

MEETING MINUTES

THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SAN DIEGO

(SPECIAL MEETING)

Date: Wednesday, June 24, 2020

Time: 6:00 P.M. PST

Location: via Zoom

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS:

1. Public input from 10 individuals who voiced their opposition against the ~\$1.1M allocation to AS Concerts and Events in consideration of the COVID-19 global pandemic and issues relating to police brutality and anti-Blackness arising.
2. Reviewing of the Summer Executive Budget, referred to as F1 in this document
 - a. The meeting covered the Office of Campus Affairs, Office of Concerts and Events, and partly the Office of Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI).
 - b. The Office of Campus Affairs budget was reduced from \$5,000 to \$3,900 based on the reasoning that parts of the budget such as A.S. Retreat and Chill and Grill should be largely defunded.
 - c. For concerts and events, the budget was greatly reduced from \$1,188,000 to \$64,200 due to large opposition by the public. For the most part, the Senate agreed to defund ASCE but not how it would be defunded.
 - d. For EDI, members from the Afrikan Black Conference (ABC) Committee presented their conference in January, asking for guaranteed funding from AS. Hence, in consideration of the ABC Committee ask, the AS Senate voted to secure \$50,000 in the “Conferences/Collaborations” line item in the Office of EDI budget.
3. Due to the length of the AS Senate meeting, another meeting will be called on Monday, June 29, 2020 (with time TBA). The Summer Executive Budget must be approved by July 1st. Between this meeting and the next meeting, conversations will be held to gain further insight into approving and editing the entire Summer Budget of 2020-2021. Hence, the 2020-2021 Budget is tabled.

Order of Business

MEETING STARTED at 6:02 P.M.

Roll Call

Public Input

1. Jordan Ward
 - a. Concern: ASCE budget of the next year which is ~1M, not feasible
 - b. Should not be a priority, should go towards food insecurity and basic necessities

2. Adrian Dymally
 - a. Serving as chair at BSU (Black Student Union)
 - b. Read and share demands of the BSU
 - c. ASCE Budget proposal is not the most appropriate use of money right now, should be reallocated to students disproportionately affected by COVID-19
 - d. UCSD laid off many HDH workers, could be used to help those who lost jobs, facing food and housing insecurities, even CAPS as well, academic resources such as books and Internet, accommodations for students with disabilities
3. Rachel Asiedu
 - a. Annual budget
 - b. Shocking that \$1.1M is allocated to ASCE especially with pressing issues
 - c. Money could be used to fight anti-Blackness at UCSD
 - d. Budget shows where our priorities lie, should go towards social justice issues
4. Lucas Lima
 - a. Focus on trying to have some sense of normalcy, try to make everything OK during a time of crisis
 - b. How can AS justify a \$1.1M dollar budget for an in-person quarter?
 - c. Undocumented students don't receive federal aid, many issues on campus
 - d. A whole quarter would have passed that cost of virtual events won't impact the budget, a whole 1/7th of the budget
 - e. AS will be held accountable
5. Dephny Duan
 - a. Ask for reconsideration of the ASCE budget proposal of \$1.1M budget
 - b. Financial support, housing, CAPS, resource centers and other similar programs should have that money
 - c. Students will not consider attending ASCE events due to COVID and during this time
 - d. Best interest to re-evaluate the budget and allocate to already financially limited programs
 - e. ASCE budget would go towards events that would happen *not* during COVID, funding can be redirected to programs that help students
6. Raechel Walker
 - a. On behalf of another student, Syreeta Nolan
 - i. We should not be allotting \$1.1M for ASCE
 - ii. I am a disabled student and disabled students do not have a resource center
 - iii. Consider how you can use funds to help the disabled student community
 - iv. Hard to be Black and disabled
 - b. Walker
 - i. Taking care of family members makes life situation difficult
 - ii. Funds should be used to ensure financial support
 - iii. Time and money to have UCSD aid underrepresented students

