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:

Faculty of the month: Dr. Zwolinski with the psychology department. Roll call: Meeting called to order at 12:32 PM.

2. Hearing from the public:
A. Sean Horrigan discussed the role of activating community in public spaces in Frank’s Lounge. Shalin will send out Sean’s email to senators if they have feedback on this.
B. Erin Smith: Giving back to the school. Students tend to give back to areas of campus that most inspired them, and spend around 5 dollars. This is important because the funds do help our school ranking in the long run. Prizes can be given to who do make contributions.
C. Torero Spotlight: Presented by President Katie Coutermarch. The final award for this year is being awarded to Francesca Calleo
D. Approval of the agenda: Motion made and approved unanimously.
E. Approval of the minutes: Motion made by Danny McConville and the minutes were unanimously approved.
F. Announcements from the Speaker: Shalin thanked the Senate for their strength and support. May 5th, there will be a team event at Petco Park for the San Diego Padres. Shalin also asked for announcements to be concise.
G. Report from the President: Katie will be presenting the speaker policy, and will be discussing the state of the union and further business at the End of the Year Banquet. Katie also said thank you to everyone for all of their hard work and inspiration.

3. Reports from the Executive Board:
A. Bryan Fox: Initiatives that senators feel like are not finished, please bring them up and we will try to incorporate them in the transition.
B. Pete: ASBC had a wonderful year in allocating funds, and we all had a wonderful year. Thank you for everything.
C. Bryan Tudor: Thank you for helping with the voting turnout. It has been one of the best that we have ever had. Feel free to keep sending market requests.
D. Lena Figueroa: Thank you for attending so many of TPB’s events.
E. Dillon: Thank you everyone for being a wonderful part of the organization this year!

Additional Announcements:
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F. Lina: UFMC Annual Diversity Banquet May 4th at 5PM at the UC forums A and B. There will also be a community breakfast coming up as well.

G. Miriam Taylor: Panhellenic meeting Thursday May 5th with the IFC. Please feel free to attend.

H. Noah: IFC: Two fraternities were chaptered this year.

Reports from Chairs:
I. Daniel Geloso: Transition underway for next year (Daniel will be staying on); study spaces for finals is still being worked on.

J. Jordan Rodriguez: Transition also underway; all of the business for this year has been concluded; special thanks to committee members for their initiatives.

K. Danielle Priore: Thank you for everyone who came to the parking event earlier this week.

L. Brett Chavarria: Thank you for a great year! The student orgs. Awards took place last night; clubs to approve today.

M. Kristin Mitchell: Last week sustainability showcase; next Thursday there will be a sustainability task force meeting that Kristin will be attending. There are also future events, such as where students will be able to bike for a day. Earth month overall was a very large success. Kristin is working with the medical brigades as well.

N. Sydney Smith: Wellness themed events will be taking place next week. Next week is sleep week. There will be attractions such as therapy dogs on May 6th, distributions of eye masks, etc. Thank you so much for all of your help with everything. This year has been a great year. If you are interested in joining the Student Advisory Wellness Board, feel free to apply.

Business:

A. The appeal of the International Buddies Program on the ASBC issue of an event being classified as a general body meeting. This was a closed meeting at a restaurant in which international buddies that were assigned to each other went. The issue was that this appeared as a social event. However, Shalin, believes that this event is very beneficial to the community here on the campus Sonia and Tyler both have already met and discussed this event. Senators Massie Yang and Julio Morales voiced their opinions about this event and the issue of what it should be classified as. Julio thought that it was a special event.

B. Katie Coutermarsh asked if this was a frequent meeting that took place, or if it was a special occasion that took place only once.

C. Pete Greene mentioned that $4 per person for 90 people was funded by ASBC, and there were less than 90 people at this event.

D. Motion made by Kelsea Tower to appeal this statement and to have the event’s funding looked into back in ASBC. This was not a majority vote by the senate, so the appeal was not passed.

E. Sustainabilities Initiatives Grant Fund Bylaws: First and foremost, this is what the funding that the task force receives will be called.

F. Membership applying for grants will remain anonymous. The committee will have 4-6 members, and non-voting members will include an AS advisor, the chair of sustainability, and additional positions.

G. The chair of this committee will have a space on the finance committee to help discuss how many funds will be allocated per quarter.

H. Board meetings will be closed meetings. However if there is a 2/3rds vote, the meeting can be made open. Quorum of 2/3rds of the board is needed.

I. Applications to this board will require letters of recommendation to prove the diligence of that applicant’s work.
J. There will not be an appeal process placed within these bylaws. Denied applications for funds will receive a letter from the board on why their request was rejected.

K. Motion made by Daniel Geloso to amend the item in the bylaws regarding Section 10 Subsection A. All members approved unanimously.

L. Further components of the bylaw were discussed.

M. Motion made by Tyler Warren to debate the bylaws, and 16 members voted in favor. The debate is open.

N. Motion made by Kristin to delete research from Article 4 Section 2. A majority was in favor of this motion and it passed.

O. No additional debate.

P. Motion made by Daniel McConville to approve the bylaws. A large majority approved the bylaws, and the Grant Fund has now been officially approved.

Q. Finance Committee Bylaws:
R. Pete sent out the bylaws to the Senate last week, and there have been no further changes.

S. Motion made by Julio Morales to approve the Finance Committee Bylaws, and a majority voted in favor so it was approved.

T. Last meeting, Shalin mentioned that AS discussed the Sexual Awareness issue on campus and wants a position for AS to support.

U. Senator Daniel McConville voiced that he wants to support the $250 fine.

V. Bryan Fox voiced that the fine was a financial burden on students, which is why there were other options that were laid out.

