Senate Agenda

Thursday, April 4, 2019
12:15pm
University of San Diego,
Solomon Hall, Maher Hall

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1. Call to Order (12:15pm)
   a. Alex Calls the meeting to order at 12:22 pm

2. Roll Call
   a. Elena takes roll

3. Approval of the Agenda, April 4 (12:17pm)
   a. Camden: motion to Amend the agenda to include line item A for priority registration and to add line item B as a statement regarding ANSWER
      i. Motion seconded, no further discussion
      ii. Motion fails
   b. Camden moves to amend the to change line item A for priority registration for,
      i. No oppositions, 1 abstention
      ii. Vote is invalid, not all members voted
   c. Rameen: Motion to approve the agenda
      i. Seconded
   d. Motion in regards to approve the agenda
      i. Seconded, vote is invalid, two members that are not voting
   e. Motion to approve to include line item A to include active duty members
      i. No further discussion, no oppositions, no abstentions, motion passes
   f. Motion to amend new business for line item B in regards to Senate’s approval of ANSWER
      i. Seconded, no further discussion
      ii. 8 in favor, 4 opposed, 10 abstentions
      iii. Motion fails
   g. Marion: Motion to approve the agenda
      i. Seconded, Josh asks to to speak states that he has the right to speak, unanimously approved

4. Approval of the Minutes, March 28 (12:19pm)
   a. Anna: Motion to amend the minutes, pg. 3, item 9 new business, change the name from Rowan to Rory; Elena clarifies she was not present
      i. 3 abstentions
      ii. Motion passes
b. Marion: Motion to approve the minutes; seconded, unanimously approved, motion passes

5. New Business
   a. Introduction of Resolution from Camden Engstrom: priority registration for active duty members
      i. Camden presents and clarifies that it would impact 33 active students to get priority registration as well
      ii. Implemented for Fall 2019
      iii. Student athletes, student veterans and students who also have to balance work,
         1. Charlie: asks if this resolution or if a future resolution will include ROTC students
         2. Bryan: asks for the process about students who must balance it with a job
            a. Camden: clarifies it is involved with a Pell Grant
            b. Dr. Avery: announces that the director of military and veterans center is here to clarify questions
               i. She clarifies that it is for those who have already served
      3. Logan: asks about our graduate students
         a. Camden: as AS we are here to represent undergraduate students
         b. Marion: recommends that he reach out to Briana Clark, president of the graduate associated students
      iv. Alexa: motion to approve the resolution for active duty members
         1. Seconded
         2. Marion: by approving will it be able to be amended, it would be as written
         3. Jen: asks for a time frame and about presenting it to constituents
         4. Alex: motion is invalidated
   b. Marion: point of privilege to leave to give an informational and appoint a proxy
   c. Point of privilege: proxy changes to another proxy for the commuter position
   d. Presentation of New Torero Program Board Bylaws—Pitrina Gilger (12:21pm)
      i. New bylaws were already voted on and approved by TPB
      ii. Inclusion of budget controller and a marketing manager
      iii. Events are changed to all hands on deck meaning all team members must attend event because of transition to less but bigger events
      iv. Grammatical changes
      v. Extracurricular activities (not jobs) are limited to 20 hours
      vi. Cannot simultaneously hold two positions within AS
      vii. Changed language from efforts and initiatives to events
      viii. Street team members must go to trainings
      ix. Budget controller would be assigned to attend ASBC
      x. Motion to approve the TPB bylaws, seconded
         1. Jen asks for clarification on the timeline
         2. Rowan: states that there must be week cites bylaws
         3. Alex asks for which specific by-laws
         4. Article 6 of senate bylaws
5. Alex: point of clarification that it says “these bylaws”
6. Those in favor 15, opposition, 6 abstentions
7. Vote is invalidated

xi. Motion to approve bylaws for TPB by Rameen
   1. Seconded
   2. Jen point of order: in TPB bylaws, article 10 under amendments, states that it must be presented and then voted on
      a. Pitrina: clarifies that it must be presented to Senate after approval from TPB
      b. Anna: clarification of language in bylaws
   3. 21 in favor, 1 opposition, 1 abstention
   4. Motion passes

e. Constitutional Reform Discussion (12:31pm)
   i. Alex: clarifies is that there has been a decision to further develop job descriptions in order to raise accountability
   ii. Also clarifies that it can be revised systematically and do part by part approval and then final approval at the end
   iii. Majority vote, but not for the entire constitution
   iv. Alex: name of Associated Students to Associated Students Government to elaborate about what it entails
      1. Asks for feedback, Natasha wants to highlight key constitution points
      2. AS v ASG; Charlie, what level of rebranding/budget would it take as well as the timeline?; Natasha has a branding team to remake the logo and going into next year there should be no difficulty, transition just need to be made sure that there are the correct documents

