Senate Agenda

Thursday, November 15, 2018
12:15pm
University of San Diego,
Salomon Hall, Maher Hall

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1. Call to Order (12:19pm)
2. Roll Call
   a. Elena takes roll
3. Approval of the Agenda, November 15 (12:17 pm)
   a. Motion to approve the agenda, Camden, seconded, no further discussion, unanimously approved, motion carried
4. Approval of the Minutes, November 8 (12:19 pm)
   a. Motion to approve the minutes from Nov 8th by Shanti, seconded, no further discussion, unanimously approved, motion carried
5. AS Executive Report (2 Minute Report, 3 Minutes for Questions) (12:21 pm)
   a. Natasha Presents some updates from the Exec team
   b. AISO- Serra Hall renaming, how AS can support, progress on this initiative, hoping to meet with Pres Harris by the end of the semester
   c. Looking back and revisiting constitution and by-laws
   d. Better communication and collaboration with each other
   e. Current initiatives: grocery tram, get involved fund, making sure that different students can be supportive through financial aid
   f. Questions: Dean- referendum for the CRP, no updates from Natasha, updates are not for this allotted time
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6. Standing Committee Chair Reports (2 Minute Report Each, 5 minutes for Questions Overall) (12:26pm)
   a. Charlie: tonight is the Student Org Mixer, UC Forum C 5:30-7; if any Senators are willing to help, stay after Senate
   b. Shanti: concern with the grocery tram, on Sunday, December 2nd from 12-4, hopes to make it more intentional, discussion of sense of belonging on campus, specifically with Frank’s Lounge and how to make it foster more community
   c. Allison: health survey, free flu shots, tissue boxes with stickers to remind students to keep campus clean
   d. VJ: academic review council, providing academic grants, 18 research grants and 2 travel grants currently under review with a decision in a few weeks; initiatives from the beginning of the semester such as adding ASL to language competencies; providing more study space and snacks for students during finals
   e. No questions about reports

7. New Business
   a. Approval of New and Re-registering Student Organizations, Charles Young (12:39pm)
      i. Charlie presents orgs that are to be re-registered
      ii. Motion to approve the re-registering organizations, seconded, no further discussion, unanimously approved, unanimously carried
      iii. Locus Initiative: a hub for greek life, other orgs of how to get involved in philanthropy, food/hygiene supplies centered around our local committee
      iv. Motion to approve the Locus Initiative, seconded, no further discussion, unanimously approved, unanimously carried
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b. Presentation of Sustainability Grant Bylaws (12:45pm)
   i. Alicia presents
   ii. Applications for Sustainability; met with office of Sustainability, was too vague before, adding more direction to allow students to plan more and make it more realistic
   iii. Take out letter of recommendation and replace it with a project stakeholders
   iv. Maximum budget for the grants around $5000
   v. Including a timeline so that people can know how long the money may be used (one year long)
   vi. PDF instead of a hardcopy that can be sent out
   vii. Overall including more direction/instruction
   viii. deadline for the Spring in early February
   ix. Advertisement to take place after the end of this semester
   x. Bylaws will be presented the week back from Thanksgiving for approval
   xi. no questions

8. 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. (12:50pm)
   a. Motion to take from the table the confirmation of the appointed Senator
      i. question: of Article 5, section 2 that is being referenced being of Comm Chair and Finance Chair not senators
      ii. clarification of “appointments can be made...senators can approve”
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iii. Motion resolution put forward be declared null and void and that the corrected be presented next week...motion out of order

iv. Motion seconded, no further discussion, unanimously approved, motion carried

b. Charlie: recognizes that there are errors and it is not clear, they did meet yesterday, clarification that it is Article 4 and not Article 5 Section 2
   i. Rory: believes it is section 6

c. Reiteration (Kate) last week’s minutes: grammatical meaning not the meaning error...worry of Robert’s rules are being used in a way to remove Senate from being able to get into conversation

d. Second motion should have been considered out of order next week, should not have stood

e. Question: third paragraph, clarification, nothing in the constitution that the president can fill a vacant seat, conversation of a Senator who was elected and who was filled in
   i. clarification can further appoint them temporarily, appointment by President cannot be made by appointment by Senate can be made

