

AS SENATE MEETING MINUTES

THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SAN DIEGO

Date: Wednesday, December 9, 2020

Time: 6:00 P.M. PST

Location: via Zoom

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS:

- (1) UCSA Presentation on the History, Mission, and 2020-21 Goals of the UC Student Association
- (2) CALPIRG Presentation on Fall Quarter Update
- (3) Senator Projects
 - a. Campus-wide Office Hours & Rewriting Content on the AS Website
 - b. Going over Student Feedback Survey for Fall Quarter 2020
 - c. Coalition of Transfer Student Organizations; Triton Transfer Coalition
- (4) AS Office Reports
 - a. Fourth Floor Reimagining Committee
 - b. Opportunity drawing for Lyft codes; Safe Rides program
 - c. Triton Dine
 - d. New Seventh College Senators
 - e. Triton 2 Go Program
 - f. P/NP Policy for Fall Quarter 2020
 - g. Policy for International Students coming back to the U.S. Winter 2021
 - h. Muir Writing Program email clarification
- (5) Allocation of Confidential Amount from Unallocated Funds to New York Times Partnership.
- (6) External Committee Reports
 - a. SAT/ACT policy for UC Admissions
 - b. Rethinking the top 9% UC admissions guarantee
- (7) Global Human Rights and Freedom Committee Charter
- (8) Resolution Calling for Academic Senate and Departments to Change Attendance Policies and Make Accommodations Therein for Winter and Spring Quarter of the 2020-2021 Year

Order of Business

Meeting started at 6:03 P.M. PST.

Roll Call

Public Input

Special Presentations

- 1 **Special Presentation by Aidan Arasasingham regarding the History, Mission, and 2020-2021 Goals of the UC Student Association.**
 - Aidan Arasasingham, President of the UCSA
 - UCSA Presentation to the ASUCSD Senate
 - About Me
 - President of UCSA, External VP of UCLA USAC
 - History, UCSA at 50
 - Wave of mass preventable deaths via Vietnam War

- Moment of national reckoning over racial justice and civil rights
 - Movements for affordability and accessibility
- UC Student Lobby
 - To become UCSA, founded in 1971
 - 1985, consolidation from UC Student Lobby to UCSA
- Mission
 - Advocate for current and future students
 - Accessibility, affordability, and quality of UC system
- Structure and Strategy
 - Board representation
 - EVP offices (9)
 - Appointed officers (e.g., academic affairs, basic needs, etc.)
 - All report to Board of Directors
 - Parts That Work as a Whole
 - Each part works with different entity
 - Informed by communities and coalitions
 - Impact
 - Some victories
 - Blocking tuition increases on undergraduates
 - Protect basic needs and summer aid funding
 - Advocated for SAT/ACT phase out, compensation for Student Regent
 - Reform on Regents' policy on misconduct
 - Establishing Student Regent position
 - Blue and Gold Opportunity Plan
 - Mandatory student training on sexual assault
 - Securing Equitable COVID-19 Response and Recovery
 - Safeguarding student health and access to testing and treatment
 - Broadening definition of basic needs to encompass new and emerging insecurities
 - Securing affordable and accessible broadband for students struggling under digital divides
 - Increasing SAPEP funding for recruitment and retention of marginalized students
 - Protecting students and workers in the UC and state budgets
 - Re-envisioning Campus Safety and Investing in Community
 - Reimagining community safety on campus, shifting non-essential UCPD operations
 - Blocking UCPD budget increases, reinvestments in community supports across California
 - Expanding Financial Aid for Students
 - Double the Pell grant
 - Student debt relief
 - Second CARES act
 - Developing debt-free pathway to UC
 - Strengthening Student power, advocacy, and representation
 - Exploring systemwide funding structure similar to CSU and CCC student associations' that would:
 - Bolster student representation in state/federal affairs
 - Codify UCSA autonomy and independence, etc.
 - Looking Forward
 - Conferences
 - Student Organizing Summit, Students of Color Conference, etc.
 - Joint Advocacy and Organizing Collaboration
 - Regents/UCOP/President Drake