7. Drew Lira
 - a. As a disabled student, I am speechless, quite frankly, don't know where to start
 - b. \$1.1M is a lot of money and everyone here understands that
 - c. We should be pushing that these dollars be funneled back to the students in a way that isn't endangering their lives
 - d. Spent most of time fearing that they would be infected
 - e. There was not a lot of help from UCSD to help alleviate financial stresses
 - f. \$900 did nothing to help me, lost 2 jobs and almost lost housing
 - g. \$1.1M for ASCE should be funneled to the students

8. Janelle Eley
 - a. Speaking as a fellow student, express opposition of \$1.1M budget
 - b. Inconsistent with COVID-19 and social justice issues
 - c. Many students are unable to enjoy ASCE anyway, with all the uncertainty, funds can be better allocated to student necessities programs
 - d. Bring up concerns on how AS would justify this budget

9. Eman Sherif
 - a. Proposed AS budget
 - b. Budget is a slap in the face for students of color and other underrepresented folx
 - c. Providing seminars about anti-Blackness and invest in other student relief programs
 - d. Concern about this being an election year as well
 - e. Students would not be interested in events right now as well

10. Lauren Brown
 - a. Appalled that AS budget would be allocating \$1.1M to ASCE
 - b. Worked at the market at UCSD, budget reflects how we care about our students
 - c. We need to put money for relief during this awful time
 - d. Cannot pretend there is no police brutality and racial injustices, show students we care about them

Special Presentations

1. NONE

Reports of External News

1. NONE

Reports of Senator Projects

1. NONE

Reports of AS Senators

1. Alex Levine
 - a. Chance to speak with the former Engineering Senator
 - b. Clear in the engineering organizations on campus, accessibility is a huge problem for first-generation students, discouraged from engineering organizations
 - c. Seem to require prior experience
 - d. Will be working with departments to pushing funds for low-income students to see if organizations can get funds to help students from underprivileged backgrounds as soon as possible
 - e. Try to find external sponsorships
 - f. As a senator, like to use platform to help out students and is open to those who would want to help underprivileged students as well
 - g. Have students be aware of resources

Reports of AS Offices

1. FC Butler
 - a. Conversations regarding student org events this fall and the upcoming days
 - b. Waiting on updates on these until I get answers
2. AVP Reuter
 - a. COVID-19 pandemic changed for many, duty of student leaders to look at this budget, using money for the ways that students want money to be used
 - b. Limiting student involvement is needed
 - c. With a looming economic recession, so many issues that AS is not equipped to solve but we have control over the budget
3. VP Kreitman
 - a. Working with community appointments
 - b. 4 committees opening applications for students
 - c. Opening applications for student experts to serve as undergraduate representatives
4. VP Saxena
 - a. Take public input into consideration
 - b. ACA-5 passed, needed to be voted on in November
 - c. UC Undocu Coalition published a letter in light of the DACA Supreme Court decision
5. President Giangtran
 - a. Few follow-ups
 - i. \$1M reallocated last quarter with previous executive team
 1. International students can still apply for funds
 2. Undocumented students are nearly gone, grant money already allocated
 3. CAPS — still figuring out to use those dollars

4. Out of AS's hands, given to recipients already
- ii. Thank you for everybody who expressed their concerns
- iii. Figuring out how money will go back to students, maybe some type of grant funding
- iv. We are trying to seek a solution

Question Time

1. Alex Levine: How does one make a motion to edit the budget?
 - a. Pres. Giangtran: Go through line by line and go through the offices, when we get to a line, you can make a motion to amend it and a normal process of voting happens.

Reports of Standing Committees

1. Move to discharge **F1 2020-21 Executive Budget** to Senate Floor, move to approve
2. Suspension of by-laws to examine budget line by line

MOVE TO DEBATE

2020-21 Summer Budget prepared by Nicholas Butler, financial controller of AS

1. Two budgets: Summer and Executive Budget (Fall Revise)
 - a. Summer Budget designed to get us through the summer
 - b. The fall — we add the rest of the funds essentially
 - c. For the fall revision — Butler will be available for questions about the budget, previous FC released a video

HAND VOTE ON MOTION TO REORDER TO START WITH OFFICE OF CAMPUS AFFAIRS

- YES: 17
- NO: 9
- ABSTAIN: 2

MOTION PASSES

FC Butler

1. **Office of Campus Affairs**
 - a. AS Retreat still happening
 - b. AS Chill and Grill, virtual event

