Senate Agenda

Thursday, April 25, 2019
12:15pm
University of San Diego,
Salomon Hall, Maher Hall

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1. Call to Order (12:15pm)
   1. Alexander calls to order 12:22

2. Roll Call
   1. Kylie moves to have her phone called and see if we can hear it in room
      i. Seconded, approved
      1. Phone not found nor heard

3. Approval of the Agenda, April 25 (12:17pm)
   1. Rameen moves to approve the agenda, seconded
      i. Majority yes, approved

4. Approval of the Minutes, April 11 (12:19pm)
   1. Moves to approve minutes, seconded
      i. Motion passes

5. Old Business
   1. Constitutional Update and Vote (12:21pm)
      i. Alexander had Tom Harrington look over the document for any grammatical, logical issues that may have been overlooked but have been fixed. With exception of two things that will be outlined, there was no substantive changes. Example) Issue with executive branch information and its terminology. A clause which was added, section 6 of article IV that is in most constitutions and should be followed with exception that something differently is laid out. Brought a
particular threshold for organization structure for senators in which one senator will not represent more than 20% of ex) commuter students.

ii. Natasha says Tom recommended that whatever numbers appear with reapportionment they need to double check between documents

iii. Alexander talks about judicial powers and Section 8 of Article VII. Judicial cabinet to uphold constitution and bylaws of Associated Students. One thing of substantive was back in section 6 where “The Speaker of the Senate will also notify a Senator that they have been removed if they have more than three excused sick absences, unless the Speaker approved a request for an extended medical leave of absence.”

1. Marion asks for clarification about someone who is sick and has proxy
2. Alexander clarifies that a proxy is fine and doesn’t count as absence
3. Anne asks about unexcused absences and how it works
4. Alexander says that any unexcused absences will be removed from organization is they are more than 3 and don’t have an excuse. Excused can fall under sickness but once you reach 3 sick absences then you’re held to higher scrutiny.
5. Natasha points out that it’s already in AS bylaws but is now being put in Constitution and making sure we are all held to a higher standard.
6. Clarifying question about Constitutions and bylaws that outlaws this.
7. Alexander points out section where it refers to proxies and that it’s not under absences. We have proxies but majority of proxies it becomes unreliable on whether proxies know how to follow through with rules and expectations of Senate and it’s also for first come first serve basis (5 proxies per senate meeting).
8. Dean clarifies that if more than 5 proxies it wouldn’t count a quorum.
9. Alexander states that more than 5 then 6th proxy would still not be accepted and person would be counted as absent because of the cap.
10. Carolina moves to allocate 10 more minutes to this discussion, Marion seconded
   a. Motion passes, 10 more minutes
11. Natasha asks is anyone has any more questions about it
12. Shanti noticed change in Vistas Senator position
a. Natasha says in attempt to understand residential assignments, they are trying to make sure the Senators don’t live within the same building in Vistas as way to make sure they represent the entirety of the Vistas. Lump together 2 living areas to the same 300 range totality of the Vistas.

b. Shanti asks about greater specification in writing

c. Alexander says distinctions necessary because population of two building and the others is similar because 2 are smaller than the other 2.

d. Rowan says he understand spreading around Vistas in making them live in different buildings and because we don’t do that for Commuter residents, he doesn’t think it’s necessary to make this change. No need to mandate which buildings.

e. Natasha says they will be working with Residential Life to make it easier and guarantee this process.

f. Anna clarifies if it’s preferential housing and is it fair?

g. Allison says it’s not necessary to segregate and that’s it’s additional work and feels we are inhibiting certain people to be with

h. Natasha says we are already designating people in housing already and with limiting positions there are things in place to make sure it does not happen.

i. Dean thinks better to separate by interest than location may be a better manner.

j. Alanah says in Vista you can choose which location to live in and it’s obvious there are already clicks so this would be a good idea moving forward.

k. Shanti says it makes sense not to have senators in same building that splitting it could split the community.

