

AS SENATE MEETING MINUTES

THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SAN DIEGO

Date: Wednesday, December 2, 2020

Time: 6:00 P.M. PST

Location: via Zoom

Order of Business

Meeting Highlights:

1. Academic Senate updates on P/NP extension policy
2. Senate Leadership Position discussion
3. Fang's Presentation on the AIO and AI review process regarding international students

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

Roll Call

Public Input

Special Presentations

- 1 Special Presentation by Wen Fang regarding UCSD's AIO Review Process for International Students
 - Wen Fang
 - How can the AIO process be improved for all students, including international students?
 - Academic Integrity Office (AIO)
 - For international students with English not as first language, AIO process falls shorts
 - My story
 - Met with AIO representative, did not want to take responsibility for charge facing
 - Provided evidence that showed I did not break any rule
 - Misunderstanding that I wanted to take responsibility
 - Could not show my side of the case
 - Requested a translator to be present at the formal hearing, request was denied
 - Appeal was denied, AIO allegedly followed procedure
 - Policies were not crafted to accommodate international students
 - Challenges for international students
 - Language limitations
 - No access to translator
 - Fairness
 - AS UCSD should advocate for translators in the AI process
 - AIO process should be open and fair; only UCSD-approved personnel allowed in the hearing
 - Recommendations

- Access to a translator, etc.
- Wei
 - Reason for not allowing a translator?
- Fang
 - No rationale, just rejected request
- Wei
 - AIO ignored many of my emails
- Pandya
 - Have you received representation from Office of Student Advocacy?
- Fang
 - Had contacted AS Advocacy, I believe they emailed me but they do not speak my language
 - It could be disadvantageous to represent, they feel like they could not help?
- Pandya
 - You did contact them, you had asked to look at this process, but AIO rules are not directly under our purview, encourage to look at Sr. AVP of Student Advocacy
 - Hope to improve language options? Confused on what we can do?
- Fang
 - Just want to be fairly treated
 - Don't want to admit to something I did not do

Reports of External News

Reports of Senator Projects

Reports of AS Senators

- Medina/Reyes
 - One of the college council presidents made a Slack for all the transfer representatives across campus
 - Working with ACTA, drafting constitution in collaboration with AS, ACTA, and the Triton Transfer Hub
 - Make it more formalized, help each other out to serve transfer students together

Reports of AS Offices

- Kreitman
 - Office figuring out Triton Dine
 - Rules for distribution and food
 - Landed on \$2000/qtr for Triton Dine
 - Gift cards for Ralphs or Vons
 - Google form for give aways/drawings
 - Hosted event during Finals Week → advertising for this
 - Vacancy on the Campus-Wide Senator position
 - Appointment of election's manager, collaborating how to run an AS election event
 - Few people reaching out about my position, graduating this year, feel free to talk about the VPCA position
 - Reminder from Adam AVP of EDI: meeting with Becky Pettitt next week, if any of you have input, reach out to him
 - Hearing from students about getting charges for testing, should get unlimited free testing
 - If a student is getting tested frequently, almost daily, they will be charged
 - Case will be seen individually
 - Recommended to go through PC site because specifically for students
- Butler
 - Triton Outfitters is coming out, updating with new stuff soon

- We are not spending enough money allocated for student organizations
- Fourth Floor reimagining committee will meet next week

Question Time

- Wei
 - When was the deadline supposed to be extended for P/NP?
- Giangtran
 - Wanted to extend to Week 9, it did not happen
- Wei
 - Don't think we should put that the stipend at \$45/week for Campus-Wide senator if HR hasn't approved it
- Giangtran
 - EPC (Educational Policy Committee) is meeting on 15th to discuss extension P/NP for Winter and Spring, filling out the survey office of academic affairs sent out, asking for student testimonies
- Jung
 - In the conversation about the P/NP, has the petition been mentioned at all from Change.org?
- Giangtran
 - Petitions/change.org have been brought up but don't usually make a difference in our arguments
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Reports of Standing Committees

- Items L1-L3 were approved
- Items L5-L7 were approved
- Items L4 and L8 are discharged to the Senate Floor
- Bradt
 - Move to approve item L4
- Item L4 is approved

Reports of External Committees

- Pandya
 - Item L8, we talked about it Legislative Committee
 - Amendment for Standing Rules
 - How we do assembly and cabinet
 - Establishment of cabinet meetings particularly
 - Big part is the transferring of the language from Title 3 → 4
 - Cabinet meeting every other week, alternating weeks will have assembly meetings
 - Senators on alternating weeks, discussion for what Senators can do still happening
 - Item L8 is approved

Committee Question Time

Discussion Items

1 Additional Senate Input on the Establishment of the Senate Leadership Position.
Sponsored by Senator Pandya.

- Pandya
 - Consensus for a Senate Leadership Position
 - Talking about establishing it
 - Concerns about responsibilities overlapping and issues of accountability