VP Kreitman

1. Lowered to 5,000 due to its virtual nature (AS Retreat)
2. Chill and Grill tells others that we have open positions and first event of the year that publicizes AS Office
3. 8,000 for the entire office is the lowest relative to the past 4 years budget

FC Butler

1. Move to approve Office of Campus Affairs budget, objected by Allen

Allen

1. Speak on rejection, ask for AS Retreat is a bit excessive
2. 400 dollar decrease from past budgets seems small

Kreitman

1. Where the money is going to in the Retreat, personality exam for everyone is about \$3,000, could lower retreat to be \$2,000
2. AS does not function well without great communication, need a starter for the year
3. Purchase a package for a game-day, only costs for event-planning and food

Saxena

1. Not to be tone-deaf, this line can just not exist
2. Consider using it in different ways
3. Jackbox and Personality exams not needed, can find ways to do these without a budget

Francisco

1. Asking what Chill and Grill is?

Kreitman

1. Every office in AS can pitch to students, recruitment-like event for students, our first interaction with students
2. 2,500\$ would give us wiggle-room to figure out the structure of the Chill and Grill

Francisco

1. Money that isn't used for food should be used somewhere else
2. **Make motion to change AS Retreat from \$5,000 to \$0**

Francisco (speaks on motion)

1. There are free alternatives
2. \$5,000 is steep and ridiculous

Quiroa (objection)

1. Concern on redirecting money, where would it go?

Zarucki (objection)

1. Where should funds be reallocated?

Pandya (objection)

1. 2,000 for food, asking Kreitman for more detail

Kreitman

1. Jackbox about \$50, \$2,000 is going to feed everybody

Pandya

1. Mentioning possible amendment to \$5,000 → \$2,000 → \$1,950

Allen

1. Two grand for lunch as excessive, enough people to warrant \$2K
2. Something about \$700-800 in that tune

Saxena

1. In the air if everybody is going to back, shouldn't have a budget at all

Kreitman:

1. Money would be used for Grubhub or to add funds to paycheck, allocation of money in some way
2. Jackbox is \$50 considering multiple groups of people

Gharibian

1. No need for a budget for AS Retreat

Francisco

1. \$1,950 is steep unless there's a max of 60 people going
2. Only need \$1200 but motion still stands

Lam

1. For retreat, if we account for lunch for everyone, about 800 dollars, we could lower to 900-1000
2. Lower chill and grill → held virtually?
3. 2500 is a lot for an event that's tentative, should be lower or even zero

Butler

1. This budget is all the way to Week 5 of Fall quarter

Quiroa

1. We don't need that much money for lunch, especially if we aren't going to be together

[5 MINUTE RECESS]

Gabelman

1. Take into consideration with food-insecure people on AS, students who depend on welcome week food to survive

Saxena

1. Feeling embarrassed to be AS executive right now, money can go anywhere else
2. For the rest of us who aren't financially insecure, we need to cut funding in places we don't need it
3. People have a negative view of AS because of things like this!

Pandya

1. Small fund for those who are food-insecure, maybe an honor system, how is administering this would work
2. Administer for all or for none?

3. Reducing to 0 does have consequences

Estus

1. Agree with Saxena, we need to think critically of the situation that we're in
2. Using money for ourselves is completely selfish
3. Small amount of money to cover those who are food-insecure on an honor system
4. Reconsider the budget completely

Kreitman

1. Advocating for money to put there for food
2. Believe that senators should receive food and money for that day
3. Retreat is necessary whether it be free or not
4. AS is not a business, we are not making profit
5. We need to use the money, need to specify where money is allocated if the budget is cut

Kulkarni

1. Agree that we should have some money for students who need it
2. Honor system would work
3. Chill and Grill: main part is recruitment — something along the style of Triton Talks, it's free

Lara

1. Allocating money for food security is a good idea
2. Retreat for any organization is essential for bonding
3. Chill and Grill: money shouldn't be touched, that's how people get involved with AS, goes against rumor that AS is institutional
4. Cautious about simply slashing funding

