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Senate Minutes

Thursday, April 9th, 2026

The Senate Chamber, Salomon Hall, University of San Diego

1. Call to Order - 12:32 pm
2. Land Acknowledgement
3. Roll Call
4. Approval of the agenda for April 9th, 2026
  - a. Senator Sophia motions to approve the agenda. Seconded. Motion passes.
5. Approval of the minutes from March 26th, 2026
  - a. Health and Wellness Coordinator motions to approve the minutes.  
Seconded. Motion passes.
6. New Business
  - a. 10k+ Request Presented by Filipino Ugnayan Student Organization (30 min)  
Filipino Cultural Night 2026: 32nd annual event exploring Filipino dances, cultural experiences, and student performances, student-written play. The entire event is student operated.
    - Offers filipino students an opportunity to delve into culture of those that came before them, rooted in the University's mission to represent students of all backgrounds
    - Goals: cultural awareness through storytelling, celebrating through engagement, and positive social change by addressing issues faced by the community
    - Expecting 350 undergraduate students, plus 50 from staff and the public - event is open to the entire student body
    - FUSO's biggest cultural event of the year, scheduled May 2nd 2026
    - Includes performances from other student orgs
    - Budget breakdown: booking performer = \$7000, cultural dances require new attire to ensure consistency and accuracy across performances, venue charges for Shiley Theater: \$1360, advertisement through creative zone \$1492.56

**Questions:**

Senator Abigail: have you done this event before, and will you be using any materials from previous years?

Yes, attire from this event will be purchased and used again for other multicultural events.

**Finance Report:**

- Event categorized as a non-GBM event open to the entire student body
- New implementation, improvement from POI: for every additional 50 undergraduate students over 200 students, more money will be allocated

Lump sum: \$5600 + \$2000 for performer

Lump sum breakdown: \$16/person rate x 350 undergrad

-However, money from the lump sum can be used for the performer

-Note from ASGBC: highly recommend not exceeding \$2000 for performers as designated by the committee

Speaker Pro Tempore: why is ASGBC allocating only \$2000 when the lump sum can still be used by the performance fee?

Senator Wyatt: incentive for performers comes from \$2000. Not necessarily sure how \$2000 has been landed on. If you bring in a performer, the event will draw in more attention.

Student Life Chair: if I recall, the lump sum could not be used for a performer?

Finance Chair: The money has been able to be used for a performer, just not transportation and lodging.

Senator Abigail: What were they asking for the performer?

Finance Chair: \$7560 for the performer

Senator Rhonel: As someone part of ASGBC, I want to make a note: for speakers, while this is not a speaker event, we do limit speaker fees to \$1000. Just a reference to make.

Senator Wyatt: during discussion for POI, that is how we landed on \$2000 for performers, but that number was not followed by the Senate.

Finance Chair: FUSO requested around \$9000 last year, but we do not have context as to why they were awarded a \$29/person lump sum.

Speaker Pro Tempore: where did that number come from, and what are we giving them now?

Finance Chair: \$16/person amount.

Speaker Pro Tempore: Last year, \$29/person was allocated. Why so much less?

Finance Chair: I am not sure where the \$29/person even came from. From what I can guess, they were annually adding a dollar/person to combat inflation.

Senator Wyatt: We are looking to allocate these funds equitably. We know these events are important, we just want to spend the money fairly between everyone. We also do not always fund the venue cost, nor the programs; that's why this number is lower, we want a concrete way to set precedent with these requests.

Health and Wellness Coordinator: will these regulations be in the guidelines? Will these calculations be precedent?

Finance Chair: yes, they will be.

Senator Wyatt: the website also needs to be updated. It hasn't been since 2021.

Finance Chair: yes, and what Senator Wyatt is saying is that the guidelines have specific categories, and FUSO may be able to get more money if they make a request for supply.

Senator Eliana: the amount is good, in my opinion, and they can have money for supplies as well. But why is the supply request not there? We want to follow the guidelines but also give them the money that they need.

Senator Wyatt: if you come in with a presentation, it has to be categorized. They came in with the event open; what I am suggesting is that if they didn't request for supplies under the event open, they could have had the supplies weeks ago, separately. Doing it now will set a hard precedent for ASG, but they can have more money that way.

Senator Abigail: how many more 10k requests this semester?

Finance Chair: at least three.

Speaker Pro Tempore: how much money is left for ASGBC this semester? Also, can we increase the performer amount? What are the implications? Is that even beneficial?

Finance Chair: the \$2000 performance fee guideline was a median number thrown out by ASGBC. We do not want ASGBC's money to all go toward a performer; we want to support other aspects of the event.