- Alternative suggestion: establishing a new executive position that would absorb responsibilities
 - They would be elected by students + carry out oversight functions
 - Would not be an unusual move to transfer VPCA responsibilities because other UC campuses are spreading out VPCA duties
 - It does solve issue of discomfort of an internally elected person
 - Either options are viable, trying to gauge what all of you feel is viable
- Kreitman
 - Curious, what the problem is trying to be solved, what is the bigger goal?
 - I got a little lost when I thought it was supposed to limit executive oversight?
- Pandya
 - Nature of these proposals are not solely mine
 - Just sharing ideas I've had when talking to people
 - I don't think sole purpose was to shift/stop executive oversight
 - Main focus was accountability, what is accountability for Senators?
 - Current system is not working
 - Concern that an internal leader: favoritism, allegiance with people
- Wei
 - Advising duty is fine
 - Representation duty is fine, but an issue is impartiality → representing Senate or Student Body as constituency
 - Internally-elected → possibility of factions
 - My suggestion: Senate oversight → create an oversight committee of multiple senators as opposed
- Pandya
 - Points are very valid
 - Impeachments can happen from other senators
 - Issues of possible bias, uneven playing field valid
 - Write down sentiments
- Giangtran
 - Where/when would external election happen?
 - When does this person come in the picture?
- Pandya
 - Simultaneous to other elected positions
 - If INTERNAL → after Senators are termed-in
- FC Butler
 - I agree with Kreitman and Giangtran
 - Concerns of externally-elected position
- Pandya
 - I am willing to hear opinions of other Senators
 - Internal position → you could include flexibility or choose to leave it vacant
- Jung
 - Is there a seniority requirement?
 - Scenario could be an election of an executive who has not been a Senator
- Pandya
 - Haven't heard of that, excellent suggestion to have qualification
- Lonc
 - Having someone internally elected is the best move
 - Waiting to see things shake out → deciding on a leader
 - Seeing the dynamics and relationships between each other
- Pandya
 - This person would not have influence on Senate proceedings
 - Would still want to hear feedback from Senators

- Wei
 - They wouldn't have influence → however, just by virtue of having oversight, there's going to be influence, power *could* be abused
 - Senate accountability committee is still the best option

Unfinished Business

1 Standing Rules Title III Amendment. Sponsored by Tommy Jung.

- Jung
 - Getting a Senator Project page on our website up and running
 - Senators can now submit a project summary, goal and budget
 - Accessible to other Senators and AS UCSD general body
 - One way to make organization transparent, also for students interested to look into
 - Previous version of this amendment had issues:
 - The current version states, "The primary organizer shall notify the VP Campus Affairs that they have submitted a project summary for review."
 - This line was originally a regulatory amendment; no legislative precedent to do so, hence it will be removed
 - Senator Project section could be used as grounds for impeachment
 - Other senators may have different views on what is sufficient to be a project description
 - Mitigate that → new section added to the current amendment
 - Recommended minimum of 2-3 sentences
 - Hourly contribution requirement for Senators to reflect updated weekly stipend for Senators
 - Move to Amend Item 1 (Standing Rules Title III Amendment) to match the language that was sent over the ListServ.
- Motion passes.
 - Move to approve Item 1
- Item 1 is approved.

New Business

Open Forum

- Kreitman
 - Discussion about the Senate Leadership Position and other structural changes
 - Past VPCA did small meetings to discuss AS questions and issues
 - We could hold meetings, open space to gauge what VPCA can be doing
 - Straw poll on if meetings would be beneficial
 - Open space in the beginning of the quarter for those who want to speak
- Pandya
 - Directed at Assistant Director Weng
 - Mentioned how someone approached me about if marine biologist students under the Scripps Institute fall under my purview
- Weng
 - Actually depends on organization chart
 - I can look and check
- Giangtran
 - Wanted to fill everyone in, regarding P/NP extension
 - Waiting for resolution endorsing the academic accommodations
 - Last week, P/NP extension on Fall 2020, unfortunately they didn't vote on it and dismissed it

- Ended up voting on the policy regarding withdrawing class without W, it did not get passed
 - Ended up not getting accommodations and asks met
- Walker
 - Advanced notice, if you need assistance, contact me up until Dec. 11th
 - Brief update on Senator Stipends, they are considering increase along with minimum wage increase, conversation should wrap up soon

Roll Call

MEETING ADJOURNED at 7:25 P.M. PST.

Bills in Committee

Finance Committee

Legislative Committee

L1 Appointment of David Hickman as AS Elections Manager effective immediately until the conclusion of his duties in Week 5 of Spring Quarter. Sponsored by Kimberly Giangtran.

L2 Appointment of Ai Hong as the Marketing Coordinator for the Office of Local Affairs. Sponsored by Alisha Saxena.

L3 Appointment of Husnaa Jamshed as the Office of External Affairs Campus Engagement Director. Sponsored by Alisha Saxena.

L4 Resolution Calling for Academic Senate to Extend Academic Accommodations for Winter and Spring Quarter of the 2020-2021 Year. Sponsored by Deena Gharibian and Jamila Francisco.

L5 Appointment of Rafael Ubriaco as Student Orgs Event Intern. Sponsored by Nicholas Butler.

L6 Appointment of Steven Shuster as Student Orgs Event Intern. Sponsored by Nicholas Butler.

L7 Appointment of Nicole Bulgatz as Student Orgs Chief of Staff. Sponsored by Nicholas Butler.

L8 Enhancing Communication Among ASUCSD Assembly Act (Amendment to the Standing Rules from COSTAR). Sponsored by Senator Pandya.