



ASSOCIATED
STUDENT
GOVERNMENT
UNIVERSITY OF SAN DIEGO

Senate Minutes

Thursday, March 21st, 2024

12:15pm

The Senate Chamber, Salomon Hall, University of San Diego

1. Call to Order
2. Land Acknowledgement
3. Roll Call
4. Approval of the Agenda, March 21st, 2024
 - a. Student Life Committee Chair. Motion to amend the agenda to move the vote on the Judicial Branch's Newly Proposed Constitutional Amendments. Seconded. Motion passes
 - b. Amended motion passes.
5. Approval of the Minutes, March 14th, 2024
 - a. Academics Committee Chair. Motion to approve the Minutes. Seconded. Motion passes.
6. New Business
 - a. Presentation and Discussion by USD Votes on Civic Engagement and ASG Support (15 min)
 - i. Our Goal
 1. Every eligible USD student registers and votes
 - ii. Who Votes: College participation in the All In Democracy Challenge
 1. Denison Univ registered 99.6% of eligible students
 2. St. Olaf college got 87% of their eligible students to register and vote
 - iii. Challenges
 1. Absentee ballot vs. re-registering in SD
 2. Different laws depending on the state
 3. Deadlines - registration, mail-in ballots, in-person voting
 4. Students not knowing their voter status
 - iv. College Students Have to Choose Where to Vote
 1. They can vote in their home state, or in San Diego.
 2. Students must choose quickly in the fall as deadlines approach
 3. Voting through mail also requires even registered students to update their address or request a ballot

- v. Voter Registration and Ballot Request Laws are Different in Every State
 - 1. Complexities of voting can be confusing, especially to new voters
 - 2. Need to get the right information to students based on where they want to vote
- vi. Everyone has to update their address and/or request a ballot
 - 1. Students may have to re-register to vote
 - 2. Update their address
 - 3. Request their ballot from the place that they want to vote
- vii. What do we do?
 - 1. USD Votes is a non-partisan, all-volunteer group of students, faculty, and staff dedicated to encouraging every eligible member of the USD community to exercise their right to vote
- viii. Deadlines
 - 1. National Voter Registration Day September 17, 2024
 - 2. AZ Registration Deadline October 7, 2024
 - 3. OR, CO Registration Deadline October 15, 2024
 - 4. CA Registration Deadline October 21, 2024
 - 5. Election Day: November 5, 2024
- ix. Practical Importance of Our Work
 - 1. Updated website, linktree and Instagram with relevant info
 - 2. Informing students about impact of their vote in all elections
 - 3. Helping students with their individual registration questions
 - 4. Educating students on who/what is on their ballot across multiple states
- x. How can you help?
 - 1. Upcoming important dates
 - a. September 4, 2024: First day of classes
 - b. September 17, 2024: National Voter Registration Day
 - c. October 7-12: National Voter Education Week
 - d. October 25, 2024: National Vote Early Day
 - e. November 5, 2024: Election Day
 - 2. Follow us on Instagram and share our posts
@usdvotescampaign
 - 3. Let us give presentations to groups you lead or join
 - 4. Plan events for Fall with National Voter Registration Day (3rd week of classes) in mind
 - 5. Plan fun, interactive events and invite us to participate
 - 6. Tell people about our class (CHNG 394) and join us

- b. Presentation and Discussion on the Oak Milk Pilot Program (15 min)
 - i. Obstacles for default oat milk at Aromas
 - 1. Equity and Inclusion Reasons
 - a. Lactose intolerance disproportionately affects people of color
 - b. Dietary restrictions should not incur an extra charge
 - c. Oat milk is the most allergen-friendly
 - 2. Environmental Reasons
 - a. Efficient land and water use, and minimal emissions production
 - ii. Taking action
 - 1. 6-week pilot program in Spring 2023
 - 2. 500 survey responses
 - 3. 200 petition signatures
 - 4. Why?
 - a. Aligns with USD's values as a changemaking campus
 - iii. What makes switching difficult?
 - 1. Cost
 - 2. Lack of comprehensive data
 - iv. How can you help?
 - 1. Feedback
 - 2. Support oat milk default resolution
 - v. Questions
 - 1. Academics Committee Chair. Is sharing the survey the best way to spread awareness?
 - a. CMH. Yes.
 - 2. President. What is the wholesale price of a gallon of dairy milk compared to a gallon of oat milk?
 - a. CMH. An ounce of dairy milk is four cents whereas an ounce of oat milk is ten cents.
 - 3. President. Would it be better
 - 4. Clerk of the Senate. Was it ever considered to advocate for removing the extra charge rather than making oat milk the default?
 - a. CMH.
 - b. CMH. Changemaker hub
 - 5. Senator Brooke. What are you doing differently in this year's oat milk pilot program, and how can we best support it?
 - a. CMH.
- c. Approval Vote on Quarter 3 Reports and Reallocations by the Finance Chair (15 min)

- i. Q3 Approved Budget Reports
 1. McNair
 - a. Continue to use BIPOC vendors
 2. Sports Clubs
 - a. Some individual clubs went over budget
 3. TPB
 - a. Initially not approved because Disneyland expenditure was not reported
 - ii. Rollover and Re-Allocations
 - 1.
- d. Presentation and ASGBC Recommendation on a \$10,000 plus request by MEChA (25 min)
 - i. LatinX Graduation Celebration: May 24th, 2024, 2:00-5:00 PM
 1. History of ChicanX and LatinX Graduation Ceremony
 - a.
 2. Event Details
 - a.
 3. Budget Breakdown: \$11,815.00
 - a. Food
 - b. Entertainment
 - c. Other
 4. Why is this event important at USD?
 - ii. ASGBC Recommendation
 - 1.
 2. Senator Isabella. Motion to approve the ASGBC recommendation for MEChA's LatinX Graduation Ceremony. Seconded. Motion passes.
- e. Vote on the Judicial Branch on Newly Proposed Constitutional Amendments (15 min)
 - i.
7. Report from The Speaker of the Senate
 - a.
8. Reports from The Senate Leadership Team
 - a.
9. Reports from The Committee Chairs & Coordinators
 - a. The Academics Committee Chair
 - i.
 - b. The IDEA Committee Chair
 - i.
 - c. The Student Org Committee Chair
 - i.

- d. The Student Life Committee Chair
 - i.
 - e. The Athletics Coordinator
 - i.
 - f. The Health and Wellness Coordinator
 - i.
 - g. The Sustainability Coordinator
 - i.
10. Reports from The ASG Executive Board
- a. President
 - i.
 - b. Vice President
 - i.
 - c. Chief Justice
 - i.
 - d. TPB Chair
 - i.
 - e. Finance Chair
 - i.
 - f. PR Chair
 - i.
 - g. Chief of Staff
 - i.
11. 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.
12. Adjournment
- a. (Senator). Motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded. Motion passes. (pm)

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