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
  o Giangtran, talking about UCPD about the budget, any report on that?
• Giangtran
  o 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)
  o L1 is approved

Reports of External Committees

Committee Question Time

Discussion Items
1 Discussion regarding ASUCSD Global Human Rights and Freedom Committee
  • Corliss Lam
    o Talked to almost everyone is Senate
    o Lot of feedback on this
    o 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
    o 2 main goals: advocate and spread awareness
    o 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
    o Demonstrate urgency of situations of students
    o Committee is important in helping students speak up
    o Inform faculty on what’s happening in different parts of the world
    o Sometimes helpful to give a reminder that there are UCSD students from
    o Different parts of the world, classes should be more accommodating
    o 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
    o 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
    o If a lot of these things keep on happening, it’s efficient to have this committee to prepare solutions and present them right away.
    o External affairs can work, but it’s not focused on international affairs
  • Francisco
    o Bringing members of the public, why not doing this via task force
  • Lam
    o Members of public, getting members of the public that are affected by international issues
    o Task force, haven’t looked into that before next week

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

[BREAK]
• AVP Hickman
  o **Move to Amend Advocate General Budget to $40/week**
  o Attends the same meeting + duties of attendance
  o Should on par with Senators
• Lara
  o Outside role, they attend meetings and projects and prep
  o Personally, it would be reasonable to have $20-30/week
• Kreitman
  o 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

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