# Senate Agenda

Thursday, November 8, 2018  
12:15pm  
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 Hearing of the Public.

1. **Call to Order (12:15pm)**  
   - Call to order at 12:22 pm  

2. **Roll Call**  
   - Elena calls roll call  

3. **Approval of the Agenda, November 8 (12:17pm)**  
   - Charlie  
   - Move to amend the agenda to remove the swearing in of new senators…remove item 6  
   - Move to convene as a judiciary  
   - Under Senate by-laws: any open seat can be appointed by the president and confirmed by the Senate; in constitution, included as elected Senate  
     - Motion denied by Chair of the assembly  
   - Motion to approve the agenda by Rowan, seconded, some discussion, one opposition, one abstention, motion carried  
   - Fix the bylaws: grammatical error not meaning error  

4. **Approval of the Minutes, November 1 (12:19pm)**  
   - Motion to approve the minutes by Logan, seconded, no further discussion, unanimously approved, motion carried  

5. **Approval of the Minutes, October 15 (12:21pm)**

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a. Motion to approve the minutes by Logan, seconded, no further discussion, unanimously approved, motion carried

6. Swear in of Newly Appointed Senators (12:23pm)
   a. Vote to confirm and then swear them in
   b. Motion to the confirmation of any of the appointed Senators
      i. New Senators introduce themselves
   c. Motion to table the confirmation of the appointment until next week/Senate until next week so that the judicial oversight committee can meet
   d. Question of who is the judiciary committee
      i. 6 oppositions, 6 approval, abstentions, motion fails
      ii. Point of order, not taken well
   e. Motion to approve new senators, seconded
      i. Question of who were notified, question of reviewing during final business
      ii. Motion fails
   f. Motion to table until next week, with recommendation that Senate judiciary reviews and brings it to Senate next week, seconded, n12 in favor, 4 opposed, 2 abstentions
      i. Motion carried

7. New Business
   a. Approval of New and Re-registering Student Organizations, Charles Young (12:25pm)
      i. Charlie presents old orgs
      ii. Society of Environmental Professionals
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1. Motion to approve, seconded, no further discussion, unanimously approved, motion carried

iii. New Student orgs

iv. Me-Too USD: been collaborating with other student orgs
   1. Motion to approve, seconded, no further discussion, unanimously approved, motion carried

v. USD Film Society
   1. Motion to approve, seconded, no further discussion, unanimously approved, motion carried

vi. Women in STEM Club
   1. Motion to approve, seconded, unanimously approved, motion carried

b. Approval of Academic Grant Bylaws (12:20pm)
   i. VJ presents the Bylaws
   ii. No questions about the changes
   iii. Motion to approve amendments, seconded, no further discussion, unanimously approved, motion carried

c. Student Activity Fee Discussion and Vote (12:25pm)
   i. Finance Chair, Stephanie Silvar presents how much has been spent
   ii. Students fees increase by the same rates as tuition
   iii. Right now it is $234 and it would go up to $242 (estimate)
   iv. Difference of around $42,000...increase of around $8 (estimate)
   v. 50% of students receive financial aid
   vi. Discussion: last year the raise was stopped, decide on year by year basis
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vii. Need a decision by Monday or it will automatically increase: vote to freeze the increase

viii. Accepting more students, create more events, can be used for a variety of things

ix. Motion to freeze the AS student fee: seconded
   1. Consideration, excess funds go back to students through scholarships through AS endowment, relatively small increase gives AS more freedom
   2. Increase programming
   3. Financial standing will be determined on how we allocate funds
   4. Last year there was a deficit, no roll-over, no scholarships

x. Motion to freeze the AS Student Activity fee for 2019-2020
   1. Seconded, 5 in favor, 10-11 in favor; 2 abstentions
   2. Motion fails

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. (12:40pm)
   a. Clarification of the swearing in of the Senators
      i. VJ: review of it and being involved
      ii. Concern that it was on the agenda, potential senators came in expecting to be sworn in and were not
      iii. Judiciary committee would report back to everyone on Thursday
      iv. Recommendation to motion for them to meet before next Senate meeting
   b. Discussion of by-laws and constitution
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i. By-laws are brought up

ii. Question of the new senators being women of color

iii. Follow policy and the by-laws
   1. Question of checking the by-laws…wording

iv. Motion to determine that it is a grammatical issue; seconded, discussion of Senators reviewing bylaws and take into account what the positions of Senate and President other Senate leaders are; discussion of the word “elected”
   1. Apology to the senator; swearing in for next week has to do with the Constitution and not them as individuals
   2. Favor: 1; 2 no, 2 abstentions
   3. Motion Carried

c. Danny: Tree near Camino; people want to keep the tree in the area; about 150 students have signed, some students are upset
   i. Danny will share it with Tyler and he can share with everyone
   ii. Clarification: Tree is non-native tree; 20-30 years of life
      1. Danny: grass and palm trees that are not native

d. Pi Kappa Phi: dinner on Nov 27th from 6-8pm; Logan

9. Adjournment (12:55pm)
   a. Motion to adjourn, seconded, no further discussion, ppl need to get their portraits done, unanimously approved

10. Senatorial Portraits with Kenny Eng (12:55pm)