Senator Wyatt: What is the difference between a speaker and a performer, really? An argument can be made on this fine line. Should speaker fees be increased to \$2000? They do essentially the same things.

Finance Chair: off the top of my head, I do not know the full amount remaining this semester.

Senator Sophia: \$7000 is a bit high for a performer; it's not an average.

Parliamentarian: point of order, the time for this item has elapsed.

Senator Michael motions to extend the time for this agenda item by 16 minutes.

Seconded. Motion passes.

Senator Sophia: if they can only do one supply request a semester, ASG should not approve that for them without discussion.

Chief Justice: we cannot discuss with the organization beyond their presentation. That is the precedent we should follow.

Advisor Jen: decide based on what you think you want to do for the request that has been submitted.

Speaker Pro Tempore: I recommend \$2500 for the performer, and for speakers in the future too, especially because we have clear guidelines on the speaker/performance amounts now.

Senator Eliana: \$16/person, increase it to \$2500 for performers, and fund the supplies. That is reasonable and follows the guidelines.

Athletics Coordinator motions to decline ASGBC's recommendation. Seconded. Motion passes.

ASGBC's recommendation is denied.

Speaker Pro Tempore: \$2500 for performer is still up for discussion, but the supplies that they asked for, is that included in this? Or separate?

Finance Chair: yes, it is included.

Speaker Pro Tempore: so it is adding just \$500 to the ASGBC recommendation?

Senator Wyatt speaks out of turn.

Senator Wyatt: no, we need to add onto it.

Senator Sophia: is the recommendation to separate the supplies, or fund it all now?

Advisor Jen: I do not recommend you make them go back to request supplies. They have already requested it.

Speaker Pro Tempore: supplies have been included in the lump sum, but not in a separate category.

Athletics Coordinator motions to approve \$8100 for the event. Seconded.

Senator Sophia: Just for clarification, is that the FUSO recommendation, plus the higher fee?

Yes.

Motion passes. FUSO is funded for \$8100.

7. Report from The Speaker of the Senate
  - a. Mandatory training after the Senate!
  - b. The Senate will be longer for the rest of the year.
  - c. Thank you for doing your affordability research!
  - d. Get your senate initiative fund requests ASAP!

8. Reports from The Senate Leadership Team
  - a. Speaker Pro Tempore: VP Johnson coming next week, so brainstorm potential questions, Green Moveout is returning this year and needs volunteers (you get food and you can be raffled)
  - b. Clerk of the Senate: \$10713.72 SIF balance! Get your requests ASAP!
  - c. Parliamentarian: appointed positions close next week! Come back to ASG!
9. Reports from The Committee Chairs & Coordinators
  - a. The Academics Committee Chair
    - Academic grants meeting tonight!
    - Academic Resources Tabling May 5th
    - Looking forward to TPB late night breakfast tonight!
  - b. The IDEA Committee Chair
    - Wish we could be there!
    - Autism awareness month event will be April 29th
  - c. The Student Org Committee Chair
    - Working on the student org mixer!
  - d. The Student Life Committee Chair
    - Airport and grocery lyft codes have some money remaining
    - Grocery will be refreshed in a new request
    - Eliana and Sara working on gathering information for resolution
  - e. The Athletics Coordinator
    - Last event will be softball, in progress!
  - f. The Health and Wellness Coordinator
    - Group fitness promo codes are out!
    - Sexual assault awareness month has a cumulation of events!
    - NARCAN training is available
10. Reports from The ASG Executive Board
  - a. President
    - Email NOW if you cannot make Linda Vista 4/25 parade
    - Endowment meeting is tonight!
    - Meeting w/ new Provost + w/ VP
    - Torero Visit Day is this Saturday at 7:30 AM if that is how you want to spend your weekend
    - Late night breakfast!

- b. Vice President
  - Academic grants time and location moved!
  - Food and affordability research was due yesterday!
  - Attending the commencement committee!
  
- c. Chief Justice
  - Still working on academic grant bylaws!
  - Working on the fall election timeline!
  - Join JBranch!
  
- d. TPB Chair
  - Late Night Breakfast: tonight 9-11pm
  - Needing three more volunteers for tonight: Alisha, Holiday, Hope
  - Ole Music Fest is April 24th
  - Padres May 9th event
  
- e. Finance Chair
  - Lot of 10ks, get excited
  
- f. PR Chair
  - Special elections are next week for CAS
  - Planning senior photo day
  
- g. Chief of Staff
  - Finance committee GCal invites have been sent out!
  - End of year banquet info coming soon!

11. Old Business

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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.*

a. President Lily: good job everyone!

13. Adjournment

a. Senator Jameson motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded. Motion passes. Senate adjourned at 1:28 pm.

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