Baysic

1. Chill and Grill: slashed budget, no opportunity to give VP Kreitman to do her job
2. If done correctly, student engagement programs and events will help

Bradt

1. We don't need this much money, we can reduce
2. Propose to keep some money for food
3. **Move to amend Francisco's amendment to read \$900 (Item 138 — A.S. Retreat)**
4. **Amendment is accepted by Francisco.**

Saraf

1. Chill and Grill, rename to something along the lines of Student Engagement
2. Most international students do not even know of Saraf
3. Constituents need to know who representatives are and who AS is

Quiroa

1. Budget is not COVID-19 aware
2. No idea how fall is going to look as of the moment

HAND VOTE: Amendment to change AS Retreat funding to \$900 instead of \$5,000

- YES: 25
- NO: 0
- ABSTAIN: 3

MOTION PASSES

RETURN TO DEBATE ON APPROVAL OF BUDGET ON CAMPUS AFFAIRS

Levine

1. Student engagement is still important, funds should be kept in place

Gabelman

1. Ask to VP Kreitman, is money going strictly to food?

Kreitman

1. Money going strictly to food
2. We get money from Welcome Week Committee, hope that we get money from Welcome Week
3. \$2,500 allocation would be for food as well as an incentive for those to learn about AS and get involved

Saraf

1. **Amendment that Chill and Grill is renamed AS Student Engagement, accepted if current section of the budget is approved**

HAND VOTE ON MOTION TO APPROVE CAMPUS AFFAIRS BUDGET AT \$3,900

- YES: 28
- NO: 0
- ABSTAIN: 1

MOTION PASSES

Jennifer Lee

1. ASCE decides whole year's budget early-on
2. Sun God is 780K — not sure will happen, we got a lot of responses with lack of Sun God, students really wanted it, this year's Sun God funds were reallocated to the 1M dollar grant
3. Horizon — same situation with Sun God, put this in just in case event could be held
4. Special Events — to produce any other smaller events

Butler

1. Music Licensing Fees are essentially untouchable

2. Motion to approve the Office of Concerts and Events with Amendments of Sun God Festival and Horizon seeing zero dollars

Allen (objection)

1. Leaves things like Fall Online events, Bear Gardens, etc. up in the air
2. Many students at risk who are immunocompromised, allocation for funding events in person is harmful

Pandya

1. If we go out to zero, can we do the same with the contingency?
2. Fall Online Events, what would \$100K be used for?

Jennifer Lee

1. Sun God Festival going to \$0 means that the contingency could go to \$0
2. As AVP, wanting to hear what the students want and say
3. Fall online events — some events before like influencers speaking, students have enjoyed that
4. If we wanted to do a series in the fall, have students come together as a community, need for 100K to have events, but open to discussion of lowering it
5. Events could tackle housing and food insecurity as well

Pandya

1. **Propose an amendment to amend Sun God Contingency from \$20K to \$0, approved and accepted if motion is passed**

Saxena

1. Is sampling of the survey representative of the student body?
2. Probably not accurate as this is the age of COVID-19

Allen

1. **Propose amendment to drop the Bear Gardens and Bear Garden Senior Sendoff to \$0 from 48K and 22K respectively**
2. **Amendment is accepted if motion to approve Office of Concerts and Events budget is passed**

Jennifer Lee

1. Did things like gift cards and vouchers
2. Goal to create to people to connect with students outside of UCSD
3. A lot of fall events will be planned before the Fall budget revision because our staff need to get ahead in the game

Allen

1. Reasonable to cut the budget but unsure of how much
2. Propose amendment to cut Fall Online Events from \$100K to \$30K, reject at this time

Estus

1. Would like more information on the survey

Lee

1. Survey may have been biased and priorities may have been shifted
2. Released right after Sun God was canceled
3. Quite a few people responded
4. 29,000 students emailed to and 400 respondents, significant data

Levine

1. Disappointed that there is a 1.1M budget as students still need resources
2. Would like a breakdown of where the money is directed to

Lee

1. What we did for Spring Quarter — booking people like Steven Lim, other influencers for events
2. Set aside money for giveaways

