for Washington DC, saved about \$2,000
 - ii. Cut 2 nights down to 1 night in Houston
 - ii. ASGBC Men's Club Rugby Recommendation by the ASG Controller
 - 1. Current Budget
 - a. Started at \$175,000

- b. Now at \$78,457.03
 - c. Allocated \$96,542.97 so far
 - d. Not including 5 upcoming \$10K+ requests
2. ASGBC's Recommendation: \$13,500
- a. 7s Nationals: \$4,500
 - i. \$100 x 15 people x 3 nights
 - b. 15s Regionals: \$6,000
 - i. \$100 x 30 people x 2 nights
 - c. 15s Nationals: \$3,000
 - i. \$100 x 30 people x 1 night
 - d. Contingencies
 - i. Undergraduate students
 - ii. \$100 per person per night for transportation and lodging
 - iii. No food
3. ASGBC Discussions
- a. Consistent with equitable funding for other student organizations
 - i. \$80 per person per night
 - ii. \$100 per person per night increase due to increase of tournaments and further travels
 - iii. \$100 per person amount will be used for future event similar to this request
 - b. Change Fundraising, Torero Tuesday, and club due for regular season costs
4. Voting
- a. Vote to approve or deny ASGBC recommendation
 - i. If denied, vote to approve new amount or to send back to ASGBC for review
5. Discussion
- a. Student Life Committee Chair. Amount per person for sports clubs increased to \$100. Will the amount for retreats, conferences and conventions also increase?
 - i. Controller. Yes we are starting to consistently fund those at \$100 per person per night as well.
 - b. Senator Sean. Will this guideline be enforced for future semesters or only the remainder of this semester?
 - i. Controller. It will be enforced for the remainder of this semester but will be considered for a permanent addition to the

funding guidelines later on by ASGBC.

- c. Senator Valentina. The massive achievements of this club should be considered when allocating their funding.
 - i. Controller. ASGBC has to take into account the impact on the overall budget and how we could equitably fund all student organizations for the rest of the semester.
- d. Finance Chair. The increased amount per person was a fair change across the board for all student organizations.
- e. Student Orgs Committee Chair. The club is very successful and growing rapidly, so we should consider giving them more money. They bring positive attention to USD.
- f. Senator Jameson. How much did Men's Club Rugby raise from fundraising last year?
 - i. Academics Committee Chair. I cede my time to a member of the public.
 - 1. Club Rugby. \$10-15,000 raised, awarded \$20,000 from ASG
- g. Parliamentarian. Point of order, the time allotted has elapsed.
 - i. Academics Committee Chair. I move to extend the allotted time by 10 minutes. Seconded.
Motion passes.
- h. Student Life Committee Chair. Last semester we increased the price per person for SHPE's conference on the basis of them being from a minority community on campus. Will we be able to consistently fund by this guideline in the future if we increase sports tournaments as well?
- i. Parliamentarian. Time allotted
 - i. Academics Committee Chair. 15 minutes.
Seconded. Motion passes.
- j. Student Life Committee Chair. I move to call a 5 minute recess. Seconded. Motion passes.
- k. Senator Alejandro. I move to deny the ASGBC recommendation. Seconded. Motion passes.
- l. Student Orgs Committee. I move to approve Men's Club Rugby \$20,250. Seconded.

- i. Student Life Committee Chair. We need to ensure that we can equitably make this commitment.
 - ii. Senator Zevin. Not every club travels as far to three different events like they are, so it is not fair to compare them to other organizations and limit their funding.
 - iii. Senator Alejandro. Keep in mind that we have many more \$10K+ requests coming soon.
 - iv. Finance Chair. We also have to allocate money for requests outside of the \$10K+ requests, so those should be considered in the budget as well.
 - v. Senator Paulina. Men's Club Rugby gets significant outside funding.
 - vi. Senator Brooke. I move to call the question. Seconded. Motion passes.
- m. Motion to approve Men's Club Rugby for \$20,250. Motion fails.
- n. Student Life Committee Chair. Point of information. Why did that not pass?
 - i. Speaker. There was not a % majority in favor.
- o. Senator Sean. How many votes from passing were we?
 - i. 14 voted in favor, the motion needs 16 to pass.
- p. Senator Brooke. Those who denied or abstained share your reasoning.
- q. Senator Julia. It is fair to follow the guidelines and allocate the recommended amount by ASGBC.
- 6. Senator Sean. How much did we fund their organization last year per person per night?
 - a. Controller. We awarded them \$20,000 total last year.
- 7. Parliamentarian. Time allotted has elapsed.
 - a. Senator Sean. Motion to extend allotted time by 5 minutes. Seconded. Motion passes.
- 8. Senator Isabella. Motion to allocate Men's Club Rugby \$20,250 for lodging and transportation, no food. Seconded. Motion passes
- e. The Senate loses quorum and adjourns. (2:20 PM)

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