v. Speaker of the Senate is currently an elected position, transitioning it to a vote of the Senate itself and have the incoming Senate who is elected come in and elect the Speaker of the Senate; Natasha: basis on the history and performance of that role, is the team builder within Senate and senators should be able to chose, attempt to be more intentional

vi. Anna: speaker is the person who leads the Senate and believes the student body should elect, Senate would pick within the first week and students will be able to pick

vii. Alex: there would be a gap between the election of senators and the election of speaker to give time for people to elect, there is a transition period of about a week and a half or two

viii. Shanti: applications for elections are due, and people have applied, should not have to change, implementing it for next year’s term; clarifies there being 31 positions
      1. Alex clarifies there are 30 senators and among those 30, the speaker would be elected

ix. Anna: there would be one month without a Speaker

x. Rory: asks how it comes to a vote in the Senate?
   1. Appointed by the student senate, outgoing speaker helps maintain that structure and it would include a nomination or self-nomination
xi. Charlie: suggested to change it, and believes it is the best way to move in the future, mentions how marketing and elections have included Speaker of the Senate; asks how candidates who are planning on running for speaker would be notified of changes
   1. Charlie: would it change the current election cycle
   2. Natasha: no

xii. Rowan: will it specified if it is a simple majority
   1. Alex: it would be a ⅔ vote

xiii. Anna: speaker also gets to appoint vacancies
   1. Natasha: point of clarification within the existing constitution that when a senator is dismissed or resigns that the AS president has the authority to nominate and present and Senate has the power to check or accept or not
   2. Alex: process for confirming appointed seats is in the chief justice proposed, chief justice would be appointed just like the other members of executive branch

xiv. Charlie: affecting future elected cycles, if speaker were to resign, president would get to recommend a new position
   1. Natasha: amendment/clarification needs to be made to reflect that students will elect

xv. Alex: clarifies the process of electing senators
   1. Take one of the 6 commuter positions to give the vistas 2 senators instead of one
   2. Natasha maximize senator efficiency
   3. Remaining 10 at-large; population of 30 senators so each senator is supposed to represent at least 200 students on campus
   4. Alex: senators can assist each other
   5. Rowan: Vistas is an outlier; because there are 700 students; wants to include 2
   6. Charlie: why would a senator be taken from commuter instead of at-large
      a. Natasha: recommendation from a senator and wants to make sure to fill in what is missing can be substituted from at-large; more commuter students can take on more with at large
      b. Charlie: does the current ratio between current on campus and community, take in the ratio of those living on and off campus
      c. Alex: each residential hall is represented by one senator
      d. Natasha: this system would mirror the existing system

xvi. Shanti: SAPs is normally more upperclassmen

xvii. Natasha: consensus about UTAs or San Buen
   1. Marion looking forward to Cam/Found and how housing is looking

xviii. Shanti: first floor for first years and top two for upperclassmen

xix. Bryan: asking about students at large, they are commuters

xx. Natasha: Carolina and Jesse mentioned how demographics are changing and how other areas of housing will be changing as more students come on to campus
Carolina: point of order that we have exceeded time of this discussion

Camden: point of privilege and assigns proxy

Rameen moves to add 10 minutes to add to discussion, seconded

1. Alexa fears 10 minutes will not be enough time.
2. Motion fails

Marion moves to add 25 minutes to discussion, seconded

1. Carolina points out this discussion would occur more quickly if more senators were at constitutional meetings
2. Rowan states that this is a crucial document that we need to take time on
3. Alex Points out that this document has been on the google drive
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Natasha advises everyone to look over document

Alex says everyone is welcome to engage with this document before coming to Senate

Anna brings up the option of having another constitution meeting

Marion thinks it’s a good option but we have had 3 already at different times and days and at this point, it shows some may not care or are not available- Should not have another meeting

1. Natasha clarifies that this document at this point will be adapted next year for next year’s team for them to outline them

Deja: Point of privilege to go to work

Ashley and Reijer: Question of privilege

Alex: states we have Lost quorum and can someone motion to adjourn meeting- currently have 15 and we need 18

1. Rowan asks for Alex and Carolina to recount
2. Alex: correction there are 16 not 15
   a. Rameen moves to adjourn meeting,
      i. Someone states that there are indeed 18 and Rory asks if Alex counts
      ii. Recount by Carolina
      iii. Alex: Correction-there are 18 senators present