- State Advocacy
 - Federal Advocacy
 - president@ucsa.org
- Giangtran
 - How do you anticipate the Capitol reacting to an ask about student aid this year?
- Arasasingham
 - Investment in future generation is key for economic recovery, hopefully emphasizing that
 - At the federal level, great deal of opportunity
 - Getting student associations across the country to advocate for students
- Saraf
 - Plan about the financial aid; I couldn't see a plan for international students?
- Arasasingham
 - International are the most insecure students at the UC along with Black and Indigenous students
 - For every dollar we get from federal/state government, that's another dollar that the UC can invest in basic needs for international students and other students as well
 - In the next 5 years, new programs to support international students due to international student efforts

2 Special Presentation by CALPIRG Students regarding CALPIRG Students Fall Quarter Program Update.

- Ria Coen Gilbert, Jarred Cole, Tiara Nourishad, Drew Lira, Madhulika Garimella, Veronika Michels, Sky-lauryn White, Samantha Perera
 - CALPIRG Presentation Fall Quarter Update
 - Mission
 - Train student leaders to act on problems that affect lives of Californians and to promote solutions
 - Statewide Organization
 - Chapters at 8 of the UCs
 - Student Board of Directors
 - Statewide Executive Committee
 - Campus Organizer: Veronika Michels
 - CALPIRG at UCSD
 - Peak 90 volunteers
 - Currently 30 interns
 - 8700 educated through class presentations
 - New Voters Project
 - Help institutionalize voter registration and create a culture of voting on campus
 - 10K students registered statewide
 - 76k voter reminders
 - 100+ class announcements at UCSD
 - 500+ Tritons registered
 - Placed 1st in the UCs in the Secretary of State's ballot bowl
 - Basic Needs
 - Hunger and Homelessness Awareness
 - National Higher ED Lobby Day
 - 570 petitions collected this quarter calling for open textbook grant funding UC-wide
 - Campaigns Moving Forward
 - 100% Clean Energy CA by 2030
 - Last generation that can do something about climate change
 - How to reach 100% clean electricity
 - Grassroots support statewide

- Media attention and visibility events like a Clean Energy Summit in Winter and Spring
 - Build support from elected officials through statewide campuses and our new field schools
- Plastic-Free Seas: Whole Foods
 - Apply pressure on Whole Foods to ban plastic packaging at its stores
 - Call on Whole Foods to make this change by showing that everyday consumers would be more likely at Whole Foods if they change their plastic policies
 - Turning out massive grassroots support calling for change, and generating attention in the media
- Affordable Textbooks
 - Get UC Regents to pass an open textbook grants to incentivize faculty to use open-access resources to make course materials more accessible and affordable for all students
 - Petition collecting for support among students
 - Get student testimonials
 - Faculty sign-ons
 - Media attention on open textbooks
- New Voters Project
 - See eligible voters cast a ballot in an election and increase civic engagement
 - Continue working with Vote Coalition on campus
 - Host university wide activist summit
 - Help pass statewide policy to always mail ballots to all active, registered voters
- Organizational Highlights
 - UC-wide Plastics Policy August 2020
 - American Climate Leadership Award 2020 for work to get UCs committed to 100% clean electricity
- Pandya
 - What is the pledge waiver?
- Jarred Cole
 - We have to get 10% of the students on campus to pledge the 10\$ activity fee.
 - We got it waived because of the pandemic for this year.
- Bradt
 - In a normal year, you have a 10% requirement; is that all UCSD undergraduates? How many students pledging fee?
- Michels
 - All undergraduates
 - We had around 3,400 that were billed last year.
 - Quarter of that graduates so we rebuild, right now it's about 2000

Reports of External News

Reports of Senator Projects

- Jung
 - Roll out series of campus-wide office hours
 - Over winter break, reaching out to AVPs and senators, get that rolled out on Instagram and other social media
 - Website project
 - Over break, working on about us page, etc.
 - Rewriting content
 - Trying to get a draft of that done by Week 1 Winter Quarter 2021 to get some feedback

