Senate Agenda

Thursday, December 7, 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 Hearing of the Public.

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
   a. done
3. Approval of Agenda
   a. Jordan moves to add a discussion about the renaming of Serra Hall to New Business (passes)
   b. Amanda moves to approve the agenda
   c. Amanda moves to rescind her motion (passes)
   d. Reijer moves to add an item to New Business regarding the Lyft Initiative (passes)
   e. Reijer moves to approve the agenda (passes)
4. Reading of the Minutes; November 30, 2017
   a. Ernesto moves to amend the minutes to correct the title from “Agenda” to “Minutes” and to correct the spelling of the “AIISO” Club (passes)
   b. Motion to approve the minutes (passes)
5. New Business
   a. Approval of New and Re-Registering Student Organizations, Robert Bock
      i. Charlie moves to approve the African Student Union (passes)
      ii. Hope moves to approve the Chinese Cultural and Language Association
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b. Discussion and Vote on the ASBC By-Law Amendments
   i. Amendments from last week are reviewed
   ii. Vayunamu moves to change the word, in letter D of the proposed
       amendments, “organization” to “organizations”
   iii. Discussion around “opting in” to the $100 community service award
       versus “waiving” the award after receiving it.
   iv. Charlie moves to approve the amendments
   v. Charlie moves to rescind his motion (passes)
   vi. Logan moves to separate the two clauses into separate items to clarify the
       distinction between the amendment around GBMs and the amendment
       around the community service award for attending the Student Org
       Conference (passes)
   vii. Charlie moves to approve the amendments to the ASBC By-Laws
   viii. Discussion was had around how the use of these community service 
       funds would be tracked and how it could be ensured that these funds
       would be used appropriately.
   ix. Charlie moves to rescind his motion (passes)
   x. Vijay moves to amend section D to include a provision that Student Orgs
      must submit a Torero Orgs request to use the community service funds
      allocated to them, pending approval from ASBC (passes)
   xi. Kevian moves to table the ASBC By-Law Amendments to next week’s
       meeting (passes)

c. Discussion around renaming of Serra Hall
   i. Dr. Burns from the Theology department came to the floor to offer a
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different perspective than the AIISO Org

ii. Dr. Burns offered the distinction between Serra the individual and Serra the symbol, and to clarify which “Serra” is being protested against

iii. Dr. Burns offered some insight on how/why Father Serra became a Saint through the Catholic Church

iv. Dr. Burns offered the idea to add a name to Serra Hall to respect both parties involved in this situation, rather than just removing the name Serra and having some kind of reconciliation ceremony

v. Dr. Burns offered the opinion that there would be backlash and protests against the removal of the name Serra Hall from both people in and outside the USD Community.

vi. Dr. Burns discussed the pardoning of Francisco by Father Serra.


d. Quarter 3 Budget Discussion and Vote

i. The minutes from the Finance Committee meeting were used as a reference for this discussion.

ii. Clarification was asked for why some Changemaker requests were denied

iii. Clarification was asked for why some UFMC events were denied funding

iv. Clarification was asked for why allocations were made for Outdoor Adventures for Q4, during a meeting where Q3 requests were being reviewed

v. The Senate discussed the 3rd Annual Vietnamese New Year’s Event at USD and asked why the Finance Committee initially denied this request

vi. Discussion was held around whether or not the $200 per head cost of
vii. Chris moves to approve the Q3 budget

viii. Considering all of the remaining funds that A.S. traditionally has at the end of the year and considering the magnitude of this event, the Senate ultimately decided to refer this request back to the Finance Committee or pull the needed funds out of the A.S. Reserve.

ix. Chris moves to rescind his motion to approve the Q3 budget (passes)

x. Amanda moves to charge the Finance Committee with allocating the necessary funds for the 3rd Annual Vietnamese New Year’s Event (passes)

e. Academic Grant Appeal

i. Jordan (grant appealer) informs the Senate that her group felt that there appeal was denied for an invalid reason. The appealer was told that they were denied because they are not a club.

ii. A.S. V.P. Shannan presented the viewpoint of the Academic Review Council (ARC), giving several reasons why the ARC denied the Academic Grant Proposal

1. The gist of the ARC’s decision was that they felt the proposal lacked originality and ingenuity, compared to other proposals brought forth to the ARC and it was noted that much of the 2017 proposal from this group was a direct copy from the 2016 proposal request

iii. The Senate seemed to come to consensus to concur with the ARC’s opinion.
iv. Jocelyn moves to deny the Academic Grant Appeal from the Curators club (passes)
f. Lyft Initiative Discussion
   i. Idea is to pull $8000 from the Senate reserves to pay for the excess costs associated with Lyft and to allow more students to use the Lyft initiative in the coming weeks.
   ii. Omar moved to pull $8000 out of the Senate Reserve Fund toward the Lyft initiative (passes)
   iii. Charlie moves to charge the Finance Committee with considering refilling the Senate Reserves (passes)
6. 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.
   a. Happy Birthday Brooke!
7. Adjournment
   a. Meeting adjourned @2:15pm