Bradt

1. **Amendment to have “Special Events” to be zeroed for now, accepted**
2. Not sure how necessary Marketing and Leadership Development is

Lee

1. Marketing value is for getting information out to the student body, down to lower it since number of events is going down
2. Connect students to give information that they might miss

Bradt

1. **Amendment to Leadership Development to \$0 from \$2,500, accepted if motion passes**
2. Because there will be fewer events, most of this money can be allocated somewhere else to support students, would **move to amend Marketing to \$1,000 from \$3,500, accepted if motion passes**

Francisco

1. Could get a better idea on how much booking costs and how many events would be host
2. Plan to have something done weekly
3. **Move to make amendment to change Fall Online Events from \$100K to \$30K, rejected by Butler**

Friendly → hostile amendment

Francisco

1. Use student fees for the community rather than online events, reflects poorly of AS

David Hickman

1. Events hosted are a sense of relief for many students
2. AVP Lee did a great job in Spring Quarter with her capacity

Allen

1. Students are struggling, money can be better allocated, work can still be done with \$30K

Lam

1. Events are good for entertainment, but events don't put food on the table
2. Livelihoods are at stake during this time

Pandya

1. How would the timeline work spending money \$30K up to Week 5 of Fall?

Lee

1. Fall Quarter events would be funding of all Fall Quarter
2. Pointless to have money later in the Fall because we plan all of Fall Quarter events

Pandya

1. Looks like \$50K would be good

Lara

1. Event planning is an underappreciated job
2. It's not effective to reduce budget to \$0
3. Statistically, UCSD is the loneliest and mental health at UCSD is poor
4. For an event-planning perspective, it's still important to create events and community
5. Empathize with the sentiment but throwing money at other offices isn't effective
6. 70K cut not supported
7. Urge everybody to evaluate how this is being approached

Kreitman

1. Address conversation as a whole
2. We have 400,000\$ that hasn't been touched
3. Complains about students relate to the lack of community
4. Understand need to fulfill basic needs but doesn't mean to reduce everything that doesn't fulfill a non-basic need
5. Part of our job is to create a positive campus atmosphere and experience

Pandya

1. Process does allow us to revisit this at a certain extent
2. **Friendly amendment to Francisco's amendment, Fall Online Events to \$50K, rejected by Francisco**

Lee

1. Nothing more to address

Saxena

1. They had a chance to change communities
2. With the money now, then what makes us say that it will happen now?
3. Important to note, it hasn't worked and there's still merit to cutting the budget now.

Francisco

1. Don't see this as slashing the budget to zero completely
2. **I would like to make an amendment to my own amendment, change Fall Online Events to \$50K, accepted by Butler**

Pandya

1. Support for the \$50K

BACK TO DEBATE ON APPROVING BUDGET OF OFFICE OF CONCERTS AND EVENTS

Saraf

1. Events are an integral part of the college culture especially considering the incoming students
2. If funds are going to be taken out of the concerts and events, they better be going to CAPS

Lara

1. Can speak on the success that doesn't "exist"
2. Feedback that students feel connected and represented at Marshall College
3. To label it as a failure, no possible way that AS can tackle the loneliness epidemic but to use events as a band-aid
4. Events help create a sense of community
5. If you slash funding in things like marketing and leadership development, event quality decreases.
6. If we invest in events, they'll turn out of high quality.

Lam

1. There should be balance of the budget: cutting but also to keeping enough for the events

Levine

1. **Amend Leadership Development to \$1,200, accepted.**

Belk

1. Can't give student fees to tuition because that counts as financial aid?

Pandya

1. Encourage YES on this section

AVP Phan

1. I don't believe that funds given would help
2. Support that we should give money back to students
3. Not sure what AS wants her to do with it

Pres. Giangtran

1. Seems that we're basically that we're canceling Sun God and events

2. I doubt any in-person events in the Fall will happen
3. Whole-heartedly know we can do much more
4. We sent this budget out yesterday, made public to students a little over 24 hours ago
5. Need to understand that cutting out Sun God and Horizon without notice is not a great way to do it, especially regarding transparency efforts

