

## MEETING MINUTES

### THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SAN DIEGO

(Special Meeting)

**Date:** August 17, 2020

**Time:** 6:00 P.M. PST

**Location:** via Zoom

#### MEETING HIGHLIGHTS:

1. Executive Session for Presentation Regarding Ongoing Litigation
2. Presentation on "Students Against Surveillance Coalition for TRUST SD Ordinances"
3. Discussion on how CAPES can be reformed and how students can play a role in creating "holistic teaching evaluations"
4. Discussion on how to approach the issue of campus climate in regard to supporting Black students at UCSD
5. Discussion on AS funding for Grocery Shuttle Program under Office of Transportation and Transformation

#### Order of Business

#### Roll Call at 6:03 P.M. PST

#### Public Input

- Essence Carrington
  - Speaking for a disabled person
  - Disability accommodations at UCSD were not available
  - Students need a Disability Rights Commission
  - Need for a Disabled Resource Center
  - Implore ASUCSD to support a Disabled Resource Center and the disabled student community

#### Special Presentations

- Presentation Regarding Ongoing Litigation by Matthew Mock and Daniel Park. Sponsored by Kimberly Giangtran and Nicholas Butler.
  - ***EXECUTIVE SESSION***
    - Note: *The Senate may, by a majority vote, enter the executive session for only the reasons allowed by the Constitution or, by a majority vote, leave the executive session. **During the executive session, no recording or minutes shall be taken of the meeting.** After the Senate leaves the executive session, the Speaker shall report and have entered into the minutes any action taken by the Senate during the executive session.*
  - Summary Statement by the Speaker Meg Datta
    - We heard a presentation regarding ongoing litigation
    - Motions to extend time for the Q&A time
    - Reminder to senators: that is all we're able to discuss about that closed session meeting
- Presentation by AVP of Local Affairs Regarding "Students Against Surveillance Coalition for TRUST SD Ordinances." Sponsored by Kimberly Giangtran.
  - Abby Reuter
    - Smart Streetlights in San Diego, asking AS UCSD to sign on this letter
    - Smart streetlights rolled out for city to brighten or dim from afar

- Police access to footage that was used to solve murder
- Report finds that SDPD used surveillance footage 175 times in 14 months
- Found that program has had cost overruns
- Two ordinances are introduced
- Issue: biggest impact on marginalized communities
  - Gang identification and enhancement laws
  - Facial recognition software which disproportionately impact BIPOC
  - Lack of trust in an already fragmented time
  - Violation of privacy (CA Constitution)
  - Everyone wants a safe community but there needs to be oversight and input from affected communities
- Not everyone is included perception of safety, we need oversight and public input
- Surveillance Ordinance Package

- **The first ordinance creates meaningful oversight and community input in the form of a Privacy Advisory Commission, composed of community members and experts without any ties to the technology being discussed. The Commission is tasked with analyzing and reporting on existing and proposed surveillance technologies on issues such as privacy infringement and disparate harms.**
- **The second ordinance establishes a rigorous multi-step process for the implementation of new technology including a use policy, a community impact report, and review by the Privacy Advisory Commission. It also extends protections to whistleblowers and allows individuals whose privacy has been unlawfully infringed upon to sue the City for damages.**

- Reuter
  - Capabilities of the surveillance increased and realized especially with protests
  - Purpose of ordinances is to have citizens have a say on what surveillance footage would be used for, establishing the line that we as citizens decide as an appropriate level

## Reports of External News

## Reports of Senator Projects

## Reports of AS Senators

## Reports of AS Offices

- Kreitman
  - Chill and Grill is required for all Senators
  - FAQ series for students on ASUCSD Instagram
  - Register for MyStudent Chart, doing daily student symptom tracker
- Saxena
  - UCSA
    - Student Organizing Summit this weekend
    - Racial Justice: defund UCPD and invest in community resources

- ACQUIRE: securing equitable COVID response, directing funds to students
  - Doubling Pell grant, expand eligibility to undocumented students
  - UC We Vote: voting coalitions
- FC Butler
  - Sent out information about programming funding, tell principal to look at those through CSI ListServ
  - Statement on allocation from Mandate Reserves, update everyone as statement is being finished

## Question Time

### Reports of Standing Committees

- Kreitman
  - Discharge L1—L7 to Senate Floor

### Reports of External Committees

- Senator Jamila Francisco
  - Sitting on committee focused on implementing holistic teaching evaluations
  - Motion on some sort of caucus
  - Background and history
  - We are trying to find out how to implement holistic teaching evaluation
    - CAPES, founded by students, more of a forum, way to communicate with other students about professors and the classes, not meant to be evaluative in the way it is now
    - CAPES in 2010 → everything is online, job loss, response rates really decline
    - Understanding of what CAPES is has changed
    - Student voice is one of those components to holistic teaching evaluation
    - Questions: how do students feel about CAPES?, why are response rates declining?, etc.

