



Senate Minutes

Thursday, November 13th, 2025

The Senate Chamber, Salomon Hall, University of San Diego

1. Call to Order - 12:30 pm
2. Land Acknowledgement
3. Roll Call
4. Approval of the agenda for November 13th, 2025
 - a. Student Org Chair - motion to add the approval of new and returning orgs to the agenda for 10 minutes for the 4th item of new business. Seconded. Motion passes.
 - b. Senator Michael S - motion to approve the agenda. Seconded. Motion passes.
5. Approval of the minutes from November 6th, 2025
 - a. Senator Eliana- motion to approve the minutes. Seconded. Motion passes.
6. Report from The Speaker of the Senate
 - a. Please fill out senate initiatives sheet
 - b. When we have speakers, only ask two questions per turn; try to ask questions that haven't already been answered during the presentation
 - c. Senate is on Tuesday 11/18, not Thursday like usual; President Harris and VP Charlotte Johnson will be speaking with us, so prepare accordingly
 - d. Minutes from today's Senate will be sent today, along with agenda for Tuesday's meeting
7. Reports from The Senate Leadership Team
 - a. Speaker Pro Tempore - ask good questions to our speaker today; please fill out questions sheet from last week to send to Sean
 - b. Clerk - update senate initiatives sheet
8. New Business
 - a. Confirmation and swearing-in of ASG senator appointments: Jameson Datoc and Blake Webster
 - i. Senator Rhonel - motion to confirm the new ASG senators for the 2025-26 school year. Seconded. Motion passes.
 - ii. Swearing-in of Senators Jameson and Blake, led by Parliamentarian
 - b. Presentation by Interim Provost and VP for Academic Affairs, Nicholas Santilli
 - i. Professor emeritus in developmental psychology; specialty in adolescence and emerging adulthood (characterized by identity

- exploration, instability, self-focused, feeling in-between, age of possibilities)
- ii. Extensive experience in higher education administration
- iii. Familiar with USD; consultant for revision of USD's mission statement
- iv. Interim provost until the permanent provost is instilled; probably through the remainder of this academic year
- v. Belonging means two things: personal agency and social connectedness; college should be giving students the opportunity to develop these two factors
- vi. Five growth mindsets that college should provide and activate for students: discoverers, creators, mentors, collaborators, strivers
- vii. Values: Catholic higher education and Catholic social teaching; USD's mission, vision, values, and strategic plan; liberal education as the foundation for a meaningful life
- viii. USD's core curriculum provides both depth and breadth to ensure that students are shaped beyond just their majors
- ix. Roles: chief academic officer on campus; member of the president's administrative team; member of the strategic leadership team; member of the President's cabinet
- x. Bridging the gap between students and professors: meets with Deans every other week; attends many athletic events and talks on campus to be as present as possible
- xi. Plans for the academic year: hiring the next provost; implementing strategic plan (highest priority); finding opportunities to develop, implement, and assess new academic programs; addressing AI
- xii. Contact provost@sandiego.edu for any questions
- c. Approval of new student organizations, led by Student Org Chair
 - i. New organization: Holistic Health and Wellness Club
 - ii. Sustainability Coordinator - does this club have a specific plan to differentiate themselves from other wellness clubs?
 - iii. Student Org Chair - they want to partner with the Scarlet Fund and branch outside of campus to collaborate with other local organizations
 - iv. Senator Abigail - what are the similar organizations?
 - v. Student Org Chair - not sure
 - vi. Senator Wyatt - this club is promoting overall wellness, with certain specific aspects of wellness relating to other clubs
 - vii. Athletics Coordinator - motion to approve the new organization. Seconded. Motion passes.

9. Reports from The Committee Chairs & Coordinators

- a. The Academics Committee Chair
 - i. Copley 24/7 Finals funding approved
 - ii. Pre-finals tabling on Tuesday, December 9th
 - iii. Dean Gong will be presenting on OER to Academics Committee
 - iv. Academic grants meetings coming up to review 32 applications and allocate available funds
 - v. Other initiatives in the works: priority registration, study rooms, printers
- b. The Student Org Committee Chair
 - i. Approval of new/returning student organizations is slowing down
 - ii. Brainstorming committee initiatives
 - iii. Wants to make the registration process simpler for clubs
- c. The IDEA Committee Chair
 - i. Sent Google Form to all ROTC advisors; currently awaiting responses
- d. The Student Life Committee Chair
 - i. First Mental Health Monday is next week
 - ii. Considering monthly USD spirit days
 - iii. Planning to poll students about campus lighting, safety concerns, awareness of mental health resources, and wellness center music
 - iv. Thanksgiving Lyft codes approved; looking into winter break Lyft codes as well
- e. The Athletics Coordinator
 - i. Working on 12/09 pre-basketball tailgate; 4:30 start time
- f. The Sustainability Coordinator
 - i. Tabling event got approved for December 2nd, 5:30-8:30
 - ii. Sustainability Holiday Fair on December 4th
 - iii. Planning Camino/Founders competition
- g. The Health and Wellness Coordinator
 - i. Movember tabling event was yesterday and went well
 - ii. \$670/\$4000 for STI testing has been used
10. Parliamentarian - point of order, time allotted for the agenda item has elapsed.
 - a. Senator Cece - motion to extend the time of committee reports by 5 minutes. Seconded. Motion passes.
11. Reports from The ASG Executive Board
 - a. President
 - i. Currently interviewing Finance Chair candidates
 - ii. Met with Get Involved Fund Committee last week
 - iii. Exec met with President Harris and VP Charlotte Johnson on Tuesday
 - iv. Met with VP of University Operations

- v. Meeting with Sean Horrigan next week
- vi. Quarter 2 Finance Report due November 26th
- vii. Helping with student research on food insecurity tomorrow
- viii. Wash your hands and stay healthy!
- b. Vice President
 - i. Currently at Core Curriculum Committee
 - ii. First academic grants meeting today!
- c. Chief Justice
 - i. Made judicial interpretation for the ASG President regarding line of succession for Finance Committee Chair
 - ii. Revising first draft of Spring Election timeline, apportioning Senate for 2026-27 academic year, and continuing edits on Judicial Branch bylaws
 - iii. Interviewing Finance Chair candidate later this week
- d. TPB Chair
 - i. Be on the lookout for an email to volunteer for Winter Wonderland
 - ii. Wicked 2 and Civic Circus are coming up
- e. PR Chair
 - i. Needs at least one person from each committee on Marketing Committee
 - ii. Reached out to Vista about writing an article about the ITS presentation
 - iii. Working on getting a marketing request form created; for now, just email flyers to her
- f. Chief of Staff
 - i. Finance Committee members: respond to GCal invites
 - ii. Everyone: enter next semester classes and responsibilities into GCal; respond to GCal invite for team bonding

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. Senator Wyatt - when we have a speaker, can we get rid of Robert's Rules?
- b. Speaker - we can discuss that after Senate.

13. Adjournment

- a. Senator Jameson - motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded. Motion passes. Senate adjourned at 1:39 pm.

The public is invited and encouraged to attend and participate in all Associated Student Government Senate Meetings. All meetings are open to the public and participation in discussion is welcome during Final Business and Hearing of the Public.

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