Senate Agenda

Thursday, December 10th, 2015
12:15pm
University of San Diego, Salomon Hall

The public is invited and encouraged to attend and participate in all Associated Students Senate Meetings. All meetings are open to the public, and are accessible to those with disabilities. Public participation in all discussions is welcomed, and the public is invited to address the Student Senate on non-Agenda items during the Announcements and Hearing of the Public portion of the Agenda.

1. Call to Order: 12:26 PM
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Minutes
   a. Thursday, November 19, 2015. Motion to approve the minutes. All senators approve the motion.
4. Approval of Agenda: Motion made and all senators approve the motion.
5. Hearing of the Public (10 minutes per topic) At this time, any member of the public may address the body on non-Agenda items.
   A. Announcement by Senator Kelsea Tower: Met with sales rep. from New York Times. We are looking at obtaining subscriptions here on campus. If any students are interested in obtaining a subscription, please contact Kelsea. The New York Times is a great resource.
   B. Are these subscriptions free? The fee would be slightly over $600, which would be less than $4 per student per month. A motion will be made in the future to use AS funds for this.
6. Report from Speaker of the Senate
   A. Thank you everyone for all of your work this semester. We must have a great start, and please be accountable. There can be a consequence with stipends if the issue continues.
7. Reports of Executive Board and Ex Officio Members (2 minutes each, unless otherwise noted). At this time, any AS Executive Board Member and any Ex Officio Member may address the body on non-Agenda items.
   a. Dillon Olagaray, AS Chief of Staff
   b. Katie Coutermash, AS President: Absent
   c. Bryan Fox, AS Vice President: Reporting for Katie. Announcement that Katie is at the Women Empowerment Luncheon. Message about the demands that have been issued by the BSU. There have been issues with Yik Yak recently, and Katie is currently working with the BSU president to create a future forum to further address issues. Bryan’s announcements: Research grants have continued to flow very well. The Torero Spotlight
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is taking place today and is being awarded to Nick Bihr. Dr. Shelby is our faculty person of the month.

d. Pete Greene, Finance Chair: We are unfortunately losing a senate member in the AS budget committee, so we are looking for a new member. The time commitment for ASBC is from 12:15-2, but the meetings normally last for 45 minutes.

e. Bryan Tudor, Communications Chair: Thank you to everyone who attended the Mission Beach cleanup. USD ILY thank you to Jake Fobean and Ashley Joshi. Reminder to all senators for marketing requests. In addition, checking if everyone has an AS polo.

f. Lena Figueroa, Torero Program Board Chair: Absent

g. Andrew Valeriano, UFMC Rep: Multicultural night last Thursday. Proposal for ASBC. There was confusion with requests on GBMs, so could we possibly hold a seminar to fix this issue?

h. Lexxi Sullivan, Panhellenic Rep: Thank you for this year. There will be new delegates next semester.

i. Weston Preising, IFC Rep: This has been a great semester, and there is a IFC meeting today for Weston’s replacement.

j. Julia Sherwood, Athletics Rep: Thanks to everyone who went to Petco last Sunday at the basketball game! There is one last game for the semester.

8. Reports of the Chairs of Standing Committees and ad-hoc Subcommittees (2 minutes each, unless otherwise noted)

a. Daniel Geloso, Academics: Receipts are getting in for grants. Initiatives are also going well regarding the availability of academic resources.

b. Jordan Rodriguez, Inclusion and Diversity: Had forum with Student Life last week. Turnout was ok. More initiatives are coming up.

c. Tori Coleman, Student Life: Absent

d. Bret Chavarria, Student Organizations: Overall, orgs. Business is winding down for the semester, but thanks for a great semester.

e. Mike Mascetti, Changemaking Initiatives: Absent

f. Kristin Mitchell, Sustainability: New feedback event next February. A compost event was held last eek. We are currently overviewing whether or not we would like campus-wide compost next year. The green gathering is taking place today, so come! We are also getting reusable plates for the future.
g. Sydney Smith, Wellness: December 1st meeting with advisor, and a new board of wellness is still underway. Please email Sydney if you are interested.

