

SENATE MEETING MINUTES

THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SAN DIEGO

Date: Wednesday, November 18, 2020

Time: 6:00 P.M. PST

Location: via Zoom

Meeting Highlights:

1. Presentations on Triton Food Pantry Budget, UC Carbon Offset Proposed Policy, Basic Needs Hub
2. Topic on resumption of parking the same manner it has been running Fall Quarter 2020
3. UCPD changes, addition of mental health professionals in the works
4. Cancellation of Senate Meeting on Nov. 25th

Order of Business

Meeting started at 6:02 P.M. PST.

Roll Call

Public Input

- Ria
 - Vice Chair of CALPIRG
 - Proud of work here at UCSD
 - Registered around 500 Tritons this fall to vote
 - As a university, UCSD placed second in all CA schools in the Secretary of State's ballot poll
 - Update on funding: based on pledges, but COVID has impacted threshold requirement
 - We still work hard for the virtual pledge drive this quarter
 - If interested in collaboration (on issues around plastic pollution, renewable energy, UC-wide textbook grant programs), fill interest form that can be sent to all Senators/assemblymembers

Special Presentations

1. Special Presentation by Vianey Valdez and Alexis Wesley regarding the Triton Food Pantry Budget
 - a. Vianey Valdez & Alexis (Lexi) Wesley
 - i. Budget Review
 1. Who we are
 2. Pantry Background
 3. What we do
 4. Usage data 2019-2020
 5. Budget breakdown for 2020-2021
 - ii. Emergency Food Resource on campus with two locations
 1. Student Center A
 2. Grad and Family Housing
 - iii. Seven Student Managers
 1. Co-Leads (2)
 2. General Operations (1)
 3. Marketing (1)
 4. Pop-up (1)

5. Volunteer Coordination (2)
6. As well as 30+ Volunteers
- iv. Pantry Background
 1. Opened in 2015
 2. UCUES Survey exhibited around quarter of students experiencing some degree of food insecurity
 3. Mission to provide discreet service to UCSD students in need of food
 4. Network of food resources and awareness about food insecurity so that every UCSD student has nutritious fuel to achieve academic success
- v. What We Do
 1. Provide undergraduate and graduate students with food service
 - a. On campus pantry locations
 - b. Mobile pantry
 - c. Delivery project
 2. This year, introduction of culturally representative items to cater to diverse student population and students' needs
- vi. Pantry Usage Data
 1. Usage has gone up dramatically since 2015
 2. 2018-2019 being peak with 25,950 students using services
 3. Frequency of use; 78% of students coming in 1-5 times
 4. Pantry Usage by Week
 - a. Consistent throughout Fall and Winter
- vii. Budget Breakdown for 2020-2021
 1. Net income of \$629,340.00
 - a. AS allocation, UCOP funds, college council funds, budget carryforward from previous year, graduate division, graduate student association, foundation reserves, other income, IPPS income
 2. Food Costs have gone up significantly due to second location, working hard to incorporate culturally reflective items
 - a. Food Bank purchases, Garden of Eden, Sysco, Napoli Farms, Ocean Palace, US Foods, Harvest Foods
 3. Student Salaries
 - a. Student leaders, Food Pantry Managers
 4. Administrative
 - a. Office supplies, general operations
 5. Marketing
 - a. Promotional materials
 - b. Branded materials
 6. Surplus of \$222,435.58
- viii. Lonc
 1. Use of funds with lack of demand... how much a budget surplus after slump in demand in Spring Quarter... what was the money used for?
 2. Little more detail on cleaning supplies' costs?
- ix. Wesley
 1. Any unused funds from Spring was allocated into the budget carryforward.
 2. No specific plans in terms of anything else besides providing for students, especially for our second location that was open in July and providing culturally representative items
 3. Purchasing paper bags for COVID-19 concerns, cleaning supplies: spray, floor cleaner, PPE for students and staff, face shields
2. Special Presentation by Michelle Perez regarding UC Carbon Offset Proposed Policy
 - a. Michelle Perez
 - i. Energy and Sustainability Manager at UCSD

