SENATE MEETING MINUTES
THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SAN DIEGO

Date: October 7, 2020
Time: 6:00 P.M. PST
Location: via Zoom

Order of Business

MEETING STARTED 6:02 P.M. PST

Roll Call

Public Input

Special Presentations
1 Special Presentation by Shannon Milligan and Karla Barron regarding Statement on Student Centeredness

- Karla Barron Galvan
  - Project on defining student-centeredness
- Shannon Milligan
  - Wanting to get feedback and sharing what we’ve done
- Karla and Shannon
  - Background: started with the HSI task force
  - Moved in purview of VCSA’s office
  - Launched Student-Centered IdeaWave

- [Diagram of Project Background]
- [Diagram of Participants]

- [Other details related to the presentation]
UC San Diego embodies its goal of being a student-centered university by empowering students' success, centering the voices of the diverse community of Tritons, and committing to transformative action that promotes equity, inclusion, and anti-racism across all aspects of the student experience.

Statement Draft

- **Purpose**
  The VCSCA Team will be following up with the HSI Workgroup to determine if their recommendation for the statement was meant to be aspirational and/or a call to action.

- **How do we roll it out?**
  Part of the rollout will be a soft introduction of the statement into our daily work (i.e. adding it to our websites, email signatures, job descriptions, committee work, etc.)

### Previous Feedback

**Questions**
- Do we need guiding principles to help operationalize this?
- How do we cite actions that help students understand their academic success is ensured by student-centeredness? How do we ensure faculty practice student-centeredness?
- How much needs to be explicitly stated in the statement? Anything not explicitly stated can be part of the rollout and framing “this is how we live it out.”
- How do we roll it out to students knowing some decisions are being made without them?
- Is the word anti-racism strong enough?
- Should we include all the -isms? How do we avoid it becoming a long list but still get the intention across? Is there one term we can use to encompass these?
- How do we create a statement that reflects all students' ideas of student-centeredness?
- How do we hold the entire campus community accountable to student-centeredness?

**Recommendations**
- Include a piece on research, antievil, building community
- Clarify what “student success” means (i.e. academic, personal)
- Review definition of student success (the Colleges and VCSCA came up with a few years ago)
- Clarify what “centering the voices” means
- Use word “ensure” instead of “promotes”
- Be more specific, perhaps something similar to the Principles of Community
- Should be good to have a landing page for the statement with concrete examples of actions we're taking to be student-centered - a place where students can follow up
- Include more about learning, teaching, development
- Include language that invites students to participate in shaping their experience
- Given the context of UCSD, term “anti-racism” can be triggering, it's important, but including it can be read as a reaction
- Add “student-University experience”

2 Special Presentation by Miyako Iwata regarding the UC Campaign to Make Election Day a Non-Instructional Holiday

- **Miyako**
  - Senior at Cal
  - Spearhead this initiative
Across the entire UC system
- All 9 undergraduate campuses represented on UC Election Day
- Non-Instructional Day Letter
- Taking more affirmative steps so students can vote
- CA has universal vote by mail this year, but we don’t think that is counterintuitive; at Cal, ¼ students are out of state
- Students who don’t have luxury of voting by mail
- UC staff are eligible to take up to two hours off to vote but not for students

- Gabelman
  - Just this year or every upcoming year?
- Miyako
  - Ideally, every forthcoming year
  - Might be pushing for a non-mandatory day (attendance optional in classes) then push for non-instructional day
- Lonc
  - Resolution proposes making presidential elections only non-instructional?
- Miyako
  - This would include primaries and general elections
  - Professors are stingy, so we leave the letter open-ended so we can expand it further

Reports of External News

Reports of Senator Projects
- Senator Reyes
  - Doing a transfer series this Fall Quarter starting today
  - 5-6 PM every Wednesday
  - Give transfer students space to know each other
  - Brining together offices to show what they do

Reports of AS Senators
- Senator Cheng
  - Proposal to have something like Slack to have a main platform of communication?