l. Might give preference to those who know they want to be senators earlier on, and the uncertainty of when elections will take place and that working with residential life can put us in a tough situation.
m. Alexander says they’re trying to solve the advance notice of elections
n. Dean asks if it’s possible to change them after they win elections
o. Alexander says if they want to run for Senate but then they might not want to be limited in living with their friends.
p. Natasha clarifies timeline that will fall perfectly in line with residential life and their housing designations and application.
q. Marion says she likes idea because even with RA’s, CDs, the experience in each building is different because of location, building, etc. You get different experiences which is importance of Senators to represent those different experiences.
r. Maya says concern about creating divide isn’t valid because it’s easy to collaborate and what will make the Vistas better as a whole
s. Rameen recognizes time allotted for this discussion is about to end and moves to approve Constitution as written, seconded by Marion
  i. Charlie emphasizes that this is important document and he questions Alexander about proxies.
  ii. Alexander clarifies that while it’s possible to have 6 six people sick in Senate that they still need to mark it down as some sort of absence or removing them from the body. Excused or unexcused with usual system.
  iii. Natasha wants to make sure they understand that they’re not kicking people out but rather making sure that Senators are being held accountable.
  iv. Charlie’s second part of question and the 6th proxy.
  v. Rameen clarifies that we are supposed to talk about the motion on table.
  vi. Alexander and Natasha confirm this question can still be asked.
  vii. Charlie clarifies only 5 proxies can be present
  viii. Alexander says only 5 ca be there
ix. Charlie says wouldn’t one location be unrepresented
x. Alexander says that just as one section would be unrepresented when a Senator doesn’t show up.
xi. Marion supports Alexander says it’s the Senators responsibility and should be held accountable and it’s not unfair.

xii. Dean moves to vote article by article, seconded

xiii. Jesse clarifies if one part of article does not pass then it would not go forward to Student Body.

xiv. Alexander (primary motion) to approve constitution as written

1. Second motion to approve each article individually
2. Camden states multiple issues are at hand that we should look at each article and section and give it good thought.
3. Alexander clarifies that this discussion has been available for a while
4. Allanah says that is we don’t wanna approve it with primary motion then say no.
5. 10 Approve, 11 opposed, 1 abstention
   a. Motion fails

xv. Second motion to approve each article individually

1. Logan says it’s best we don’t approve it until we know what direction we want to go or take with it
2. Alexander says prior meeting helped with certain clarifications and understandings of the document
3. Natasha says Tom finalized decision made last meeting
4. Charlie wants clarification on how we are voting for the motion
5. Alexander says we would vote the entire document after this and final vote is necessary to ratify document.
6. Alanah reminds that there have been other opportunities to look this over section by section with several meetings and emailed several times.
7. Alexa also says that we had voted on this prior to move it forward after final vote and that it’s 5th meeting we’ve talked about the Constitution. Personally would encourage people to be respectful of other people’s time and that there have already been people who put time in it and take a step back.
8. Charlie reminds that we are representatives and that why we haven’t tabled about this ever.
9. Alexander points out this will be posted for 10 days.
10. Marion says it’s our job as representatives to send it forward to our constituents.
11. Charlie asks if a single senator has held a tabling or gathering to talk it through with constituents
12. Dean says this is a top priority
13. Charlie reiterates his prior question
14. Alexander says it’s out of order
15. Jesse says we’ve been taking up a lot of time and that it’s important to recognize this has been available for many months and that we’ve given up time to put work into it and that many senators have not present at those meetings and that if they weren’t present how could we expect them to create gatherings with their constituents to keep them informed- it may be out of order but sorry.
16. Dean wants to vote so we can further look at things that he doesn’t like and will vote against. So that whatever is not approved will not be put in.

