Senate Agenda

Thursday, February 21, 2019
12:15pm
University of San Diego,
Salomon 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 (12:23pm)
2. Roll Call
   a. Elena takes role
3. Approval of the Agenda, February 21 (12:15pm)
   a. Motion to amend agenda; seconded; 2 opposition, 1 abstention
   b. Motion to approve the agenda; seconded; no further discussion; unanimously approved
4. Approval of the Minutes, February 14 (12:26pm)
   a. Motion to amend the minutes so that the times of the chairs and speaker of the senate are done so accordingly; unanimously approved; motion passes
   b. Motion to approve the minutes; seconded, no further discussion; unanimously approved
5. Report from AS President–Natasha Salgado (12:27pm)
   a. Pitrina and Stephanie present the exec report; give updates on the Langston Hughes event; March 29th is the music fest and there will be a competition to find a student opener; working on the recruitment schedule for elections; Exec budget will be presented next Thursday, have not been able to convene as a finance committee will receive abt $3000 in return from the grants and possibly some from the Lyft contract
6. New Business
   a. Confirmation and swearing in off a new senators (12:29-30 pm)
      i. Motion to confirm the new senator, Rameen, unanimously approved
ii. Motion to swear in the new senator, seconded, senator for college of arts and sciences; no further discussion unanimously approved
   1. Alex proceeds to swear in new senator
b. Approval of New and Re-Registering Student Organizations–Charlie Young
   (12:35pm)
   i. Only new student orgs
   ii. Alliance of Disability advocates
      1. Motion to approve the org; seconded; no further discussion unanimously approved
iii. Swing Dancing Club
   1. Membership of almost 120 members
   2. Motion to approve the org; seconded; no further discussion unanimously approved
iv. USD Rotaract
   1. Worldwide philanthropy group; main focus is a clean water act; advised by the local SD org
   2. Motion to approve the org; seconded; no further discussion; 1 abstention, motion passes
v. USD Coaching Corp
   1. Collect college groups with external orgs such as the YMCA to coach sports teams
   2. Motion to approve the org; seconded; no further discussion unanimously approved
   
   c. IT Feedback for Chief Information Officer–Elazar Harel (12:40pm)
      i. Asking for feedback regarding services that involve IT; computer software, hardware, the internet, media services, etc
      ii. Provide services such as blackboard, MySanDiego portal, mobile apps; G-mail services and application; One Stop services
      iii. What kind of software is missing?
iv. USD Insight app; link to google calendar to add tasks and link up to google calendar

v. Not in charge of the tram app; but can connect those people
   1. Trams run late or don’t run at all

vi. New Blackboard system: good feedback, it is working well

vii. My SD mobile app; a lot of features where he needs to log in, will log-in close the app but stay logged in and later it logs out individuals
   1. App logs out individuals despite asking to be kept logged in

viii. eduroam Wi-Fi and being on the app does not allow for the correct class schedules to be pulled up

ix. Students have access to the Adobe Creative Cloud software
   1. Does university pay for the software per student or by predicting how many students will need it

x. MySD app: add a tab that has the academic calendar

xi. Will add a feature to create your own bookmarks on the portal

xii. IT Mobile Print: be able to select what pages to print in order to not waste paper, $ and ink

xiii. Ability for AS/TPB to be able to send out notifications about events that pop up on the calendar

xiv. On MySD Customize the notifications we receive; ex- receive grad student notification

xv. Any further question can be e-mailed to him

d. Discussion of the ANSWER club by Charlie Young (12:57 pm)
   i. Information about the process of reviewing nationally linked organizations
   ii. Question of ties to anti-Israel and anti-Semitic beliefs
      1. Concern over this
      2. Concern over the now chair of I & D being a part of this student org
3. Claims that either these members were recklessly ignorant or that they hold anti-Semitic feelings

   iii. Members joining groups without doing their own research

   iv. Rameen: have you spoken to any of the members
       1. Charlie: has informed Natasha and Jen Lee that this goes belong him

   v. Jesse
       1. Inappropriate to call out members based on their political beliefs if it is a non-partisan party; cites the mission of inclusion
       2. You did not allow the club to go through the process of the student org committee; sent out an e-mail 4 hours before the committee meeting
       3. Several points within the by-laws to have their own ideologies, ideas, etc
       4. No students were reached out to individually and assumptions were made about student’s