   A. Matt Beasley with the finishing of the AS bylaws:
   B. Article 9 Section 2 line S regarding social media and sending mass messages to voters. Motion to approve made by Daniel Geloso. All senators approve.
   C. Article 9 Section 2 line T regarding reviewing of slander being done by the director of recruitment. Motion by Kelsea Tower to approve, and all senators approve.
   D. Article 9 Section 4 line C regarding posting on cars. Personal property posting is now allowed. Motion to approve by Daniel Geloso and all members approve.
   E. Article 12 Section 2 removal of lines C and D. Motion made to remove and all senators approve.
   F. Article 12 Section 3 line B regarding the casting of votes and students can choose to not cast a vote if they don’t like a candidate but vote for another one. Are there any issues with technology. Motion by Daniel Geloso to approve and all senators approve.
   G. Article 12 Section 6 with the declaration of winners, and withdrawals of candidacy to not have to report to the Vice President. Motion made by Jawara Mills to approve and all senators approve.
   H. Question regarding what new elections will be held: All residential elections except first years will be held in the Spring.

10. Re-approval of Student Organizations.
    A. Motion to approve by Ashley Joshi all clubs mentioned in the approval. All senators approve.

11. New Clubs Approval:
    A. 3d Printing: Kelsea Tower and Jawara Mills had concerns regarding this club and its funding/meetings. Motion to approve made by Sydney Smith, and all senators approve.
    B. Women in STEM: Motion to approve made by Sydney Smith. All senators approve.
    C. Dance Marathon Club: Dual initiative between IFC and PanHellenic that is being pushed back to next fall. It is philanthropic and gives to causes researching cures for cancers. Motion by Dylan Jones to approve and all senators approve.
    D. HERO: club to recognize those who have sacrificed their lives for our nation. This would coordinate with ROTC. Concerns regarding whether or not organizations like this one already
exists on campus. This org. is open to the entire student body. Motion made by Dylan Jones to approve. All senators approve.

12. Title IX: Bryan Fox sent an email regarding Title IX and the penalty fee for those who did not complete the training on time.
   A. Faculty Senate discussed grievances made by students regarding the fine. Are there any issues with Title IX? Should it change?
   B. Kelsea Tower addressed that she likes the points that were made and that the fee was too high. There should be positive rather than negative incentives.
   C. Dylan addressed issues with the course itself and found that the training was very childish and that there should be different processes used.
   D. Recommendation by Shalin to move this issue to the Student Life committee to look into the issues in greater depth. Bryan addressed that there are many issues in this greater topic of Title IX, and we need to look into all of them. Kelsea addressed that this issue is extremely important and that it needs to be taken seriously. The university needs a certain percentage to participate in this. Please contact Kelsea and the student life committee to continue discussing these issues. Looking back at the motion made, all senators except Dylan Jones, Sydney Smith and Kristin Mitchell approved. There are concerns with the conclusion of this discussion. It is argued that the student fee should be moved to the student life committee while the greater issues needs to be kept on the floor. Senator Dylan Jones disagrees.
   E. Bryan Fox made the clarification that this is a process that is going forward and we need to remain connected to it.
   F. Dylan Jones argues that the fine and the training needs to be discussed to be made more college friendly. Bryan Fox pointed out that there is a compliance rate of 92 percent.
   G. Shalin Shah is commencing this issue since we voted to move it to student life.

13. Campus Green Fund: Nicole Charnock: Presentation on creating a sum of money from student fees to be specifically set aside for green projects. The proposal is $5 per student. There are numerous funds existing on campuses across the country that do not operate on loan systems. Nicole then presented examples of colleges such as UC Berkeley. We need to have a core group of leaders and students to be a part of this project. Although it will be hard to maintain support since students will be moving in and out of college, this initiative can work well if the sustainability office keeps this movement going.
14. Motion to limit discussion on this topic made by Tyler Warren. All members approve of this motion.
   A. Kelsea Tower is concerned with raising tuition for students when it is already expensive and that there are centers such as the office of sustainability. Bryan Fox also mentioned that there are grants to could go towards this.
   B. Nicole responded that this fee would guarantee funds for the project every year, whereas other options cannot guarantee that.
   C. Jawara Mills mentioned that the survey mentioned sounds skewed since there were only 176 students.
   D. Austin Prado believes that this issue needs to be asked about again to the students.
   E. Jake addressed that the issue is important enough for all students to pay $5 additional dollars.
   F. Katie Quinn agrees with Kelsea Tower on the issue.
   G. Motion to table the discussion made by Sydney Smith. All senators except 4 approved, with 1 opposing and 3 abstaining.

15. Final Announcements and Hearing of the Public
   At this time, any Senators, Ex Officio members, or member of the public may voice any announcements or concluding comments.
   A. Kelsea Tower on the New York Times subscription. Please email Kelsea if you are interested.
   B. Dylan Jones on Parking appeals. The structure of this system is changing, and we need new members. This is a good opportunity, since many, many students are affected by this.

16. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting made of Ashley Joshi. All senators approve the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 1:57 PM.