17. Alexander clarifies on ratifying constitution and things that can be removed, changed, etc.

18. 9 in favor, 11 opposed, 1 abstention
    a. Motion fails

19. Carolina moves to add another 10 minutes to discussion, Logan seconded.
    a. Rameen says maybe we can move it to next meeting
    b. Dean asks if we can move it to end of meeting
    c. Alexa asks for clarification on process for contingencies on particular articles. Mindful that not one document can be perfect and how it can be handled in a timely manner.
    d. Rory rises to question of privilege
    e. 0 In favor, opposed, abstentions
        i. Motion fails

20. Stephanie asks if someone can motion to ask lacrosse to speak about this first, then come back to constitution

21. Jesse make motion to present now, seconded
    a. Alexander clarifies that it would happen anyway

22. Dean motion to add another line item

23. Alexander clarifies agenda has already been approved

6. New Business

1. Presentation of Funding Request from Men’s Lacrosse Team (12:31pm)
i. Alexa rises to question of privilege to use restroom

ii. Connor, Captain, presents on play off costs for Salt Lake City
   1. $15,000 needed to help get 40 guys to play offs

iii. Stephanie clarifies money right now
   1. About $7000 left with some requests at the moment but recognize
      Lacrosse did send their in first
   2. Reserve has about $31,000

iv. Marion asks if this $15,000 would come out of senate’s budget or where?
v. Stephanie says there are different things to consider on budget and that this
   money would come out of reserves

vi. Tatiana asks if they’ve qualified for tournament

vii. Lacrosse member says it’s contingent right now and they will return money if
    they don’t qualify

viii. Maya asks if they need the full $15,000

ix. Connor says there may be room for cost reduction but members are already
   paying more than other teams

x. Marion asks about reserve money if it rolls over into next year

xi. Stephanie says money will go into endowment

xii. Stephanie says we may have about $63,000 in reserve after this year

xiii. Rowan suggests accounting student activity fee per person of the members in
      Lacrosse team which would amount to $10,000

xiv. Dr. Avery brings attention to change funding platform and asks about their other
     forms of fundraising

xv. Lacrosse Captain, Connor, further specifies on fundraising and that they did not
    meet $10,000 by Spring and that they are not currently doing other fundraising

xvi. Rameen brings knowledge from ASBC meetings and the precedent set for
     different student groups (ex. Women’s soccer).

xvii. Stephanie says to consider that reserve would not be completely lost by this
      year

xviii. Marion says without food, and hotel, money needed would only be $15,000
      still