- Fall Survey
 - A lot of demand for what AS does specifically
- Estus
 - Quick debrief of survey
 - Will be sending full report over List Serv, reach out to me if any questions
 - Off-campus section
 - What students were concerned with?
 - Lack of interaction with peers, difficult to make new friends
 - Concern of public transportation
 - Difficulties with learning remotely
 - Students want support from off-campus senators for advocacy and academics
 - Wants events for involvement
 - Students wanted events at the 5-10 PM time period, Fridays were the most popular days
- Zarucki
 - Address information on the survey from transfer students and own senator project
 - Transfer students
 - Gauge how entering transfers felt about online learning and what they are focusing on
 - Sample for transfer students was really small, at most 28 responses from transfers
 - Most transfers seemed to be doing okay with the transition into remote classroom experiences
 - Especially okay with the resources that UCSD provided for transfer students
 - Would like to see professional endeavors, would like to see research/internship opportunities
 - Would like to see more help for advising and coaching
 - Senator Project
 - Issues encountered included many organizations and representatives helping transfer students
 - Wanted to see a body composed of representatives and organizations to talk about what they're doing to cross-collaborate and share resources → coalition
 - Triton Transfer Coalition, submitting next quarter a charter about the purpose of this body/organization
 - If you have any questions, reach out to me!
 - Still a work in progress
 - Will update everyone when ball is rolling
- Jung
 - Another theme from survey:
 - On-campus; call for a lot more place-making, COVID distance seating
 - Some colleges had more seating, would want to see more permanent seating
 - Will reach out to AVP Agni on this, any initiatives to work on
 - Also considering another survey for Winter Quarter
 - Spearheading that effort in the next upcoming weeks
- Saraf
 - New organization called International Students Association
 - Based on Instagram, recreate something like HONY, based on those lines
 - We pick out international students, show diversity of international students at UCSD
 - If any of you know a social media marketing student or anyone that could help out, please contact me!

Reports of AS Senators

- Bradt

- Organize some meetings, talking about grading policy and attendance policies
- Made some progress on a petition, had all college councils sign onto this
- Productive meeting on Sunday evening discussing things going forward with fall quarter accommodations

Reports of AS Offices

- FC Butler
 - Meeting with Fourth Floor Reimagining Committee
 - Goal to have a firm concept of what the space should be in theory and principle
 - Have some pitches by Winter Quarter
 - For voting system, clickers, we have a quote for that
 - Will be passed and put on agenda for Week 1
 - AVP of Enterprise and Services, running opportunity drawing for Lyft codes in addition to promoting Safe Rides
 - Promote that to all your friends
- Kreitman
 - Met with UCSD Sustainability Team
 - UCSD won some sustainability awards
 - Working to collaborate with groups on campus surrounding sustainability events: tribute nights, virtual events, etc.
 - Triton Dine
 - Monday of Finals Weed at 6 PM
 - 100 Gift Cards to give out
 - A lot of submissions for this event
 - Started work on AS on Demand, idea of website that student organizations can submit request for AS, have representative come talk to them
 - Drafting on how that will look like
 - Last thing: super news about next quarter
 - We are going to have 7th College senators!
- Giangtran
 - Triton 2 Go Reusable Program launched a few weeks ago, program gets rid of single use plastic containers
 - Program is free, as long as you turn in container, you won't be charged
 - P/NP
 - Students should have gotten email about P/NP, retroactive policy
 - Please caution students to be aware if major departments allow them to take it P/NP
 - Make sure to do research if class can be P/NP
 - Winter resolution about academic accommodations, endorsed by GPSA
 - Student Town Hall
 - Director of International Students and Programs
 - Update on guidelines of international students and being able to come back to the U.S.
 - Dept. of Homeland Security policies, according to Director, in place for Fall will be the same for Winter Quarter, don't know what it will look like for Spring
 - Students entering the US coming to UCSD for the first time will be required to enter one hybrid class to enter US
 - Trying to figure out what international students are coming and if there are enough classes
 - Muir Writing program email
 - That was an absolute mistake email
 - Lectures should not be only available synchronously
 - There are some classes available in person, should have some viable way to progress toward a degree

- If a class is only in person and a student can't be in SD, the departments have worked solutions including blanket waivers

Question Time

Reports of Standing Committees

- **F1 was discharged, move to enter EXECUTIVE SESSION**
 - *Note: The Senate may, by a majority vote, enter the executive session for only the reasons allowed by the Constitution or, by a majority vote, leave the executive session. During the executive session, no recording or minutes shall be taken of the meeting. After the Senate leaves the executive session, the Speaker shall report and have entered into the minutes any action taken by the Senate during the executive session.*
- **Item F1 is approved**
 - **23-0-3**

Reports of External Committees

- Pandya
 - From Admissions Committee
 - Systemwide admissions committee had a meeting
 - UC cannot use the SAT/ACT for admissions cycle
 - UC is looking at new admissions test, looking at Smarter Balance test, taken by CA high schoolers, creating a modified version for UC admissions, however not sure if this is possible
 - Also considering top 9% guarantee for UC admission, considering removing it or modifying
 - Creating accommodations for disabled students to improve retention
 - The UCSD received second-most number of applications
 - Applications have not declined
 - Discussions amongst UCSD admissions to support systemwide proposals to open application window by giving more time to ease tension of admissions officers and readers, would like more time to process admissions

