Senate Agenda

Thursday, February 16, 2017
12:30pm
University of San Diego,
Solomon 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 the Announcements and Hearing of the Public portion of the Agenda.

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Hearing of the Public (5 minutes per topic) At this time, any member of the public may address the body on non-Agenda items.
   a. Tom Cleary
      i. State situation with Cal Grants
         1. Cal Grants last for 4 years regardless if the student graduates or not
         2. Cal grant money does not increase with the increase of tuition
         3. The reward is currently $8700
         4. Gov. Brown has proposed a $1000 decrease in the Cal Grant amount for private non-profit attending students
         5. Every year Tom Cleary brings several students up to Sacramento to talk to legislatures about how important the Cal Grant is to them
         6. If the state cuts the Cal Grant funding it will affect people that do not
         7. We're asking students to write letters to their state senators in support of continuing the same amount of Cal Grant funding.
         8. Congressman Scott Peters will be coming next week to USD,
         9. Next Thursday Congresswoman Davis will be having a round table discussion at SDSU, Tom Cleary is looking for 3-4 students to go at 8:30 -10:00am to be reps for USD
4. Approval of Agenda
   a. Motion to add a reflection on black leaders in history at the end of senate
      i. Approved
   b. Motion to have a discussion on marginalized voices post-election during new business
      i. Approved
   c. Agenda with new additions approved
5. Approval of Minutes: Thursday, February 09, 2016
   a. Motion to change the line in the minutes labeled “Tabitha vs. male lacrosse player” to “discussion on club sports funding”
      i. Approved
   b. Motion to change approval of $6500 to club sports funding to add the stipulation of having further discussions with the school on future funding for club sports
6. Report from the Speaker of the Senate, Shalin Shah
   a. Pulling from the reserves as we did last senate was the first time that has happened in many years
   b. It was a supported decision but try not to set that precedent of senate reserves being a backup for people that do not like their funding.
   c. Make specific motions
   d. Feb. 23rd, we will not be having a normal senate Montgomery Middle School will be visiting
      i. We will meet at 12:15pm in the courtyard to hold a small senate for the middle school students
   e. We will have new IFC and Panhellenic reps next week
7. Report from the President of Associated Students, TJ Hodges
   a. AS endowment scholarship proposal
      i. At the end of the year there is money that is allocated but unspent. This money is then pushed to the next years AS group
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ii. This alternative proposes that the excess amount of money over the safety net that is required to be held will be instead invested into an endowment fund to grow and to be used for scholarships in the future

b. UBER partnership is signed and passed
   i. Two $10 credits available to students from now until around May 20th ish

c. Commencement Speaker nomination
   i. If you have anyone in mind let TJ know

d. AS Alumni scholarships are open and ready to be applied to

8. Reports Ex Officio Members (2 minutes each, unless otherwise noted). At this time, any AS Executive Board Member and any Ex Officio Member may address the body on non-Agenda items.
   a. Vy Nguyen, UFMC
      i. Take action
         1. We have postcards available if you would like to write to your state senators
         2. The UFMC wants a reason why we are sticking with UBER
            a. TJ: Uber doesn’t get any money until a student uses a ride code
   b. Olivia Gonzalez, Athletics
      i. At SAAC meeting the new AD came and explained how he is devoted to making the school spirit better.
         1. If you are interested he is looking for points of contact
   c. Senator Ivette Gil, Women’s Center
   d. Senator Naomi Harding, BSRC
      i. Lots of different Black History Month events
         1. Next Tuesday there will be a discussion on race relations on campus during dead hours in Soles Warren auditorium
   e. Tiffany Roberts, Veterans’ Center
      i. Raised $8000 dollars for the Marsoff foundation
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ii. Soldiers who salsa tonight 6-7pm tonight in the UC Forums C

9. Reports of the Executive Board and Senate Chairpersons
   a. Danny McConville:
      i. Looking for 4 more members to join the election committee
      ii. Continue to push Uber as well as free printing February in the Creative Zone
      iii. If you have any tabling ideas for your committee please let Danny know so he can help
   b. Allison Mccall
      i. Sustainability Grant Fund informational meeting next Tuesday
   c. Will Tate
      i. How social innovation can shape a better world tonight 6-7:30 in the KIPJ

10. New Business
    a. Dr. Kristin Moran: Core Curriculum
       i. Goes into effect in the Fall 2017
          1. If you are a current student, you can opt into the new core curriculum by declaring your major again in 2017
          2. The LLC program is completely changing
             a. New students will complete a year long LLC experience taking one class per semester during their first year
             b. They will also be asked to complete a project during the spring semester to show what they have learned in their specific theme
             c. There was a reduction to 5 different LLC themes linked to the different living areas
             d. 100% of transfer students will be added to a transfer learning community
             e. The new LLC website is up and running
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ii. 4 fewer classes
   1. Same amount of credits needed
iii. Added competencies required by WASC
iv. Added an integrative component to bookend the new curriculum
v. Updated Curriculum to prepare students for life long career success and personal fulfillment
vi. Website: www.sandiego.edu/core
vii. Current professors are currently being trained to teach these new classes

b. Stephanie Richardson: Research Grant By-Laws
   i. Honor Council name to be changed to Academic review Council
   ii. Lowered the amount of positions from 7 to 4
   iii. Not just taking freshman, now taking transfers or any other grade level
   iv. Changed amount of time to determine amount of funds allocated from 2 to 3 weeks
   v. Moved some of the duties like the power to veto to the VP of AS

c. Shannan Conlon: Kumeyaay Garden Initiative Funding Proposal
   i. All that is needed is $575 for the earthworks for the garden.
      1. Approved

11. Discussion on should professors talk politics, marginalized voices
   a. There is not a good understanding of what both viewpoints actually stand for.
   b. Work to get the actual facts of what is going on, a lot of news and sources are skewed and spun to make the parties polar opposites. But educating yourself on the cold hard facts is what will allow you to act progressively towards a solution
   c. Being in and going to places that you do not usually attend is of the utmost importance to learning and seeing things from a different perspective from what you are normally exposed to.

12. Reflection on Dr. King and Malcom X
   a. They had two different perspectives based on what kind of backgrounds they came from.
b. Within diverse communities there are still even more diverse perspectives

13. Final Announcements and Hearing of the Public At this time, any Senators, Ex Officio members, or member of the public may voice any announcements or concluding comments.

a. Jordan Rodriguez
   i. Need one more person for traffic court

b. Chris Nowlin
   i. Inclusive leadership in troublesome times
      1. SLC February 22nd 12-1pm
   ii. Women's basketball vs. BYU tonight at 6 in the JCP Free Chick Fil A and TPB tailgate

14. Adjournment