Kathleen Phan

1. Cutting everything and giving money to her is the not best thing to do unless AS knows how she can spend the money wisely and favorably

HAND VOTE MOTION TO APPROVE THE BUDGET ON OFFICE OF CONCERTS AND EVENTS at \$64,200

- YES: 23
- NO: 3
- ABSTAIN: 2

MOTION PASSES

Pres. Giangtran

1. Questions about everything has to be done tonight
2. No, this doesn't have to be finished tonight
3. We have to get this approved by July 1st, by next Wednesday, this has to be approved
4. If you want to table this in a more public and open setting, we got much feedback that it would be good to have a conversation around this
5. ABC will be presenting on their budget about the \$50K allocation in Conferences/Collaboration

STRAW POLL

1. Hear the presentation, table this, adjourn the meeting, have a town hall or some sort of virtual platform and meet on Tuesday for a Senate meeting: 21
2. Continue going with the meeting: 9
3. Abstain: 9

Alicia Yancey, Journey Whitfield, Kendall Green from the Afrikan Black Coalition Conference Planning Committee [Presentation]

1. General Overview: Importance of the ABC Conference, Why UCSD?, Conference Tentative Schedule, Budget Projections, Campus Outreach and Collaborations
2. Important and Significance of ABC
 - a. ABC Conference seeks to unify Afrikan/Black students across the state in order to discuss and resolve issues concerning academic policy, campus climate, matriculation from the University, and political education.

- b. ABC Conference focuses on collective imagining for the organization, building student organizational skills, developing pathways for life after college, and connecting students to larger Afrikan/Black struggle.
 - i. Building a sense of community because Afrikan/Black students are spread across the state in educational institutions at a lower rate compared to their counterparts
 - c. ABC Conference is a vital tool in promoting networking amongst peers, owning our narrative of positivity and resilience, inspiring innovation in a system that honors hard facts and calculation, and providing an environment where the Afrikan/Black cultural experience is valued.
- 3. Throughout higher education, Black/Afrikan culture is not valued from kindergarten to college years, history is faded and not accurate
- 4. Why UCSD: Preaches diversity but Black student population less than 3% of the student population → hypocritical; it is important to host ABC Conference at UC San Diego
 - a. Provide an opportunity for the Black community at the UC San Diego and greater San Diego to come together and Potential Cross-Institutional Collaboration
 - b. Create an opportunity to develop a vision for what a critical mass of Afrikan/Black students could look like. Also, would allow UCSD members to engage in conversations centering around race, class, and gender.
 - c. Foster Cross-Collaboration with the Afrikan/Black community at large with key stakeholders that include but are not limited to Faculty, Staff, Students, and campus administrators
- 5. Lack of tenured Black professors at UCSD should be noted as well
- 6. Tentative Schedule (Friday, Jan. 15, 2021 — Monday, Jan. 18, 2021)
 - a. Includes Workshops, Keynote Speakers, Day of Service
- 7. Day of Service (MLK DAY [OPTIONS])
 - a. Distribute food to the houseless community, partner with Pillars of the Community and/or SD's Chapter of Black Panther Party for Self-Defense
 - b. Serve in the kitchen (prepare food) and serve people within their facilities with St. Vincent De Paul
 - c. Beautification Project — Schools in Southeast San Diego (which has many Black people living there)
- 8. Conference as a whole service 800-1,000 students annually
- 9. Budget Projection
- 10. Campus Outreach
 - a. Vice-Chancellor Units
 - b. Black Alumni Council
 - c. Black Staff Association
 - d. Black Studies Project
 - e. University Centers
 - f. Student Government
 - i. Associated Students
 - ii. SPACES
 - g. Academic Departments & Programs
 - i. African-American Studies Minor
 - ii. Ethnic Studies

- iii. Critical Gender Studies
 - iv. Dimensions of Color (DOC)
 - h. Awaiting Responses
11. Provosts and Deans of 7 Colleges

QUESTIONS

Allen

1. In regards to the Day of Service, would it be something your organization would be interested in scaling up to 1-2 times a year if there was more funding at your end?
 - a. Yancey: As a whole, BSU is doing projects that extend beyond this, chair for next year would be happy to collaborate
2. Is funding the primary limiting factor?
 - a. Yancey: Yes, we do find that funding is a barrier and limits our ability to serve students in ways that we want them to especially if we're trying to make UCSD a place for the Black students to envision themselves attending. The ABC Conference costs \$125,000-\$150,000 every year considering the size and scale of the programming involved.

