

## SENATE MEETING

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

**Date:** Wednesday, October 21, 2020

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

**Location:** via Zoom

#### SENATE MEETING HIGHLIGHTS:

1. New York Times Partnership with UCSD
2. ASUCSD Global Human Rights and Freedom Committee
3. Fall Budget Revise 2020

#### Order of Business

**MEETING STARTED at 6:02 P.M. PST.**

#### Roll Call

#### Public Input

- Victoria
  - Chair of Judicial Board
- Shayan
  - Triton Lobby Corps

#### Special Presentations

- 1 Special presentation by Todd Halvorsen regarding *New York Times Partnership*
  - Todd Halvorsen
    - Goal to open access to NYT to all students
    - Paywall because free news wasn't sustainable, hence the paywall but it's now a barrier for many students
    - Working with student government to open access for more students
    - Readership continues to grow, 50% subscribers are 30 years old or younger
    - Students have access to NYT as any other subscriber
  - Allen
    - Reiterate things that students would have access to?
  - Halvorsen
    - access to everything, including games
    - nothing that is excluded, whole experience
  - Pandya
    - Benefit for the average student, monetary benefit
  - Halvorsen
    - UC San Diego, #34 for highest concentration of education subscribers
    - Over a 14,000 annual subscribers here, paying a buck a week, \$52/year
    - Huge value that we're offering, we'll take a hit to our revenue but we're okay with that, focused on the greater good
    - To offset losses → 65 cents per year per student

#### Reports of External News

#### Reports of Senator Projects

- Jung
  - Regarding Slack Project

- Using Microsoft Teams, inviting Senators to use it
- Sending out emails on how to use Teams throughout the next few weeks
- Website update
  - Making Senator project of the website publicly visible
  - When senators submit a project, on the public senator page, it will show up with approval
- Reyes
  - Transfer Chats are going well
  - Among Us game night for transfer students
  - National Transfer Week

## Reports of AS Senators

### Reports of AS Offices

- Giangtran
  - Monday, the Council of Presidents had first our meeting of the quarterly series with UC President Drake
  - 3 most discussed topics: policing and campus safety, undocumented/international students and how to better protect them, and basic needs + lack of centralized COVID-19 response from the UC system
    - Policing and campus safety
      - President Drake was receptive to what we were asking for
      - Reimagining campus safety and campus policing
      - Drake would like there to be a relationship between citizens, security officers, feeling of mutual respect
    - Undocumented and international students
      - Drake said we've been strong supporters for these students
      - Evident by suing the Trump Administration after the executive order came out
    - Basic needs
      - just asking for more support
      - lack of centralized support for COVID, Drake said the main reason is that each UC campus is located in a different county and each county has different zones
      - reasoning for having different responses to COVID-19
    - San Diego City Government
      - Signing letter to send out to students across SD County to encourage safe Halloween behavior
      - Being responsible this weekend
- FC Butler
  - Working hard on the budget
  - One more week of budget stuff
  - Funding guide up; email over PM listserv
  - Paying attention to all university updates regarding events
- VP Kreitman
  - We had retreat this weekend!
  - Asking AVPs about one-on-ones, feedback on retreat, let me know!
  - Hired all office members this week
  - Advocate General apps due already
  - Weekly reports, should getting reminder each week
  - Find your Fit: funky new money rules with getting those gift cards, getting figured out within the next week
  - Reading through our Constitution; over last years, AS voted on a lot of things on standing rules, but not reflected in Constitution

- Will update the Constitution

### Question Time

- Bradt
  - Giangtran, talking about UCPD about the budget, any report on that?
- Giangtran
  - We haven't met with UCPD yet, probably within the next week or two, we'll get our third meeting

### Reports of Standing Committees

- L1 Discharged to Senate Floor
- L2 — L14 (regarding Office of Campus Affairs members) approved
- **Motion to pass L1 (Cancellation of Senate Meeting Week 4)**
  - **L1 is approved**