W. Senator Kelsea Tower discussed that a hold on the account would be more beneficial for students since it won’t detract them financially. Also, payment could be an excuse for students to not have to do the training.

X. Jack Campbell discussed that 97% of the student body completed the training, and voiced that the process needs to be done correctly and that registration issues might create hassles for large parts of the student population.

Y. Dylan Jones voiced that the hold on registration will be the best way to incentivize students to complete their training rather than providing a financial burden.

Z. Alec Palmer discussed that he agrees wholeheartedly with Jack Campbell’s point.

AA. Bryan Fox voiced that he does not believe that emails are not sufficient enough to help students complete the training. We need to explore alternative methods.

BB. Dr. Avery discussed that the registration system and the training programs do not work hand-in-hand, so there might be setback for students who want to complete the training late.

CC. Dylan Jones voiced that it is important for students to complete the training on time and that if they have late registration, the issue is on them.

DD. Jake Fobean mentioned that the school would project a better message to the student body if it did the registration tool.

EE. Daniel McConville still believes that the cost punishment should still stay in place since we are all adults and are accountable for our own actions.

FF. Katie Coutermarsh voiced that this is a recommendation that AS is giving to the administration.

GG. Owen Lewis made a motion to support the non-compliance fee, in which the majority voted to support the non-compliance fee.

HH. Katie Coutermarsh is discussing Uber and the Speaker policy:

II. Uber at USD: A partnership is being proposed between the campus and Uber to replace orange cab in the college cab program.

JJ. The student currently has a $10 flat rate and gets 3 rides a year from Orange Cab.

KK. Issues with the program: Some cab drivers were not aware that the cab program existed. In addition, traditional cab use is declining and the reimbursement process on campus can be complicated. Students were also worried that Public Safety would somehow be waiting to get students in trouble when they were coming to campus.

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There has been a significant decline in use over the years.

Uber has 24 hour customer service, has a cheaper rate and is tailored to our generation of technology users.

We want to balance accessibility and abuse in this program to make sure that students are not taking advantages of student funds.

Katie created a plan where students will be given a promo code that will not grant public safety to ask questions to identify the student. These promo codes will be housed in public safety though.

Other universities that use uber include USC.

Alec Palmer voiced the concern about abuse and is curious about how we can create mechanisms to enforce this.

Miriam Taylor asked about how students will be served who do not have an uber app or smart phone. Katie answered that this will be discussed in the orientation, but it is most likely that some students might not have access.

Speaker Policy: The current process is that the current TPB coordinator presents the idea to the advisor, and then this request goes to the administration.

The issue at hand is that USD is very critical of performers that may not always align with Catholic teachings or stances.

We want to create a more equitable process for students and allow an appeal process against a decision to take place. This can also encourage students to have conversation on the issue, which will promote education.

We are looking to update the contract this summer with these changes. Katie is working with Dr. Avery and Michael Lovett Coyler on this.

Shannon has a resolution that is being presented today. The resolution is on the Kumeyaay Tribe Campus Tribute.

This tribe existed on this land before we were present, and Shannon believes that there needs to be some form of memorial or tribute to this tribe on campus so we do not forget its history.

A resolution was promoted to have the University be charged with the responsibility of having sites created on campus where students can give a greater tribute to the native peoples that existed on this land.

The tribute will be in a large public place on campus, and will be looked at by the administration.

Senator Kelsea Tower motioned to approve the resolution, and a majority was achieved. The resolution was passed.

Approval of Capital Purchases by Katie Coutermash and Pete Greene: It is very typical for AS leaders to look at expenditures at the end of the year with leftover funds. It is important to choose items that need to have longevity and quality.

Pete voiced that this is a list of items that the finance committee believes will be beneficial to the student body. The total cost is $65,450.

This cost will include: golf carts, a storage cabinet, replacement hammocks, three mac desktop computers, replacement for ipads, creative zone art supplies and food serving supplies, a new EZ up tent, a dolly, mac adaptors, bags with wheels for tents, chargers, calculators, a foosball table and firepit lights to be strung from Frank’s Lounge.

Questions:

Tyler Warren asked why macs are going to be chosen for purchase. Ashley Joshi asked if PCs can be purchased. The response to this is that macs are more student friendly.

Owen Lewis expressed concern that the golf cart is expensive since it is around $11,000, and want to see if another option can be found.

Sydney Smith is concerned about the hammocks and the fact that we are planning on purchasing more, since it appears that student money is being spent on items that are easily stolen and used for personal means.
III. Dylan Jones voiced concerns that some of the purchases are only going to be appealing
to a few students only, while a majority of the population won’t have access to them. Pete
voiced that these items are not going to be abused.
IIII. Motion made by Tyler Warren to have the clause be changed to have mandatory PCs in
some areas. A majority was not achieved.
KKK. Motion made by Tyler Warren to have a clause for feasible golf carts, and a majority
approved.
LLL. Lena voiced that macs are needed due to the specific software that is needed to help TPB
in its marketing.
NNN. This money is rollover funds that were not spent.

New Business: Clubs to Approve and Re-approve
A. College Republicans
B. Be Blue Go Green
C. Motion made by Ashley Joshi to approve, and all members approved.
D. New Clubs:
E. GIS and Mapping Club
F. Alpha Psi Omega
G. Fashion Club
H. Society for Collegiate Leadership and Achievement
I. Photography Club
J. All clubs received motions to be approved and were approved.

• Introduction of the New Exec. Board:
  Josh Coyne spoke and thanked all graduating grad and undergrad students for their
  service.
  • The new Exec. Board was introduced and were sworn in.
  • The new board took an oath to uphold the values of the university.
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  • Motion to adjourn: Motion made by the new senators, and the meeting was adjourned
    at 2:21PM.