- ii. Coordinate projects to meet carbon neutrality goals
- iii. Larger effort of presenting to different groups and stakeholders on campus
- iv. UC Carbon Neutrality Initiative, set forth in 2015
 - 1. Goals
 - a. Reduce greenhouse gases to 1990 levels by 2020
 - b. Achieve carbon neutrality from scopes 1 (what we directly control like power plant on campus that produces 80% of electricity on campus, rest from local grid) and 2 sources by 2025
 - c. Achieve carbon neutrality from scope 3 (staff, students, campus commuters, business travel) sources by 2050
 - i. Scope 1 – Direct Emissions: Stationary combustion; fugitive emissions; and campus fleet.
 - ii. Scope 2 – Indirect Emissions: purchased electricity.
 - iii. Scope 3 – University-funded air travel and student, staff, and faculty commuting. Campus emissions by source
 - d. Past 10 years, experienced a lot of growth on our campus in square footage
 - e. Were able to keep emissions relatively flat
 - f. But all scopes were not meeting 2020 goal
 - 2. Current Key Strategies
 - a. Energy efficiency and energy management
 - b. Wholesale power program
 - c. High-performing new building
 - d. Sustainable vehicle fleet
 - e. Behavior change
 - f. Faculty and student engagement
 - 3. Moving Forward
 - a. Carbon Offsets
 - b. Directed biogas
 - c. Select electrification
 - d. Sustainable building guidelines
 - 4. Proposed Voluntary Carbon Offset Policy
 - a. Prioritize direct reductions of its covered scope 1, 2, 3 emissions
 - b. Only use high-quality offset credits
 - c. Serve as a model for other higher education institutions
 - d. Demonstrate or advance scalable climate solutions aligned with a path toward deep decarbonization
 - e. Advance university research and support student education
 - f. Exhibit health and social justice benefits for the UC community and surrounding campus communities
 - g. Has potential for climate benefits beyond the credited reductions
 - 5. Next Steps
 - a. <https://ucdavis.app.box.com/v/offsetspolicy>
 - b. Share feedback with at sustain@ucsd.edu by Wednesday, Dec. 2, 2020
 - c. Campuses will report back to the UC Carbon Abatement Technical Committee (CATC) and UC Climate Change working Group (CCWG) to be finalized and presented to the UC Systemwide Sustainability Steering Committee
- v. Allen
 - 1. Verification process for the carbon offsets on the university's end?
- vi. Perez

1. Concern that offsets are verifiable, maybe through a third-party
 2. Make sure policy meets the criteria, we don't want to say something and purchase something and then create harm
 3. Encourage to submit concern as feedback
3. Basic Needs Presentation, the Hub
- a. Stephanie Rivas and Abby Rollison, The Hub Peer Educators
 - i. Basic Needs: nutritious food, stable housing, financial wellness
 - ii. Located in Student Center A, across from Soda & Swine
 - iii. 41% of UCSD students self-identified to be facing food security challenges
 - iv. National Data on Basic Needs Challenges
 1. Students within 4-Year Institutions
 - a. 35% Food insecure, 37% housing insecure, 9% houseless
 - v. Hub Resources
 1. Basic needs assistance form and consultations
 2. Grocery shuttles
 3. Emergency meal assistance program
 4. CalFresh food benefits
 5. Personal Hygiene Products
 6. Budget Friendly Cooking Demos
 - vi. COVID-19 Arrangements
 1. Consultations through Zoom
 2. Personal Hygiene Product Pick-Up
 3. CalFresh Webinars
 4. Triton Food Pantry To-Go Meals and mobile pantry
 5. Facebook Cooking Demos
 6. Grocery Store Restocking Google Sheet
 7. COVID-19 University and Community Resources on Website
 - vii. Budget Allocation
 1. Shift from program based to emergency based needs
 2. Increase in student support services
 - a. Crisis/emergency relief
 - b. Housing coordination and support
 - c. Emergency meal assistance program
 - d. Book and laptop lending programs
 - e. Food recovery
 3. Focused on preventive and emergency services

Reports of External News

Reports of Senator Projects

- Estus
 - Promote the survey, please!
- Lam
 - Feedback from students
 - What issue is on their mind: a lot of people said online learning
 - What about online learning; people are having difficulty adjusting to online school
 - Students may want more leniency; how to address this?
 - Bringing P/NP back; people are concerned about housing/rent/keeping a job
 - Mental health: lack of social connections and interactions
- Wei
 - Working with Isaac to work on Loneliness Project
 - Tips to combat loneliness, explain different dimensions of loneliness
 - Care Package, yoga mat, incense diffuser, plush, masks, etc.
 - Any input we could do, message me!