### Reports of External Committees

### Committee Question Time

### Discussion Items

#### 1 Discussion regarding ASUCSD Global Human Rights and Freedom Committee

- Corliss Lam
  - Talked to almost everyone in Senate
  - Lot of feedback on this
  - In terms of funding for this committee, don't know if I should make this a Senator Project and get Senator funding, hope this can continue after my term
  - 2 main goals: advocate and spread awareness
  - Tangible things: advocate for students affected by human rights issues
    - E.g., Thailand and political unrest, can help students by helping them communicate to faculty about accommodations
  - Demonstrate urgency of situations of students
  - committee is important in helping students speak up
  - inform faculty on what's happening in different parts of the world
  - Sometimes helpful to give a reminder that there are UCSD students from
  - Different parts of the world, classes should be more accommodating
  - Second main goal: inform UCSD about information on international affairs
    - UCSD has such a big international community; UCSD students are going to enter the workforce; actions right now have impact that extend borders
- Lonc
  - What does the committee achieve, what does it tangibly do for students? What does this do that Office of External Affairs can't do?
- Lam
  - If a lot of these things keep on happening, it's efficient to have this committee to prepare solutions and present them right away.
  - External affairs can work, but it's not focused on international affairs
- Francisco
  - Bringing members of the public, why not doing this via task force
- Lam
  - Members of public, getting members of the public that are affected by international issues
  - Task force, haven't looked into that before next week

### Unfinished Business

1 ASUCSD Fall Budget Revise. Sponsored by Nicholas Butler and Kimberly Giangtran

- Butler
  - Cabinet and Senate Stipends
    - Discussion on VP External Stipends
    - UCSA stipends, recruitment from UCSA, provide those members with compensation
    - Concern why compensation for jobs recruiting through UCSA not AS UCSD when money should be going to students at UCSD
    - Clarification: they are all UCSD students recruiting through UCSA hired through external
    - Any way to verify what they're doing, accountability?
      - Chief of Staff will check up on these people
    - Taking on more roles than just liaison between UCSD and UCSA, primary work on campus
      - Primarily, AS role with a secondary UCSA liaison role
      - Stipended because they're doing work for students at UCSD
    - Alisha Saxena
      - Offer some clarification
      - Work with two bodies, External Affairs office and UCSA
      - Everybody involved with UCSA we want to pay does not get paid by UCSA, these positions are not included in Senate leadership positions that get paid by UCSA
      - Distinction between UCSA Transfer Committee Representative and Transfer Senator: committee being flexible which ensures no overlap or overlap is minimized, current representative working with prospective transfers rather than current transfers
    - Reasons for stipend is to compensate for minimum work and expected responsibilities
    - These coordinators from campuses work for UCSA campaigns to be successful, each campus has equivalent positions for these coordinators
  - Pandya
    - **Move to Amend UCSA Transfer Committee Rep to read \$0.00**
    - ***Motion passes***
  - Kreitman
    - **Move to amend UCSA Underrepresented Students Advisor to read \$0.00**
    - ***Motion passes***
- Adam Alnihmy, AVP of EDI
  - VP Campus Stipends
    - Chief of Staff, manages meetings, checks on members of the office of EDI
    - Internal relations, manages budget
    - Marketing strategist, graphics and designs
    - SAAC reps, represent marginalized communities on campus, included in SPACES as core organizations
    - Huge disparities in income and race, UCSD not exempted, stipends allow more people to participate in AS
  - Pandya
    - SAAC reps, what's the workload? Meeting frequency?
    - \$20/week would be fair as opposed to \$40
  - Bradt
    - Representatives, do they oversee other staff
  - Alnihmy
    - EDI interns, support for different SAAC representatives
- Academic Affairs

- David Hickman
  - Adding senior advisor, synthesizes policy
    - Working directly with advocacy and programming director
- Pandya
  - Senior advisor role, per standing rules, overseeing unpaid staff
- Hickman
  - Would be a higher stipend level
- AVP Chan
  - College Affairs Director of Marketing, critical to have a social media platform
  - Director of special events, especially hard to create a sense of community
  - Historically have not been stipended
  - Pumping out more events and initiatives
  - Wanted to respect those filling in these positions
- FC Butler
  - This is the end of the stipends
- Agni
  - **Motion to delete “Transportation and Transformation: Outreach Coordinator”**
    - Approved
- Lara
  - **Motion to add 4 weeks of pay for all AVPs and add additional week of pay Sr. AVP Concerts & Events and Student Organizations**
  - Did have AVPs check their hours, hours matched workload of an entire year
  - AVP team has been putting in the work for this request
- Pandya
  - Use this to make a few points
  - Main issue of increasing stipends
  - Seems to be accountability void there
  - Wanting to point out that we needs serious discussions about having a more equitable pay structure moving forward
- **HAND-VOTE**
  - **21-0-3, motion passes**
- FC Butler
  - **Move to approve all of the stipends for “Cabinet and Senate Stipends”, (withdrawn)**
- Bradt (objection)
  - Wanted to discuss Senate stipends
  - Move to amend Senate Stipends to increase to \$40/week
  - Senators do a similar amount of work for a lot less pay
- Lara
  - Open up conversation about accountability
- Lam
  - I fully support raising it to \$40
  - Just because senators have a less likely chance of being removed, doesn’t mean senators should be paid less
- Agni
  - I agree with the increase
  - Would like to suggest that Senators should be considered Stipend Level 4, 10-12 hours/week
  - Propose friendly amendment to amend it to \$45/week
- Lonc
  - Accountability
  - When senators perform suboptimally
    - Bring up legislative item for impeachment