## Committee Question Time

### Discussion Items

- Discussion Item on the Establishment of a Disability Rights Commission in the Office of External Affairs. Sponsored by Alisha Saxena.
  - Saxena
    - Need for a long-term institution for disabled students
    - Ableism on campus
    - Intersectionality is not often considered
    - Need to create community among disabled students
    - Disappearing institutions meant to support disabled students
    - System-wide issue
    - Precedent for all UC bodies/campuses
    - Committees are temporary → disappearing
    - Urgent need to increase retention rates and build career pathways for disabled students
    - Point of this discussion is to flush out any concerns about this commission
  - Allen
    - I was wondering if you could elaborate how other student unions have worked.
  - Saxena
    - Super inclusive to a wide variety of disabilities
    - Goals of the commission to establish resource center for disabled students
    - Commission is the way to connect the union with administration

## Unfinished Business

### New Business

- Discussion on Grocery Shuttle Funding
  - Manu Agni
    - Senate is interested in kicking in student fees to fund transportation fees
    - ***Straw Poll*** on contributing more student fees to this program
      - Majority YES on Straw Poll
      - 22 YES — 2 NO
    - Extensive sanitation of the buses
    - Maximum capacity limit is enforced
  - Levine
    - How would you choose what locations buses would go to?
  - Agni
    - Convoy location is not arbitrary, based on a lot of student input
    - Grocery stores in La Jolla are expensive, that's why Convoy stop exists
  - Bradt
    - Easy access to places not accessed by other buses
    - Great initiative and program
  - Lam
    - Shouldn't be adding more money
    - Not a lot of people are going to back on campus
    - Number of off-campus people not as much as a normal school year
    - More careful about how we spend money
    - MTS buses are already free
  - Agni
    - Students here might need more needs this quarter than before
    - Since we do have a lot of money unallocated, we could fund basic needs such as transportation
  - Estus
    - Voice support for this, at least some funding
    - We can do this *for* students, fund transportation to grocery stores
    - People more likely to use grocery shuttle than MTS, more safe for students to use during this time
  - Gabelman
    - I support this!
    - I would use a student shuttle.
    - I would be more willing to get on that campus.
    - I would benefit from this as well as other off-campus people
    - I do understand the need for a conservative budget but we should still expand the budget
  - Saraf
    - UCSD community is a safer environment than off-campus
    - Funding for grocery shuttle would provide a safer transportation environment for the students
  - Levine
    - I am 100% supportive of this program
    - Do whatever is necessary to protect the student body
  - Agni
    - \$70,000 = can fund 8 hours/week of service
    - \$10,000 addition would be helpful even, it's pretty flexible
    - Break-down not too certain but ASUCSD doesn't have much jurisdiction

- ***Straw Poll:*** To allocate an additional \$100K to AVP Transportation and Transformation Office
    - Yes: 9
    - Allocate lower amount: 10
    - Allocate \$70K: 11
- Bradt
  - Reason we were frugal is to reduce internal costs to help students
  - This is a perfect reason to fund, resources for students
  - Should not be limited
  - Probably should be focused on increasing anyway
  - People with off-campus housing → increase accessibility for a lot of students
- Saraf
  - How many employees are working every hour?
  - Average pay?
- Agni
  - \$17/hour
  - 2 employees per shift
- Levine
  - Could we increase wages?
- Agni
  - You can't raise it, no control over it
  - AS's job to fund it and see how the department looks like, not staff salary
- **Motion to allocate \$162,500 from Mandate Reserves to Ongoing Litigation**
  - Roll Call Vote: 22 YES — 0 NO — 5 ABSTAIN

### Open Forum

- Quiroa
  - Meeting with a lot of entities on campus
  - Lot of members on campus
  - Gain perspective on this committee would take onto this action
  - Not push the charter due to feedback from other people
  - Wanted to pose question: move to enter a moderated caucus to discuss campus climate for the upcoming year
  - There is a lack of... lacking in the communication department
  - Our incoming fall quarter being mostly remote, wanted to see if anyone was concerned coming fall, discuss anything at large, we are taking into account anything we can
- Levine
  - Clarify issues that are going on relating to campus?
- Quiroa
  - Speak from personal experience, focus as a representative
  - Pushing for underrepresented communities and resources could be greatly improved
  - Escalation of racial issues globally and nationally
  - We ourselves can openly speak about issues, wanted to talk about our resource centers, undersupported and underfunded
  - Biggest issues is the Black experience this coming year and following years, we haven't talked about this in a while
- Francisco
  - Wanted to echo Quiroa's thoughts
  - Lack of support for our Black students
  - Email about the 21 day anti-racism challenge, blatantly disrespectful
  - Harmful and hurtful, really just counterproductive
- Jung