Reports of AS Senators

Reports of AS Offices

- FC Butler
 - Updates to Funding Guide
 - Shortened window for determining competition funding to three weeks from five weeks
 - Talking to AVP Wiggins about Safe Rides
- VP Kreitman
 - Tianna is potentially working with Dirty Birds to do some sort of watch party once athletics starts up again
 - Adam, AVP of EDI, application for Women's Commission closes on the 30th
 - Also meeting up with Becky Pettit, the VC of EDI, if any senator has specific EDI issue that they think they want to bring up, discuss with Adam about bringing it up to the meeting
 - Isaac, working on wellness kits, asking Senate on when the drop should be and what should be in them, there should be 800 kits; wait until winter and doing a bigger drop OR doing a smaller drop now
 - Updates on COSTAR
 - Chief of Staff wanted to know if there was an interest for a "sequel" for the self-care for leaders event
 - Office of Campus Affairs is working on Triton Dine
 - Free food event, can't happen as normal
 - Wanted more of a basic needs, or do we want a synchronous event for this
 - Would like more input for how this event should materialize
 - Adam, Kimberly, members from GSA, and myself have been meeting with Chief of Police with UCPD on campus
 - Working on a presentation for them, hopefully more concrete updates next meeting
- Bradt
 - VP Saxena gave report to me
 - Civic Engagement Office wrapped up Election Day efforts, beat other UC Campuses in the ballot bowl
 - Registered over 1,700 new voters, collaboration with CALPIRG
 - Event with Angela Davis was a huge success
 - Board of Regents meeting is happening, 3 main things:
 - Campaign for College Opportunity
 - Supporting Students with Disabilities
 - Free the Period California Coalition, menstrual justice and equity
 - Student Workers Town Hall hosted by Labor Affairs Office
 - 22nd of November at 6 PM, student workers can sign up
 - Pell Grant Week of Action
 - Racial Justice Now Campaign with UCSA
 - Scheduled meeting with UCSD PD Chief Rose
 - More updates on this later
 - Disability Justice Commission
 - Meeting with Office for Students with Disabilities
 - Decided to bring up presentation on accessible design
 - Working to implement Disability Studies Minor (already at UCLA and Berkeley)

Question Time

Reports of Standing Committees

- Legislative Committee
 - VP Kreitman
 - Items L1-L4 Approved

- Item L2 Delayed to Week 9
 - L1 amended to read the correct years 2020-2021 and to include the correct pronouns, and tabled to Week 10
- Finance Committee
 - FC Butler
 - Reviewing Budget
 - What possible expenditures should stay the same or change over the next few years
 - Just lots of discussions about the budget

Reports of External Committees

- Estus
 - Sitting of Student Transportation Advisory Committee (STAC)
 - Wanting feedback on resuming parking, the same way it was run this Quarter
- **[MODERATED CAUCUS WITHIN SENATE TO DISCUSS RESUMPTION OF PARKING]**
 - FC Butler
 - Are we supposed to have parking permits this quarter?
 - Bradt
 - Parking is supposed to be done daily, “register to park”
 - Cheaper than usual, free during weekends
 - Permits are on the Transportation website
 - Estus
 - Any opinion on parking resuming the way it did this quarter?
 - Allen
 - At a minimum, parking isn’t too BAD currently
 - Ying
 - Current system where D permits interchangeable about S and B slots going well
 - Continue that, maybe make D permits interchangeable with A slots as well
 - Taneja
 - Noticed a lot of A spots empty
 - Current system is working
 - Wei
 - Are first years allowed to have cars on campus? (Answer: No)
- Blackshire
 - External committee of community safety advisory committee
 - Giving updates on new recent changes for UCPD
 - Bringing in mental health professionals and clinicians to the department
 - **[OPEN MODERATED CAUCUS FOR ANY FEEDBACK]**
 - VP Kreitman
 - When Adam, Kimberly, and I met with Chief Rose and Lieutenant Luth, when we’ve asked the professionals, they said they’ve been working to add them in Emergency Health and Calls
 - When we asked where they fell into the budget, they said they didn’t want to include it unless students said they wanted to put it there, going to wait to see the school would pay for it
 - Did you get different information + clearer language?
 - Blackshire
 - They do have a strong intention in bringing this in.
 - Starting with 2 members, increase as they go.
 - They did discuss via budget, have not shared concrete documents yet
 - Pandya
 - About the 21-day anti-racism challenge, is the chancellor going to reflect or evaluate the challenge
 - Is the Chancellor’s presence related or unrelated to that?