f. How will this affect the 5 candidates from last week
   i. engineering senators, elected by student body in the spring, appointment can be made by AS and appointment can be made
   ii. 2 commuter senators, manchester and college of arts and sciences, can move forward on a temporary basis, seat them permanently by special election, appoint them temporarily and then hold a special election
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iii. UTA seat: speaker has interpreted Senate bylaws to mean that the residential Senator has to live in the hall that they are living in, candidate did no live in UTAs

iv. Linnea: has this ever been encountered in years past? “always has been an issue but no one has wanted to bring it up”- Tyler
   1. Alex: no language, of how long the senators serve, can technically serve as long as they want

v. Rory: questions of Robert’s rules, validity of second motion, record of that is what happened, motion was made to the committee first, breach in Robert’s rules that was not paid attention to
   1. does that make that motion void...yes- Tyler

vi. Linnea: if in the past this has happened, for precedence state can you appoint them and then look at the bylaws and constitution instead of targeting this group of senators
   1. Charlie: in good faith cannot move forward, can call for a special election, led by Natasha and Kevian

vii. Natasha: compromise to move forward and fix the bylaws, appoint the two seats from engineering, other 4 senators as temporary and can say a time frame of their appointment, by laws being fixed and then permanently swearing them in

viii. Tyler: by-laws are written with these mistakes, judiciary committee has decided to meet every week to fix all issues with the bylaws

ix. Shanti: can hold a special election to make it permanent

x. Allison: can the entire student body run, yes
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g. Motion to confirm the engineering appointee Marcee, seconded, no further discussion, unanimously approved, motion carried

h. Motion to confirm the 4 temporary positions: manch, commuter, college of arts and sciences, seconded, no further discussion, unanimously approved, motion carried

i. Motion that the discrepancy be of the grammatical nature
   i. judiciary committee will be meeting weekly, changes will be presented to Senate and voted on
   ii. Constitution must be voted on by the entire student body

j. 4 standing chairs and Senate leadership are on the judiciary committee

k. Discussion (Shanti): elections committee will decide when the elections will be held

l. Aware of permanent/temporary senators: can vote and be on committees, but the point about work service awards will discussed by the staff

m. Natasha: not something that has happened before; recommendations have been made, should be seen as any other Senator, question of new group of senators coming to join
   i. Linnea:
   ii. Shanti: Going by precedent might want to set a precedent that is in line with the Constitution
   iii. Charlie: Acknowledging that the confirmed Senators now have an ability to speak
      1. Special election is not necessary and a waste of AS resources
      2. All this is occuring due to the number of vacancies
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a. Shanti: Occurring due to validity; Temporary versus permanent
   iv. Dean: Largest issue is that we’ve been moving forward based off bad and incorrect precedent
   v. Rory: Judicial committee special election is a waste of resources that could be used to improve student population; Losing touch as to why we are here
   vi. Charlie: Not in favor or opposed to special election but wants to ensure that temporary Senators are given proper compensation
   vii. Natasha: Since these Senators have been confirmed, should move the discussion to utilizing the Judiciary committee to fix the Constitution and By-Laws

n. Kate: Sexual assault discussion on Tuesday, November 27th from 12:30 - 2 PM will be opened up to the non-Greek Life community (50 spots for non-affiliated members and 50 spots for affiliated members)

o. Luke: Inquiring about the state of the CRP
   i. Tyler: To be determined
   ii. Luke: Inquiring as to whether or not the company has been reached out to
   iii. Tyler: Company is not comfortable signing a contract in the middle of the semester

p. Jordan: Have reached out to ITS about the referendum but encourages Senate to work on wording for the referendum

q. Tyler: Traffic court signups
   i. Tim: Senators are still needed
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r. Tyler: ISO Holiday Dinner is tomorrow, November 16th from 7 - 10 PM in the UC Forums
s. Natasha
   i. Different courses of action could’ve been taken up until this point but we need to move forward
   ii. Encourage Senators to come together more from this point forward including increased communication and collaboration
   iii. Support new initiatives that Student Athlete wellness night, AISO, volunteer when necessary (i.e. Grocery Tram), financial support for students
   iv. Be in community with one another and our students
   v. As an organization we do not support hateful reiterate or action against our own students
   vi. Agents for our students; Revisit mission statement of this organization
t. Jen: Happy Thanksgiving break and very thankful for Senates great work
9. Adjournment (1:05pm)
   a. Motion to adjourned by Charlie, motion seconded and unanimously agreed upon