Reports of AS Offices
- Kulkarni
  - Harper and I working together to throw event for off-campus students during COVID-19
  - Throwing a 4-part series for students to come, feel involved at UCSD
    - October 12: Find your Home from Home, lots of commuter orgs, resources for those living off-campus
- FC Butler
  - Offices of Student Orgs
    - Getting funding guide out
  - Enterprises and Services
    - Looking at Prop 22 and Lyft Safe Rides
  - Rolling out budget in the next couple weeks, sending out start of the Fall
Budget
- Talking about easy to pass items that are already fixed
- Looking through all the offices

- Kreitman
  - Reminder that Retreat is coming up
  - Need of 2 Ice Breakers that have some purpose to them, not party games, should be meaningful
  - Hiring Committee for First Year Senators
  - We do have to hire a new Advocate General
  - Applications for Office of Campus Affairs
    - Student outreach
    - Data officer
    - Chief of Staff
  - New tab where to submit your projects
  - Recap of finding your fit
    - Over 100 non-tableing attendees
    - 200 total if you include those tableing
    - A lot of interest, a lot of people who want to join AS
  - Opened google form if professors are requiring synchronous attendance

- Giang tran
  - Student Mental Health Advisory
  - 6,000 students who moved back to campus
  - Positivity rates remained fairly low
  - Thank you students who are doing their part
  - Quynh (GSA President) + Giang tran will be doing panel for students’ questions
  - Voter Engagement
  - Asynchronous/Synchronous attendance requirement
    - There’s a lot of confusion among students about synchronous attendance required
    - Students are misunderstanding when attendance is mandatory
    - Professors need to give opportunities to make credit up

- Heather Belk
  - Report from civic engagement office
  - Link to google form about “Ask Me Anything”
  - Collecting some questions, answering them 12:30 PM - 1 PM tomorrow (10/8/2020)
  - Questions about free speech on campus

Question Time
- Bradt
  - Safe rides question
  - Do we have a contingency plan in the case Lyft changes mode of operations?
  - Triton Rides → will we go back to this?
- FC Butler
  - We do have back up plans
  - Don’t have exact details right now
- Jung
  - @ Giang tran
  - Timeline for release of new form (about asynchronous/synchronous lectures)
  - Problem with form is that there’s a lot of false reporting (unintentional)
Faculty member didn’t do anything wrong most cases
Most cases, offer of alternative to synchronous requirements
Students misunderstood that, form should be meant to funnel out those cases
Dealing with professors that ARE violating policy

Reports of Standing Committees
- Legislative Committee
  - FC Butler
    - Move to Reorder to Finance Committee
- Finance Committee
  - Item F1 was discharged to Senate Floor
  - Motion to approve Item F1
  - Motion Passes

Reports of External Committees
- Kreitman
  - Items L2-L21 moved to approval
  - L24-L29 were approved
  - L1, L22, L23 discharged to Senate
- Jung
  - Move to approve L1
  - Motion passes
  - Move to approve L23
  - Motion passes
- Move to approve L22
  - Objection
- Kreitman
  - Reminder that everyone was appointed to a committee
- Opening up Speakers’ List on L22
  - Jung
    - Personally think it’s fine to keep language as is
    - Something that can be approaching at a different time
  - Quiroa
    - Language could be amended later
    - This is not for sure, just enforcing that we are in support of a
      non-instructional holiday
  - Lonc
    - Important that we pass as it is to showcase unity
    - Point of resolution not to be concrete, voicing support with rest of the
      UC system
    - Fine details are going to be hashed out anyway
    - Statement of unity between all UC campuses
    - Leave details for later
  - Giangtran
    - Rule in favor in this
    - Last quarter we ruled something similar on this
    - Having a non-instructional day is a harder ask than a non-mandatory
day
    - If this were to happen, I suspect that the argument is we’re losing a
day of instruction then we have to add a day
- A non-mandatory day of choice of attending is much more convincing than a non-instructional day
- Making it seem like a holiday, another day that we might forget why we have it off
- Take a different approach possibly
  - Allen
    - Not a binding resolution
    - Just something we’re iterating
    - Point of this: speaking in a general, unified voice
    - Making voting more accessible
  - Bradt
    - I agree with Allen
    - Keep it as drafted
  - Lonc
    - Asking for more than what we really want

- **ROLL CALL VOTE ON APPROVING L22**
  - Jung: Yes
  - Quiroa:
  - Lonc: Yes
  - Allen: Yes
  - Tyler: Yes
  - Estus: Yes
  - Kulkarni: Yes
  - Zarucki: Yes
  - Reyes:
  - Agni: Yes
  - Saraf: Yes
  - Gharibian:
  - Pandya: Yes
  - Levine:
  - Ying: Yes
  - Francisco: Yes
  - Baysic:
  - Bradt: Yes
  - Taneja:
  - Thompson: Yes
  - Gabelman: Yes
  - Rodriguez: Yes
  - Shen: Yes
  - Lam: Yes
  - Cheng: Yes
  - Blackshire: Yes
  - Aeschelmann: Yes
  - Wood: Yes
  - Zekowski:
  - Giangtran: Yes
  - Kreitman: Yes
  - Saxena:
  - Butler:

- **24-0-0, ITEM PASSES, L22 IS APPROVED**
Committee Question Time

Discussion Items

1 Discussion Item on AS Health & Wellness Wellness Kits. Sponsored by Hannah R. Kreitman

- Kreitman
  - Yield to Isaac Lara

- Lara
  - Senate opinion in continuing of kits in Winter and Spring Quarter
  - 8000 dollars to cover overdraft

- Francisco
  - People still need masks

- Lonc
  - Face coverings still a good idea

- Lara
  - Kits limited to San Diego area
  - Expanding kits still tentative, still in planning

- Lam
  - Keep in mind being environmentally friendly

2 Cancellation of Week 5 Senate Meeting: November 4, 2020. Sponsored by Kimberly Giangtran

- Election day on 3rd
- Interest in cancelling meeting
- No matter what results are
- Fall Budget Revise must be done Week 5
- More productive to have day off that day
- Straw Poll
  - YES: CANCEL MEETING (19)
  - NO: DO NOT CANCEL MEETING (0)

3 Senate Input on Legislation Regarding A.S. Separation of Powers and Increased Oversight. Sponsored by Zaccary Bradt

- Clearly differentiate duties of AS branches and officials
- Separating executive members from senate
- We could function more effectively
- Drafting some actual edits in Senate Rules, bringing that to Senate in upcoming weeks
- Clean up structure and how it is set up
- How could removing executives from the Senate improve anything?
  - Executives may have more power over Senate due to more experience, removing them could remove that influence
- If the executive only has 4 votes anyway, is there a need to remove them?
- We understand that executive has influence because of their higher office standing
- Removing voting power is not the concern, removing executives so senators can focus on own things
- Root: why is the Senate not as effective and transparent right now?
- Executive could still offer a different point of view on issues and provide solid information
• Senior positions; form cornerstone what AS does
• Separate Exec and Senate so Senate has breathing room

Unfinished Business

New Business
• Kreitman
  ○ L1 + L2 regarding fellowship directors, motion to approve
  ○ Motion passes
• Deena Gharibian
  ○ Event regarding Armenia
  ○ Lack of media coverage and international support
  ○ Planned attack has threatened regional security
  ○ Speak up against this injustice
  ○ Bring resolution to Senate and wish for AS support
• James Terzian
  ○ Not the first time this is happening
  ○ Worst of human rights violation
  ○ Obligation to do something
  ○ Silence is complicity
  ○ Get us attention and media coverage
• Deena
  ○ This is an attempted ethnic cleanse
  ○ There is fighting on both sides, yes, but Armenia is small and this is not a balance fight
  ○ Trauma and mental health issues that arise in the Armenian community here at UCSD
  ○ Mainstream news information is not always correct
  ○ AS should be providing resources about these
  ○ Need to stand behind Armenian students right now
  ○ Resolution hasn’t been written yet, something for next week’s meeting

Open Forum
• Quiroa
  ○ Few problems with AS website, especially financial page
• Cheng
  ○ Slack is useful
  ○ AS Slack would help communication
• Manu Agni
  ○ Grocery Shuttle Budget Supplement
  ○ Grocery options are expensive and not diverse
OLD - 2019-20 Saturday Grocery/Convoy Shuttle

- Saturdays Only: 12-8pm
- Collaboration with:
  - Transportation Services
  - HHMI Undergrad Housing
  - REPO
  - Basic Needs
- Coupons Available:
  - Balboa International Market
  - 99 Ranch Market
  - Target (First Day Only)

Grocery Shuttle

Every Saturday Starting Oct. 5th
12pm-6pm
Pick up is by Mendoza Loop

Shop, dine, and bubble near stores with our free weekly shuttle service to Balboa fun and Convoy areas.
Open to all undergraduate and graduate UCSD students.

New Program

- Saturdays & Sundays, 10am-6pm
- Two Routes:
  - Grocery - La Jolla
  - Grocery - Convoy
- Service to Graduate Housing
- Main Campus Departure Point:
  - Pepper Canyon
  - Mobility Integration
Roll Call

Written Reports

MEETING ADJOURNED at 9:14 P.M. PST.

Bills in Committee

Finance Committee

F1 Office of Transportation & Transformation Allocation of Funds for Grocery Shuttle Program. Sponsored by Hannah R Kreitman.