- Blackshire
 - Just saying this is the great time to voice feedback because the Chancellor is going to be there and the 21 day challenge is the reason why this is brought up
 - Committee wants to have more collaboration, trying to value student opinion
- Pandya
 - COSTAR; tasked to review internal processes and institutions
 - Become more efficient and productive body
 - Discussing cabinet and purpose of assembly
 - Developing language, keen on getting input on this language
 - Goal is to have Senate to give feedback on language, it would be an amendment to the standing rules
 - Admissions Committee; CA Appeals court held lower court order that UC system cannot use SAT or ACT in admissions and scholarships process for Fall 2021
- VP Kreitman
 - Quick Straw Poll
 - Issue: If you feel like a committee appointment comes up, would you have capacity to take another committee?

Committee Question Time

Discussion Items

Unfinished Business

New Business

- VP Kreitman
 - Enter Cancellation of Senate Meeting on Nov. 25th
 - Move to Approve the Item
 - Last 15 years, we didn't have a meeting the week of Thanksgiving because people travel home.
 - When we rewrote standing rules, we now have to vote on it now.
 - Things different now because now a virtual platform... just wanted to bring to discussion
- Bradt
 - Two meetings in the row cancelled
 - But understood reasoning as people go home for families
- Allen
 - I believe we should pass, people will be "holidaying"
 - Moreover, redundant to have a meeting, very little coming down the pipe
 - Capacity to serve will still be fulfilled
 - We're still having office hours, etc.; office duties will still be served
- Wei
 - I believe housing is offering money (~\$800) if you move back home and don't come back for Winter Quarter
 - Some students are coming back, that could be an issue
 - Imagine some students moving back for Thanksgiving
 - We should not have a meeting to accommodate for this
- Pandya
 - Usually, this meeting gets cancelled
 - Looking forward for the schedule, once we get to Jan to end of academic year, we basically meet continuously, we have a consistent stretch
 - It seems to be fine to cancel this meeting
- **Roll Call Vote for the Cancellation of the Senate Meeting**
 - Yes: In favor of the cancellation

- No: Against the cancellation

- Jung: Yes
- Quiroa:
- Lonc: Yes
- Allen: Yes
- Tyler: Yes
- Estus: Yes
- Kulkarni: Yes
- Zarucki: Yes
- Reyes: Yes
- Rollison: Yes
- Saraf:
- Gharibian: Yes
- Pandya: Yes
- Levine:
- Ying: Yes
- Francisco: Yes
- McLaren: Yes
- Wei: Abstain
- Bradt: Yes
- Taneja: Yes
- Thompson: Yes
- Gabelman: Yes
- Bugayong: Yes
- Shen:
- Lam: Yes
- Cheng:
- Blackshire: Yes
- Terzian: Yes
- Wood:
- Zekowski:
- Giangtran:
- Kreitman: Yes
- Saxena:
- Butler: Yes

- MOTION TO CANCEL MEETING PASSES

- 24-0-1

Open Forum

- Butler
 - Want to reimagine the fourth floor of Price Center
- Kreitman
 - Watch out for Senate and Assembly meetings when scheduling
 - If you do have a class during meeting time, screenshot your class schedule and send to Advocate General to excuse your absences during the Quarter
 - Ton of messages about weekly reports are not able to be turned in
 - Raise hand if weekly reports are not working for you
- Belk
 - Webinar with the Political Science Department called Election 2020: What Now?
- Zarucki
 - Wondering if anyone has more information about P/NP deadline?
 - Will it be moved? Brought up by a lot of transfers and other concerned students
- Kreitman
 - Reason we're not implementing P/NP, we're a research university, want to make sure student interested going to graduate school have letter grades
 - Comparable UCs have P/NP classes however

- Efforts to work on options nearing the end of the quarter, any room for change
- AVP Hickman and President Giangtran serve in committees to explore options for change

Roll Call

Written Reports

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:00 P.M. PST.

Bills in Committee

Finance Committee

Legislative Committee

[ADDED:] Cancellation of Senate Meeting: November 25th, 2020. Sponsored by Hannah R Kreitman.

L1 HR Committee Charter. Sponsored by Corliss Lam (Attachment 1)

L2 Standing Rules Title III Amendment. Sponsored by Tommy Jung (Attachment 2)

L3 Appointment of Sindhu Daggupati as Spirit Intern in the Office of Spirit and Athletics effective immediately until appointment of a successor. Sponsored by Hannah R. Kreitman.

L4 Appointment of Ahmad Zia as Outreach Intern in the Office of Spirit and Athletics effective immediately until appointment of successor. Sponsored by Hannah R. Kreitman.