Senate Agenda

Thursday, March 28, 2019
12:15pm
University of San Diego,
Solomon 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)
   a. Alex calls the meeting to order at 12:18pm

2. Roll Call
   a. Tatiana takes role

3. Approval of the Agenda, March 28 (12:17pm)
   a. Marion motions to approve; seconded; no further discussion; unanimously approved

4. Approval of the Minutes, March 21 (12:19pm)
   a. Jesse motions to approve; seconded; no further discussion; unanimously approved

5. Report from Chair of Academics—Camden Engstrom (12:21pm)
   a. Deadline for submission for research grants is tonight. Scheduling meeting with faculty either this Saturday or next week to review grants. Working on a resolution to include study spaces on the mysandiego mobile app. Also working on a resolution to add Active Military to the priority registration like Veterans.

6. Report from Chair of Student Life—Shanti Stender (12:24pm)
   a. Sunday there is the grocery tram. Please spread the word around. The tram will be in front of SLP from 12-4. Also want school mentality to be kind towards each other. Going to hand out little bags of candy and smiley faces.

7. New Business
a. Approval of New and Re-Registering Student Organizations–Rory Abraham (12:27pm)
   
   i. USD ANSWER: purpose is to break free from oppressive relations of power to define what we are in order to see what they can become
   
   ii. Marion motions to approve; seconded
   
   iii. Rowan: Question about affiliation with national organization. Rory answers, they spoke to group and the group does not want to disengage with the national affiliation
   
   iv. Anna: there are students at this school that are supportive of club but not the national organization. National organization makes some students uncomfortable. During student orgs meeting, they decided to table because of national affiliation. Why is it moving forward? Rory answers, the club made a presentation to the committee and they decided to move forward with it
   
   v. Alannah: members of ANSWER has talked to JSU and individuals to talk about their mission statement and how it does not conflict.
   
   vi. Marion - there missions statement and objections are similar to other groups so this club should also be approved
   
   vii. Anna - there is a difference between being safe and having a club without ties to a national organization.
   
   viii. Dean - this club has connection to groups that has promoted violence to Jewish groups. This doesn’t mean that this group will hold these values and act in this way.
   
   ix. Carolina: point of order. Time allotted has passed
   
   x. Dean motions to extend time of discussion to 12:35; seconded; Jesse makes clarification: it is JSU not JSA. We can go in circles about this conversation. This group will make some students uncomfortable, but that is the same. We need to stop segregating
groups and saying that one group will make students feel more uncomfortable; motion passes

xi. Rowan: there are a lot of groups on campus but we need to do our job to make sure groups feel comfortable. There have been concerns about anti-semitism. Will be proposing resolution regarding anti-semitism

xii. Marion: Toreros for Israel - students do not feel comfortable with this club because club members have come up to them and talk in their face. There are already groups we have approved that has caused safety concerns for other students

xiii. Allanah: ANSWER has done what has asked with them. Met with JSU on individual basis

xiv. Carolina: Clarify that being against the state of Israel does not make you an anti-semitic. If we continue conversation, that is the case and cannot say that ANSWER is anti-semitic

xv. Jesse: Is there going to be a resolution against anti-racism, etc.?

xvi. Dean: Advising to move straight to vote; Carolina: Point of order - time allotted is over

xvii. Allanah: move to extend for 2 minutes to do vote; seconded; 1 abstention, motion passes

xviii. Rowan: Toreros for Israel is different from JSU. There are national ties just students with students on campus. Whether you relate anti-semitism with anti-zionism is different depending on your definition.