Legislative Committee

L1 Amendments to Chapter 5, Section 5, Subsection D Office of Health and Wellness of the Standing Rules. Sponsored by Hannah R. Kreitman. (See Attachment 1)

L2 Appointment of Alicia Tam as Chief of Staff for the Office of Environmental Justice Affairs effective week five of Fall quarter until appointment of successor. Sponsored by Hannah R. Kreitman.

L3 Appointment of Vanessa Tang as Social Media and Marketing Intern in the Office of Environmental Justice Affairs effective week five of Fall quarter until appointment of successor. Sponsored by Hannah R Kreitman.

L4 Appointment of Nachelle Matute as Programming Intern in the Office of Environmental Justice Affairs effective week five of Fall quarter until appointment of successor. Sponsored by Hannah R Kreitman.

L5 Appointment of Prasadini Gross as Social Justice Intern in the Office of Environmental Justice Affairs effective week five of Fall quarter until appointment of successor. Sponsored by Hannah R Kreitman.

L6 Appointment of Matthew Aldama as Outreach Intern in the Office of Environmental Justice Affairs effective week five of Fall quarter until appointment of successor. Sponsored by Hannah R Kreitman.

L7 Appointment of Erika Maala as Marketing Strategist of the Office of Health & Wellness effective immediately until appointment of successor. Sponsored by Hannah R Kreitman.

L8 Appointment of Kaitlyn Chin as Marketing Coordinator of the Office of Health & Wellness effective immediately until appointment of successor. Sponsored by
Appointment of Kiara-Jeane Alcaide as Chief of Staff of the Office of Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion effective immediately until appointment of successor. Sponsored by Hannah R Kreitman.

Appointment of Arpa Shahbazian as Internal Relations Director of the Office of Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion effective immediately until appointment of successor. Sponsored by Hannah R Kreitman.

Appointment of Roma Ramirez-Bueno as Marketing Strategist of the Office of Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion effective immediately until appointment of successor. Sponsored by Hannah R Kreitman.

Appointment of Daphne Pham as Outreach Coordinator of the Office of Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion effective immediately until appointment of successor. Sponsored by Hannah R Kreitman.

Appointment of Keerthana Davuluri as QTPOC Representative of the Office of Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion effective immediately until appointment of successor. Sponsored by Hannah R Kreitman.

Appointment of Valentina Chan as APSA Representative of the Office of Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion effective immediately until appointment of successor. Sponsored by Hannah R Kreitman.

Appointment of Jose Alpizar as MEChA Representative of the Office of Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion, effective week two of Fall quarter until appointment of successor. Sponsored by Hannah R Kreitman.

Appointment of Sierra Badua as Festivals Director of the Office of Concerts and Events effective immediately until appointment of successor. Sponsored by Hannah R Kreitman.

Appointment of Catherine Santa Presca as Sponsorships Director of the Office of Concerts and Events effective immediately until appointment of successor. Sponsored by Hannah R Kreitman.

Appointment of Carolina Parra-Solorio as Marketing Director of the Office of Concerts and Events effective immediately until appointment of successor. Sponsored by Hannah R Kreitman.

Appointment of Kate Gonzalez as Festivals Director of the Office of Concerts and Events effective immediately until appointment of successor. Sponsored by Hannah R Kreitman.

Appointment of Xinchen Fu as Bear Garden Director of the Office of Concerts and Events effective immediately until appointment of successor. Sponsored by Hannah R Kreitman.

Appointment of Hanna Lam as Chief of Staff of the Office of Concerts and Events effective immediately until appointment of successor. Sponsored by Hannah R Kreitman.

Resolution in Support of Deeming Election Day a Non-Instructional Holiday. Sponsored by Alisha Saxena. (See Attachment 2)

Standing Rules for the Proposed Disability Justice Commission. Sponsored by Alisha Saxena. (See Attachment 3)

Appointment of Aidan Lin as the Government Affairs Director for the Office of Local Affairs. Sponsored by Alisha Saxena.

Appointment of Alessandro Milio as the Chief of Staff for the Office of External Affairs. Sponsored by Alisha Saxena.

Appointment of Shayan Ehsaan as the Chief of Staff for the Triton Lobby Corps. Sponsored by Alisha Saxena.
Appointment of Husnaa Jamshed as the Programs Director for the Office of External Affairs. Sponsored by Alisha Saxena.


Appointment of Syreeta Nolan as the Underrepresented Students Advisor for the Office of External Affairs. Sponsored by Alisha Saxena.