   vi. Motion to limit the discussion to 10 minutes to end at 1:20 seconded, further discussion
       1. Dean: question of welcoming discussion but keep it to limits to have a reasonable meeting
       2. Jocelyn: being mindful of parliamentary procedure
       3. Limits public and senator time

   vii. Charlie: time for discussion for this line order; there will be time for final business

   viii. 3 yes, 1 abstention, motion fails

   ix. Students in the audience: question of another students org that is “Students for Israel”

   x. Anna: part of the student org committee; AS does support

   xi. Carolina: motion to table conversation and allow the club to continue to process that all other orgs continue; seconded
1. Charlie: they support two terrorist organizations

2. President of ANSWER: member of the organization speaks out and speaks to the fact that they are not racist, anti-Semitic, are just against racism and war

3. Question from the public: can they speak on this issue if it is tabled or limited

4. 9 support; 3 opposed; 11 abstentions; 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. (1:23pm)
   a. Clarification on the video of the rally in question that Charlie presented was open to the public, comments made in that video were made by someone who were not affiliated with the organization rather someone who just walked in
   b. Joshua Glasser, president of the Jewish Student Union: does not endorse the organization ANSWER; statement that Jewish students will feel uncomfortable; cites US Dept of State
      i. Carolina: encourages to engage with those who are trying to bring this organization
   c. Natasha: reasoning behind not jumping into things: we have a system that goes to the student org committee, she spoke with Charlie, looked at the information, what different research as well did the advisor groups, not jumping to any assumptions without engaging in dialogue before jumping into this dialogue of anti-Semitism, student org committee did plan to meet with ANSWER; over-step with being able to follow through as a student org committee, have the power to dismiss the organization based on it not following the ideals and did not happen as a committee, ask to be part of the conversation with ANSWER to make sure that any assumption of any individual students on this campus
      i. Charlie: no guidance from our bylaws; Natasha consistency from the student org committee with other orgs and not this organization; question
of assumption with no proper dialogue, Charlie personally wanted to have a dialogue with these individuals and then took it back because he felt uncomfortable and Natasha reached out to them, did her research and has been waiting for the Student org committee to do their work; stepping out of order and will set precedence

ii. Rowan: voted on I & D chair; senate leadership did not bring up this info; Senate needs to have all of the applicable information

iii. Alannah Winston: feels it completely offended to be compared to the KKK; completely unprofessional for any AS Senator and Exec member to make those allegations; knows Charlie and could have contacted her and he reached out to multiple administrations

iv. Alex: the appointment of Senators and whatever individual brings something forward to halt the appointment process should be on the individual to bring it forward, shifted to our decision to appoint the senator, focus on that time was Charlie having the concern, the appointment of the individual and the group being appointed

v. Bryan: asking to not keep the idea that the body is non-partisan

vi. Alannah Bledman: how insistent Charlie was on procedure when women were trying to be sworn in; answer still has not been contacted to have dialogue; “outlandish” that no conversation sparked up between senators

1. Charlie: has done his best to follow policy and procedure, but there is no constitution
   a. Alannah there is precedence

vii. Dean: does not believe that these students are a part of the terrorist orgs; would personally welcome ANSWER on to campus

viii. Anna: issue with Senators being called before the public

ix. Kylie: can tell they are not anti-Semitic; confused as to why they are behind this org

1. Alannah: popular movements, you cannot control everyone
   2. Kylie: students that feel uncomfortable by this club
3. Alannah: will be pressing charges if there was any film taken of her; including the Vista
4. Bryan: students for Israel; how certain professors, students feel about this org
5. Alexa: does not feel like a fair conversation and then a debate, does not feel comfortable as a senator why are we telling the stories of students of color before they get to speak themselves; individuals have not been given the opportunity, give an org the opportunity to share their work, it is important to ask ourselves that, what was presented today by Charlie was not representative of the work that they do
   a. How to learn from this and to say something went wrong here
   x. Jesse: desire to equally represent students on campus, he wanted to run because he took into account every student on this campus and knew that it would be his duty to represent them all; leave a room with active conversation
8. Adjournment (2:12pm)
   a. Motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded, no further discussion
      i. 2 abstentions