Senate Minutes

Thursday, October 19, 2017
12:30pm
University of San Diego,
Salomon Hall, Maher 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 Final Business and the Hearing of the Public.

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Agenda
   a. Vijay moves to approve agenda (passed)
4. Reading of the Minutes; October 12, 2017
   a. Vijay moves to approve minutes (passed)
5. Report from the Speaker of the Senate, Tyler Warren
   a. Trial format for Senate today
6. New Business
   a. Approval of New and Re-Registering Student Organizations
      1. Chris moves to approve DSP (passed)
      2. Logan moves to approve Investment Club (passed)
      3. Logan moves to approve PolyGlot Club (passed)
   b. Student Life: Parking Break-Ins in Missions Structure and Manchester
      1. No cameras on 2nd floor of Manchester parking lot
      2. Idea to identify trouble spots on campus and talk to Public Safety about it
3. Manchester lot is an easy spot for criminals to hit
4. Removing your valuables from your car isn’t enough

c. Inclusion and Diversity: Study Abroad for Disabled/Handicapped Students
   1. Unknown if programs such as this exist across other colleges in the country
   2. Director of Studying Abroad guy said it would be possible to start such a program
   3. Look at countries with similar laws and see if they have study abroad programs that we could work with

d. Academics: Lack of Student Success due to Bad Study Habits
   1. Create more open collaboration areas on campus
   2. Work with SA’s and LLC programs to promote good study habits
   3. TSA folks had good experiences putting together study hangouts
   4. Program should be aware of diversity of learning process
   5. Designate classrooms that will be open later at night past normal hours
   6. A.S. Study Hours Initiative

e. Student Organizations: Colachis Plaza EVR Reservable Space Issue
   1. As of now, requests to reserve area must go through the University Executive Counsel
   2. Non-reservable does not mean non-usable
   3. Follow model of Maher Lawn
4. People like the openness of the lawn and the informal-ness of the lawn
5. Idea to make lawn reservable only during certain hours
6. Initial plan for lawn was to make a year-long trial before reservation is considered

7. Presentation: Learning Commons Planned Construction
   a. The campus requires increased classroom capacity, and is in need for dynamic, flexible, and inviting academic spaces
   b. This is the problem that the Learning Commons Construction will combat
   c. Comment posed about how most study spaces are isolated to one side of campus

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.

9. Adjournment
   a. Senate adjourned at 1:44 PM