- Allen
  - Budget meetings, almost around 14 hours over one week
  - Looking at one budget meeting, personally I ended 22 hours of prep
  - Lot of senators use time to prep, 41-42 hours on a \$20/week stipend
- Belk
  - If something is passed, it will be sent to HR for an analysis
  - Difference between a stipend and a salary; stipend = fixed allocation to offset expenses, salary = wage for a job worked (not the same thing)
  - We can't do hourly translation, will not be passed through HR,
  - Max is 20 hours a week for UCSD students
- Pandya
  - Stipended → hourly, sticking with a stipend makes sense, shouldn't abandon that
  - Justification: there's a concern about accountability, but there's plenty of accountability measures for Senate
  - There should be more accountability measures; yes, but there's COSTAR + enough accountability measures to justify doing this increase
  - Fair to increase stipend amount
- Jung
  - Additional accountability measures for the Fall Quarter
  - Senators mandated to report Senator Projects and budgets
  - Senate should approve on the basis on that we will be committing to stricter Senator accountability as well
- Belk
  - I don't think HR would be a significant hurdle based on the number proposed right now (\$40/week)
- Allen
  - Clarify some things
  - Brought up hours, make clear that there is a volume of work incongruent with current pay
  - Stipend to compensate for the time and effort put in
- **Motion is to the Amend Senator Stipends to \$45/week**
  - Hand Vote
    - **Motion passes 20-0-1**

**[BREAK]**

- AVP Hickman
  - **Move to Amend Advocate General Budget to \$40/week**
  - Attends the same meeting + duties of attendance
  - Should on par with Senators
- Lara
  - Outside role, they attend meetings and projects and prep
  - Personally, it would be reasonable to have \$20-30/week
- Kreitman
  - On average, 7 hrs/week depending on circumstances

**HAND VOTE, to amend Advocate General stipend from \$40 to \$30 a week**

- 18-1-4, motion passes

**HAND VOTE, to amend Advocate General stipend from \$15 to \$30 a week**

- 19-0-1, motion passes

***Move to approve Stipends of the Budget, item passes.***

***Move to table Budget for one week, motion passes.***

## New Business

### Open Forum

- Weng
  - Post-election debriefing
- Zarucki
  - Situation in Nigeria
  - Urge everyone to look into what's happening in Nigeria
  - This may will come to the Senate
- Giangtran
  - Reopen application for e-chair position
  - Get good pool of applicants
- Walker
  - AS Judicial Chair excited to collaborate on any sweeping rule change
- Agni
  - Update on parking availability
  - For fall quarter, Senate got a lot of input on parking availability
  - Weeks 1 & 2 highest demand times, this quarter with reduced demand
- Giangtran
  - Todd presented regarding NYT partnership
  - Anybody interested in it, does require finances to be reallocated
  - **Straw Poll**
    - Option 1: Partnership that should be pursued. (20)
    - 2: No. (1)
    - 3: Doesn't matter to me. (2)
    - 20-1-2
  - Will have follow up meeting
- Alnihmy
  - Currently looking for Chair for Women's Commission
- Jung
  - Key issues for Title IX
  - Serving as UCSD Undergraduate Representative to the UC-wide Title IX Advisory Board
  - Update on the meetings we will have throughout the year

### Roll Call

### Written Reports

**MEETING ADJOURNED at 9:16 P.M. PST.**