xix. Rameen says they’ve stopped funding GBM’s

xx. Carolina call point of order for allotted time to discussion
xxi. Rameen motions to add 5 more minutes to discussion, seconded
   1. Motion passes
xxii. Clarification on cost to participate in play offs- entrance fees
xxiii. Connor says it’s paid nationally
xxiv. Dean moves to deny request of $15,000, seconded
   1. Rowan wants to acknowledge that these are still students who pay a
      student fee
   2. Stephanie says while we may not be able to fund full amount, we should
      not deny it completely
   3. Alexander brings forth that we can I’ve them less money- reminder of
      motion on floor
   4. Dean says that while we have money, we shouldn’t waste it on
      something “frivolous” given we've been scrapping around this whole
      year
   5. Alexa brings a thought about bringing a more detailed description for
      funding including ideas for current fundraising
   6. Tatiana says we shouldn’t completely deny them because of issues with
      funding and that they are involved in our school and shaped their college
      experience
   7. Maya says we should let motion fail so we can still at least fund a good
      amount
   8. Jesse agrees with Tatiana
xxv. 1 approves, Motion fails
xxvi. Carolina calls for point of order, 5 minutes are over
xxvii. Marion motions to approve $10,000 from reserve, seconded
   1. 17 In favor, 0 opposed , 3 abstentions
      a. Invalid vote, not everyone voted
xxviii. Alexa repeats same motion, $10,000 from reserve to Lacrosse team
   1. 18 In favor,0 opposed, 3 abstentions
      a. Motion passes
7. 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. (12:41pm)
1. Alexa moves to ratify entire constitution in entirety, seconded
   i. Dean says it may be best to do it article by article
   ii. Rameen says that if you vote, ask questions or who you see as voting
   iii. Jen points out conversations occurring today and last week about touching base
        with Tom and to be informed on your decision on what is being done
   iv. Logan’s understanding that ratifying constitution it now wouldn’t mean we can’t
        go back to make any corrections if any mistakes takes place
   v. Dean says it shouldn’t be easy to make changes and that is we are taking such a
        long time, it’s important we do
   vi. Alicia rises to question of privilege to use the restroom
   vii. Alexa wants to support what Logan said that we are giving Alexander and
        Natasha an impossible task and we should be held responsible to send it forward
        to our constituents for approval- move it forward.
   viii. Rowan asks if we can still vote on something we’ve voted on earlier
   ix. Alexander clarifies yes we can
   x. Natasha is confused on the fact that we’ve been working on this for this long and
      that 10 have been there to give input so if you’ve had a problem, it should have
      been brought up sooner. Emergency meeting will be made if we don’t approve it
      today. There is no perfect solution for this but this is the best attempt to get the
      following year prepared.
   xi. Rowan reminds that it’s elections and they should vote on it the following year
   xii. Dean says we don’t need to move it on next year that we can go article by article.
        He wants to personally go article article so he can vote against the proxy system
        in our Constitution.
   xiii. Kylie says she doesn’t want to approve it because it seems we haven’t gone
        through the changes necessary
   xiv. Marion says it’s been a 4 month process, with mandatory meetings so we can be
        prepared for Senate meetings
   xv. Alexa wants to question to those who won’t approve the motion. Dean? Kylie?
        Asked what they want to see changed.
   xvi. Shanti’s concern is about the Vistas senators
   xvii. Carolina points out we have reached allotted time for conversation
   xviii. 12 In favor, 9 opposed, 0 abstentions
1. Motion fails
2. Natasha asks about those 9 who opposed it

xix. Carolina reminds we have allotted time
xx. Dean says we should push this back at a later time and have a meeting later on
xxi. Natasha clarifies that’s not what she says
xxii. Alexa motions to extend 10 minutes so we can vote on each article,
  seconded
  1. 15 in favor, 5 opposed, 1 abstentions
     a. Motion passes
xxiii. Alexa says it’ll take it a long time to go article by article and we should be
     productive to just focus on what the 9 have decided to oppose
xxiv. Jen asks those who voted no to specify why the votes against it
xxv. Camden has problem with Vistas senator and proxy
xxvi. Allison doesn’t like proxy and absences
xxvii. Carolina wants them to share action items on how we should change them
xxviii. Dean doesn't like numerical limit on proxies and being able to represent
xxix. Reijer doesn’t like proxy
xxx. Rowan rises to point of privilege because of work
xxxi. Anna doesn’t like Vistas senators information
xxxii. Kylie said no because of Vista senators
xxxiii. Marion does specify it’s different buildings and different experiences
xxxiv. Natasha says there are 3 issues: Vistas, Proxy, and sick absences
xxxv. Alexander moves to ratify with contingency of taking out proxy student limit
     and change it to a 3 proxy limit for each Senator contingent on there also being
     the same process for sick days and in regards to Vista taking away East and West
     distinction and change to the 2 Senators not being able to occupy same
     building in Vistas,
  1. Removes 5 proxy limit of each meeting AND Vistas takes away East/
     West distinction
  2. Rameen seconded
  3. Dean thinks maybe on Bylaws not on Constitution
  4. 19 In favor, opposed, 1 abstention
     a. Motion passes
2. Allanah rises to point of privilege
3. Dean moves to speak as informal meeting, NOT seconded
   i. Alex would be chair of meeting and afterward- voided
4. Anna has question of privilege
5. Tatiana rises to point of privilege
6. Isabella rises to point of privilege
7. 16 members present- do not meet quorum
8. Jesse motions to adjourn meeting since we do not have quorum
   i. 15 in favor, 1 abstention
      1. Motion passes
8. Adjournment (12:51 pm)