Levine

1. How do you see you guys marketing, making sure impact is widespread and impact is meaningful? In addition, what barriers have been placed on funding, and what couldn't have been done with those barriers? Could this conference be hosted online if necessary?
 - a. Yancey: This is our 18th annual conference for the Afrikan Black Coalition in which the Black Student Union at UCSD is a part of. The coalition is made up of 17 different campuses from the UC and CSU system. Students have been asking about this conference through various channels. The conference will be marketed traditionally through the coalition website (<https://www.afrikanblackcoalition.org/>).

Saraf

1. Have you received funding from AS or the UCSD administration?
 - a. Yancey: The most recent funding that comes to mind is the 2019-2020 academic school when we requested funding from the Kwanzaa annual celebration from Associated Students. We do a lot of collaborative work with SPACES so they have been a large support system in terms of yield, retention, and access efforts (College Day, Kwanzaa celebration, Black Graduation ceremony, etc.)
2. How much was the request from AS?
 - a. Yancey: Somewhere between \$2,000-3,000 for Kwanzaa.
 - b. FC Butler: I'd say somewhere between \$2,000-\$4,000.
3. Is the conference going to be hosted at UCSD this year?
 - a. Yancey: The conference is going to be hosted in Jan. 2021 which is considering the conditions we are currently operating in, we are preparing for both an in-person conference as well as a virtual option. However, given the current updates from campus, we are extremely hopeful that the conference be held in-person and we are taking every necessary precaution to do so including social distancing measures and sanitation

4. How many attendees do you get per conference?
 - a. Yancey: 800-1,000 served annually
5. Is the title in part inspired by Kendrick Lamar?
 - a. Yancey: Yes, the title is in part inspired by Kendrick Lamar.

Butler

1. What was your current ask?
 - a. Yancey: Our ask is for the \$50K because the conference costs \$125,000-\$150,000.

Levine

1. Is it possible to cut costs without necessarily lowering the quality of the conference?
 - a. Yancey: We will definitely be making our best efforts to make this conference as cost-efficient as possible. We are just here to guarantee financial support to make sure this conference is able to happen. To be clear, if the issue is that there needs to be support for other conferences for the next academic year, just say that and let us know what you [AS] can financially contribute to this conference so we can move accordingly and we can try to outreach to other organizations not necessarily attached to the institution.
2. Is the conference open to anyone who might want to learn more and visit to hear the speeches?
 - a. In general, the Afrikan Black Coalition conference is a closed space, and we recognize that we are asking for some support. The conference committee will be looking at different options around what additional things can be offered for our non-Black students who are interested in learning about issues that are impacting Black people in particular. Overall, the conference is a closed space considering that so many students are consistently facing microaggressions on a daily basis, macroaggressions or even worse. This is the one time of the year we can get together.

Saraf

1. How much does this conference cost?
 - a. Yancey: This conference costs about \$125-150K. This past year, the budget was a little under 126K so our goal for this year is to not go beyond that depending on the invoices from the institution.
2. Do you charge the attendees any fees?
 - a. The registration fee for the conference.
 - b. Let us know what can be realistically given and we will plan accordingly.

Pres. Giangtran

1. **I would like to make a motion — I move to approve the Conferences/Collaboration line under the Office of Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (\$50,000).**

Allen (objection, later dropped)

1. I don't want to lock this just yet, I may want to allot even more money if there are extra funds lying around. Actually, I'll drop my objection.

Nicholas Butler

1. Friendly amendment: Raise \$50,000 to \$70,000 in Conferences/Collaboration under the Office of EDI.
 - a. Giangtran: Accepted

Levine (objection to friendly amendment)

1. Object to raise it to \$125,000.
 - a. Giangtran: I object.
 - b. Levine's objection is withdrawn.

Butler

1. Just a point of information, we have a Fall Revise, so again, this is not necessarily locked in and this is for summer and for Fall Weeks 1-5. We can increase items at a later date.