Bryan- final informational for this Friday at 12pm and is required for those planning to apply for next year and applications are due this Friday at 5pm

Dr. Avery: update on progress of discussion between ANSWER and JSU inviting for conversation on Tuesday

1. ANSWER declined first invitation and also declined second invitation for discussion
2. On way to meeting she received an invitation from ANSWER for later this week and is working towards getting other members with busy schedules to the meeting as well

Marion asks for clarification on sign sheets required- with just signatures or with signatures and IDs as well

Bryan says it’s just signatures
xxxvi. Marion shows two different options she is referring to
xxxvii. Natasha clarifies which document- the one with just names
xxxviii. Josh from JSU speaks on being disappointed about how AS handled the situation and that those who stated that JSU was okay with the approval of ANSWER when that is incorrect. Feels unheard and addresses article from ANSWERS organization website. Wants to make it clear that AS senate has no right to dictate what anti-semitism is and by doing so has taken away a basic human right. Refers to definitions of what anti-semitism is from U.S. Department of State and by going against this is going against U.S. Department of State and going against holocaust.
xxxix. Alex calls to point of order for allotted time
xl. Rameen moves to adjourn meeting, seconded
   1. Rory says we should let him finish
   2. Bryan calls for clarification of whether he (Josh) is representing JSU or students for Israel
   3. Josh states he is representing Jews
   4. Alex calls for point of order and that there is a motion on the floor being seconded
   5. Marion says it’s better to discuss this in a forum between ANSWER and JSU and that this can no longer be mentioned in AS
   6. Josh clarifies all he wants is to be heard
   7. 5 in favor, 9 opposed, 4 abstained
      a. Motion fails
xli. Charlie appointed as proxy for Rowan
xlii. Carolina moves to give 5 minutes to Josh to finish, seconded
   1. Jose rises to point of privilege
   2. Lose quorum so Alex asks for motion to adjourn
   3. Carolina moves to adjourn
   4. As way to continue with Josh’s speech, a Proxy for Deja and PJ steps in, Tatiana steps in
   5. Alex calls for vote on motion on the floor
   6. 17 in favor, 0 opposed, 2 abstained
      a. Alex casts his vote, motion passes
xliii. Josh continues on with his speech
   1. Rameen asks where this is from and that what he is saying is a misrepresentation
   2. Alex asks for clarification if he’s speaking for the Hamas
   3. Josh says yes
xliv. Rameen wants to be clear that these statement do not reflect muslims and contributes to a misconception on this campus and that this should be a discussion with ANSWER not bringing his religion into it
xlv. Josh says he apologizes but that this is what it says and that it can’t be made up
xlvi. Rameen says it makes a correlation
xlvii. Rameen moves to adjourn the meeting, seconded
   1. Bryan addresses Dr. Avery stating it’s important to have students for Israel present since they have been mentioned in the
conversation and is an incomplete dialogue given that they have not been included
2. Dr. Avery will take into consideration but dialogue is focused on the conversations occurring in AS Senate
3. Shanti says we should allow Josh to finish
4. Alex clarifies Josh clarified he was done with his initial statements
5. Alexa says Josh did not finish his 5 minutes/ speech
6. Charlie asks whether it is out of order given the confusion around his speech being done vs. his 5 minutes up
7. Alex says it is not out of order
8. 7 in favor, 10 opposed, 3 abstained
   a. Motion fails/invalid
   xlviii. Josh: continues to give statement. Apologizes if anyone felt offended by the statement he read. He cannot take away that it mentions Jews in there. Students lost trust of everyone on campus and of Associated Students and felt disrespected.
   f. Carolina motions to adjourn the meeting; seconded
   g. Natasha: this is out of AS hands in terms of intervention. There needs to be changes that both groups make in order to move on. ANSWER and JSU need to be having these conversations. Recognizes that she is currently being recorded. What we can do is make sure there are dialogues being taken place in order to make students feel more comfortable. People are in different emotional places where we are unable to have a dialogue.
   h. Charlie: Disagrees with Natasha. This issue is not out of our hands. When Jewish community comes to us to speak, we are saying that we are unable to do anything here, administration has the power. However, when ANSWER comes to us, we do what we can. Why is it different for JSU?
   i. Rameen: Clarifies that this is supposed to be discussion about adjournment of Meeting.
   j. Motions passes, meeting ends
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. (1:01pm)
7. Adjournment (1:11pm)