xix. Allanah motions to vote on this organization; Rowan: Point of Order - there has already been a motion on this. There was a previous motion, there was secondary motion that says the same thing

xx. Vote: 14 yes, 2 oppose, 7 abstentions; motion passes

b. Constitutional Reform Discussion (12:32pm)
i. Alex says that draft that is culmination of input of what we have gotten in past 2 constitutional meetings. Proportioning positions: 15 or 10 at large senators. Previous concern for commuter senators. We would have a total of (8) coming from residential, (6) commuters, (6) for academic divisions, remaining will be at large

ii. Shanti: Likes the breakdown but we need to account how many people live in each other. If we have another branch, that can be part of their job. Maybe have a percentage of people they are representing since proportions change each year

iii. Anna: would the new branch be the judicial?; Answer: yes

iv. Dean: at large positions help protect the minority groups to make sure they are represented. It also allows more people from each school to be involved

v. Alexa: thinks the at large senators will expand the diversity on campus in our senate

vi. Shanti: Put more effort into residential senators into who they will be representing. Look at the numbers for these areas better to get better proportion

vii. Alex: Judicial Branch. Goes into responsibilities from the Chief Justice. We will have Chief Justice and 4 associative justices. One idea is to have Parliamentarian one of the associative justices and make that an assistant to chief justice but not be a member of executive branch. They would be required to fulfill Robert’s Rules and would not be a conflict of interest.

viii. Dean: Where are we in selecting these positions?; Alex: Chief Justice would be selected in same aspect of executive branch. Speaker of Senate would be elected by Senate body, that would require the last meeting of Spring Semester who were elected for upcoming year. They would select Speaker of Senate at that meeting and then go forward with appointment of executive
branch. Chief Justice would be appointed by outgoing Executive Board like the Finance Chair, Public Relations Chair, and Chief of Staff; Dean: If it’s an appointed position, it is more of an administrative position and students do not get say.

ix. Alex: The constitution goes along with the bylaws. There would be contradictions with accountability and removal of officers.

x. Rowan: Has there been any thought of making judicial area into its own branch?; Alex: Yes. In chief justice responsibilities, it talks about having judicial branch. There has not been a separate article written for branch yet. It is not reflected in there yet but there is intention of having another branch. Document is still not 100% complete, but please use document to make comments in next week. Will be sending out something for one final meeting. Expediency to getting this out to student body.

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.** (12:47pm)

   a. Rameen: tomorrow is TPB Ole Music Fest. 6pm at Missions B parking lot. It is free for USD community.

   b. Camden: Relinquishing Traffic Court Re-appeals Position. Not able to further that with position of Chair of Academics. If anyone is interested, let him know and we can transition into it.

   c. Sidney: BSU had a meeting that was open to public about USD’s scandal on Monday, March 14. Reads email sent to people who were present at club meeting and explains what happened. Someone who attended this meeting made someone uncomfortable with their action. Someone played a sound that resembled a gun. These actions hinder club to open meeting up to public. This is not okay and is harmful to members of our Black community
d. Alex: Chris Hermes sent over information of proposed furniture. Can view on Tuesday, April 2 at IPJ from 11-3. Furniture that is proposed to go into new commons. Can see what furniture might look like.

e. Logan: What is initial timeline for approval of constitution? Risk that it being so close to election will cause confusion on what positions are open to run for; Alex: Nothing changes eligibility. Intent is to get more people on board with the new system. Anyone currently interested is not affected

f. Logan: Phi Kappa Pi - April 16 - Philanthropy event - push-up contest. You can pay to see how many push ups someone can do or show off how many push ups you can do. Will have flyer soon and will post in slack. Just wanted to give update

g. Jen: Thank you for those who participated in last week’s dialogue. It was challenging experience for some. It impacted people in different ways. We have not forgotten about it. If you want to share, we are open to hear it. Anyone on team is available to talk. As we talk about Senate, Constitution, Traffic Court, glad to see that everyone is present. When there are other meetings, like when Alex sends out information for Constitution, please participate. Attend committee meetings, advisor meetings, etc. Please respond to emails and attend other commitments. If you are busy or have something come up, talk to advisors. Remember what the responsibilities are.

h. Member from Public: Appalled of approval of ANSWER.

9. Adjournment (1:02pm)

a. Rameen motions to adjourn this meeting; seconded; no further discussion; unanimously approved