AVP Adam Alnihmy

1. There's a lot of line items that are not included here for the larger academic year. We should keep in mind that we don't need to deviate to larger numbers because it's not necessary right now.

Quiroa

1. **Friendly amendment to change it back to \$50,000**
 - a. **Giangtran: Accepted**

Saraf

1. How far into the planning process could we amend our request to AS?
 - a. Yancey: We are waiting to receive invoices or anything related to costs of renting rooms and technology. We could not accurately address specific costs until invoices are received. We are actively still seeking partners and partnerships to alleviate costs and budget asks. If it is not sitting well, by all means, let us know what dollar amount could be allocated for this conference effort.

Levine

1. What if the conference was online, what would the budget look like? Will you be requesting external sponsorships as well?
 - a. Yancey: At the end of the day, if AS can give me a tangible number of funds that can be given toward the ABC Conference, I understand that the line item can be used to support multiple communities, do what you need to do. We are still trying to find out costs. If we can amend our ask, we will do so. At this point in time, we want to know if we have secured funding.

FC Butler

1. Conferences and Collaboration are for any on-campus conferences or collaborations that happen.

AVP Lara

1. There are currently registration fees for those who want to attend, how much is that fee per student?
 - a. Yancey: Depends on membership of the Afrikan Black Coalition (~\$65/person and alumni \$65 as well)
2. To Senate: encourage motion to increase funds for registration fees because for our low-income students, the fees can pose as a financial barrier

HAND VOTE FOR “CONFERENCES/COLLABORATIONS” UNDER OFFICE OF EQUITY, DIVERSITY, AND INCLUSION at \$50,000.

- YES: 29
- NO: 0
- ABSTAIN: 1

MOTION PASSES

Pres. Giangtran

1. **Move to table our AS 2020-2021 Summer Budget (F1)**
 - a. **Item is tabled.**

Reports of External Committees

1. NONE

Committee Question Time

1. NONE

Discussion Items

1. NONE

Unfinished Business

1. NONE

New Business

1. Appointment of **Noah Palafox** as the Campus Engagement Director for the Office of External Affairs. Sponsored by Alisha Saxena.
 - a. VP Saxena: move to add Appointment of Noah Palafox, seconded
 - i. Move to approve item, seconded and motion passed, **item approved**

Open Forum

Pandya

1. We tabled it without a timeline, is that okay? Will this affect our schedule?
 - a. System Director John Weng: The tricky part of special meetings and tabling is that we would normally table this for a week, but you can't really table this for a week because we don't know when our next meeting is. On paper, officially, we don't have a next meeting until Fall, and the President can call a special meeting in accordance with the standing rules. Tabling it for now would generally put it on this mysterious Robert's Rules metaphorical table and we can take from it when we want to take from it.

Giangtran

1. The proposed plan is to have the meeting on Tuesday; it would reduce fear or pressure on having the budget passed on time. We can have conversations with a lot more people between now and Tuesday to work with the budget.

Levine

1. How could we send out surveys informally to hear from as many student voices as possible?
 - a. FC Butler: There is a procedure to send out surveys, reach out to VPCA Kreitman if you have any questions.

FC Butler

1. I will be hosting numerous office hours over the next few days. Reach out to me with budget questions. This is a reason why there are office hours.

Allen

1. Does the budget have to be passed before Wednesday?
 - a. FC Butler: The budget has to be passed at 11:59 PM before July 1st, no exceptions.

John Weng

1. Shoot me an email if you need to talk! Message me if you need to get a hold of me.

Pandya

1. Would like to recognize a member of the public, Samir Nomani

Samir Nomani

1. Brief question: Could I be included in the Doodle for the budget so I could report on the budget? Last year, I recall a recommendation to attend FC Butler's office hours that made this budget approval faster!

Levine

1. Request the meeting to be on Monday.

Giangtran

- 1. Call the next special meeting to be on Monday, June 29, 2020 instead.**

Roll Call

MEETING ADJOURNED at 11:52 P.M.