- Issue of Title IX
  - Department of Education had a lot of changes
  - Limits what cases qualify as Title IX cases
  - We should look into Title IX, focus that could affect our campus
- Blackshire
  - As an African-American woman, I am just so tired
  - Don't use any tone deafness against me
  - Lot of African-American community is so tired of the performative allyship happening
  - Past few meetings within AS, feels like everything is performative
  - Honestly, it really hurts me
  - At this point, as a Black senator here in AS, I feel like nothing is being done.
  - We need to do better, AS need to pull their own weight
  - Have we gotten back to the BSU about their demands yet?
- Saraf
  - Could a representative from the Black Student Union be present at every AS meeting?
- Quiroa
  - I did not see representatives as people, just as representatives
  - Make it apparent that we do discuss the important matters on campus
- Francisco
  - Not really fair that Black folks have been fighting for a long time, responsibility of AS to think about placing responsibility on Black folks is ridiculous
  - AS should take initiative to educate themselves, shouldn't be at the labor of our few Black students
- Saxena
  - Reminder for dismantling Anti-Blackness training
  - Very few AS senators and assemblymembers that signed up, we need to take that first step
  - Really encourage everyone to learn from this training
- Giangtran
  - Few weeks ago, shared that post about the meeting with the BSU
  - Productive meeting with chair of BSU Adrian
  - Role as AS and what we can and can't do
  - Sent over to the EDI team at UCSD, request for the creation of a Black Student Task Force, series of task forces broken down to sections in the demands list
  - Included recommendations who should be sitting in the task forces
  - Creation of smart goals, figure out what can be done in the next months, quarter, year, etc.
  - AS plays a supporting role and supports BSU
  - AS does not serve in any official capacity
- Senator Francisco
  - Motion to enter a moderated caucus regarding the External Committee Report
  - Questions: How do students get involved in the entire CAPES process? Open to interpretation.
- Quiroa
  - Revisioning what it means to complete those CAPES reports
  - How do we advertise it? How do we outreach?
- Jung
  - Tools that takes CAPES data already
  - Better CAPES website
- Francisco
  - Talk about revising questions completely
  - How should students be involved in the CAPES making process?

- Pandya
  - Point that professors/lecturers of color are consistently rated lower than white professors
- Francisco
  - Part of switch to online → comments made on sheets of paper were published into books → sexist/racist comments were published, super inappropriate
  - Include bias on race and gender, so many biases how we evaluate professors
- Kulkarni
  - Making them more interactive in one way, not really helpful but if there's a way to make evaluations more interactive and having students want to fill those out
- Levine
  - Current CAPES is not an accurate measure of evaluation
  - How is CAPES run?
- Francisco
  - No need for anyone to run it, only one student worker who answers emails
  - Questions about who runs it is the question → should students be more involved in the formation of CAPES questions?
- Giangtran
  - Questions about course material → could skew results inappropriately
  - CAPES results, based on the evaluation form, so many other questions that aren't included in the statistics
  - Numbers don't reveal the entire story
- Kreitman
  - Helpful to have department representatives
  - Helpful to have departments to have their own evaluation systems
  - Student representatives for CAPES could be really helpful to tailor everything

## Written Reports

## Roll Call

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:38 P.M. PST.**

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## Finance Committee

## Legislative Committee

**L1** Approval of appointment of David Hickman as AVP of Academic Affairs. Sponsored by Kimberly Giangtran. **(APPROVED)**

**L2** Approval of Charter for Committee Centered on Ethical and Racial Accountability. Sponsored by Angel Quiroa. **(TABLED INDEFINITELY)**

**L3** Approval of ASUCSD Endorsement for the Draft Letter "Students Against Surveillance Coalition for TRUST SD Ordinances". Sponsored by Alisha Saxena. **(APPROVED)**

**L4** Appointment of Max Lyster as TLC Executive Director. Sponsored by Alisha Saxena. **(APPROVED)**

**L5** Appointment of Greyson Sims as Labor Affairs Director. Sponsored by Alisha Saxena. **(APPROVED)**

**L6** Appointment of Natalie Chiang as Office of Food and Housing Resources Chief of Staff. Sponsored by Kimberly Giangtran. **(APPROVED)**

**L7** Appointment of Isaiah Nicasio as Office of Food and Housing Resources Marketing Strategist. Sponsored by Kimberly Giangtran. **(APPROVED)**