Committee Question Time

Discussion Items

Unfinished Business

- 1 HR Committee Charter. Sponsored by Corliss Lam.
 - Lam
 - Move to approve the Global Human Rights and Freedom Committee Charter
 - Whole reason for this, there is no committee to address Human Rights issues that are affecting our students abroad
 - There should be a committee that deals with these issues; currently, I can name there are five places with human rights violations
 - There are students who are affected, especially in terms of schoolwork
 - Need to proactively talk to professors, etc.; it helps to have student representatives talk to professors on students' behalf
 - Tyler
 - Speaking on objection
 - Very hard to make this non-political; talking about these issues will be political
 - It will piss off certain students
 - Lam
 - Having these students be angered, that's really on them
 - Having students' family members dying and people being arrested

- Pandya
 - Question to Lam: incident between Armenian and Turkish students, we don't know what type of incidents we were going to get; these may be contentious matters
 - Only solutions will be passing non-binding resolutions; what are your hopes will be with this committee, what is your vision
- Lam
 - Not saying we should be taking a side
 - As for what we can accomplish, we could serve as student representatives, actually have someone from AS to speak with students in need
 - This committee will serve to have direct communication with these students
- Allen
 - Raised concerns of this committee dealing with political issues
 - Everything this body faces is political; we are a deliberative body
 - We should support this committee; it is important to have committees on these issues
 - Closer deliberation, easy touch point for students to discuss these issues
 - It gives you someone talk to easily; we should support this.
- Saraf
 - This committee is necessary, we can actually genuinely help international students who need help
 - Issues like time zones and financial conditions
 - Would be happy to sit on this committee
- Lonc
 - Concern I'd like to raise: structure within AS
 - New members of AS, trying to grasp bureaucratic structure
 - I would advise treading very carefully when talking to about creating new committees
 - Adds complexity to AS; this seems created on a temporary basis with human rights issues when they come
 - I don't think it's wise to implement a one-size-fits-all committee
 - Full support of the ideas thrown around and sentiments, but don't think this is the right way to approach this
- Bradt
 - As a select committee, it would have to be renewed if I'm correct
 - My views: seems to be limited in scope, only international issues not domestically
 - We had one issue that could be prescribed (i.e., Artsakh), don't think a full-time committee would be the most appropriate way
 - Issues like these can be resolved without this committee
- Jung
 - Issue not with the upholding of human rights
 - But the trouble is bringing in students; not sure if another committee would be a great way to do that
 - Is there a need for this committee? Is this the right way?
- Gharibian
 - I'm a bit torn on this issue
 - I see validity on both sides; after the resolution with Artsakh, not much came out of it
 - There's nothing substantial after the resolution
 - What I think this committee can do is to provide some backing and weight behind these issues
 - We never got statement from administration, it's going pretty downhill
 - I wish there was something that had weight, a whole organization to call attention to these issues
- Wei
 - We need tangible support rather than a statement by AS
 - If you go by frequency by meetings; human rights issues don't happen too often

- But by magnitude of significance of issues, I think that this committee is important for support for students
- Lam
 - Trying address everything
 - The only thing we are putting out is resolutions, it's quite insubstantial
 - With having this committee, it provides a start to help students so they can tell us what they need
 - We need to reach out to students
 - Committee will have to weight, sole job is to work on these issues and to work with admin
 - Shows administration that we care about these issues
- Butler
 - I move to call to question.
- The motion passes.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes: In favor of establishing the HR Committee

No: Against establishing the HR Committee

Abstain: No vote

Jung: Abstain

Lonc: Abstain

Allen: Yes

Tyler: No

Estus: Yes

Kulkarni: Yes

Zarucki: Yes

Reyes: Yes

Rollison: Abstain

Saraf: Yes

Gharibian: Yes

Pandya: Abstain

Levine:

Ying: Abstain

Francisco: Yes

McLaren: Yes

Wei: Yes

Bradt: Yes

Taneja: Yes

Thompson: Yes

Gabelman: Yes

Bugayong: Abstain

Shen:

Lam: Yes

Blackshire: Yes

Terzian:

Wood: Yes

Zekowski:

Giangtran: Abstain

Kreitman: Abstain

Saxena:

Butler: Abstain

The HR Committee receives a vote of 17-1-9 and therefore passes.

