Senate Minutes

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:
   A. Approval of the minutes from the last meeting discussing Title IX
   B. Motion to approve made by Daniel Geloso and seconded. 23 senators vote in favor.
      The minutes are approved.
   C. Motion to add to the agenda made by Tyler Warren to add the confirmation of new senators. All senators voted in favor.
   D. Title IX will be removed from the discussion today.
   E. Topics from the Senate: Kelsea Tower discussing the New York Times subscriptions.
   F. Sara Borger from the Women’s Center wants to talk with senators on the topics of creating focus groups to talk about peer education models. Sexual Assault awareness week is taking place in April.
   G. Katie stated that it is important to relay this information to our constituents.
   H. Approval of new senators: Danielle Prior, Daniel, ect. Motion made by Christian Nelson to approve the new senators, and all members are approved.

2. Comments from the Speaker: Make sure you are at the retreat this weekend on Saturday.

3. Comments from the President: Update from the strategic planning committee regarding polls of what students want to see go into the plan for the campus’ future. Are there any good ideas from any of you now on what we would like to see? The survey has been extended to February 12th. There is also an update on the student demands, and this month is Black History Month.
   A. Faculty of the month award:

4. Chair Reports:
   A. Daniel Geloso: Academics: Finishing up of initiatives from last semester. Main goals are going to be better coordination, communication and accountability.
B. Jordan Rodriguez: Inclusion and Diversity: Currently working on expanding hours for commuter students.
C. Danielle Pryor: Student Life: Currently working on Title IX
D. Bret Chavarria: Student Orgs.: The committee is going to attempt to reach out to student orgs more this semester.
E. Kristin Mitchell: Sustainability: Working on climate action plan for the university and how to cut back on water and energy waste. Members of this committee that Kristin is a part of will be attending the retreat. Wednesday, February in SOLES will be the site of a taskforce meeting for the semester. We also have new sustainable plates!
F. Sydney Smith: Health and Wellness: First event is next Thursday on the Maher lawn, so please try to attend! There will also be yoga on the university lawns that are coming soon!

5. New Business:
A. Matthew Beasley on constitutional changes: We are currently working on having senate elections (excluding first year students) to be held in the spring. The spring elections will allow the Senate to start its business at a much faster pace. This would need to be passed by a 2/3rds vote. We are taking a look at the language of the constitution since it is slightly vague. Only residential first year students would be elected in the Fall.
B. Motion to move this motion to students so they can vote on it. All members voted in favor and the motion is passed.
C. AS elections are taking place soon.

6. Exec announcements:
A. Dillon Olagaray:
B. Pete Greene: ASBC funded 75 different organizations last semester. There will also be a discussion on how to better access AS funds during the retreat this Saturday.
D. Bryan Tudor: A few projects are already up and running this semester. There will be a new communications board newsletter that is on the horizon.
E. Lena: TPB has some new coordinators that are either returning or are joining the team for the first time. Please attend Black History Month events to show your support.
F. Lina Wallace: Tomorrow is the United Front Council meeting that is addressing how we can be allies with the student body to create a better campus environment. Saturday, February 13th will have an upcoming event as well.
G. Miri Taylor: Panhellenic: There was a very successful recruitment process. There is a national Eating Disorder Awareness walk coming up on February.

6. Final announcements:
   A. Spozmi Nouri on signing up for parking appeals committee.
   B. Ashley Joshi: A meeting will be held discussing the importance of sleep in school.
   C. Daniel Geloso and Brett Chavarria are having the academics and student orgs committees gathering after this meeting.

Motion to adjourn made and approved. Meeting adjourned at 1:03PM.