New Business

- Bradt
 - Move to approve L1
 - Attendance policies were not as lenient for Fall as last Spring
 - I understand that we're working on the grading and attendance stuff as well
 - I still believe we need this resolution
- Giangtran
 - Objection; I support the resolution but...
 - After Assembly meeting, I had a meeting + share updates
 - Revolving around this resolution regarding attendance policies
 - Recognize member of the public, AVP Hickman
- AVP Hickman
 - Relating to the first clause about attendance policies
 - This wasn't something that was a policy, we should update that language to more so to bring it to standards on what we can enforce but just call for
 - Instead of "policies", use "commitments"
 - Academic Senate won't enact policy that guarantees asynchronous education
 - Talking to the individual deans is something you can do as well as faculty
 - **Muir College writing program, message mistake**
 - Offering remote courses that don't require in person attendance
 - If someone does have in-person classes, attendance can be required
 - There are options for all in-person classes for a remote section or to take an alternate class that the department has cleared to be meet the same requirement
 - There are classes only available in person but there should be a viable path to meet degree requirements; there are waivers
 - All departments, no need to prove you are out of San Diego, they will approve that
- Allen
 - Is there some reason for departments making some classes in-person?
 - The pandemic has gotten worse now... given the situation has worsened... why are there policy changes?
- Hickman
 - This is a change that has resulted from the physical accommodations our campus has been able to make
 - Classes at 25% capacity
 - County made allowances for educational units to make classrooms at 25% capacity allowed
 - We've extended physical accommodations with tents outside
 - There are still clear and viable to not take any in person classes; only in person classes that would hinder progress to degree are labs, visual media, engineering classes, etc.
 - I agree that it isn't the best, the campus has made the best of what we have
- Giangtran
 - David is correct; on the educational continuity task force
 - In person classes are available through physical accommodations
 - About resolution, dissuading instructors from requiring in-person synchronous attendance
 - Question: are they just going to watch live streams or hope the professor posts a podcast?
 - There are asynchronous options even if in person classes are available
 - No one should not be able to make progress with degree
 - They are accommodating students who can't be in San Diego, should be able to work with their major departments
- Bradt
 - Petition would drafted by college senators
 - In the first resolved clause, I think the idea is the class should look like what it is now

- A lot of students may live out of SD or out of the country
- Overall, I understand the concerns that were brought up
- Giangtran
 - Not very accurate in this moment, not comfortable signing onto the petition
 - The language of making in-person classes elective only
 - Cleared confusion about required classes
 - Motion to strike that clause about the petition and keep everything else.
 - Motion is not passed.
- Bradt
 - Call to Question
 - Motion passes.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes: In Favor of Passing the Resolution

No: Against Passing the Resolution

Abstain: No Vote

Jung: Yes

Lonc: Abstain

Allen: Yes

Tyler: Abstain

Estus: Abstain

Kulkarni: Yes

Zarucki: Abstain

Reyes: Yes

Rollison: Yes

Saraf:

Gharibian: Yes

Pandya: Yes

Levine:

Ying: Yes

Francisco: Yes

McLaren: Yes

Wei: Yes

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Taneja: Yes

Thompson: Yes

Gabelman: Yes

Bugayong: Abstain

Shen:

Lam: Yes

Blackshire: Yes

Terzian:

Wood: Yes

Zekowski:

Giangtran: Abstain

Kreitman: Abstain

Saxena:

Butler: Abstain

18-0-8; Resolution (L1) passes.

Open Forum

- Pandya
 - Recognize Manu Agni as member of the public to speak

- Agni
 - Urban design challenge
 - Design competition that invited student teams to create design proposals
 - Trolley is going to open a year from now
 - Plan to build Triton Pavilion, project proposal was delayed
 - Congratulate Jung and his team for winning the competition

Roll Call

MEETING ADJOURNED at 9:02 P.M. PST.

Bills in Committee

Finance Committee

F1 Allocation of Confidential Amount from Unallocated Funds to New York Times Partnership. Sponsored by Kimberly Giangtran.

Legislative Committee

L1 Resolution Calling for Academic Senate and Departments to Change Attendance Policies and Make Accommodations Therein for Winter and Spring Quarter of the 2020-2021 Year.