

## AS SENATE MEETING MINUTES

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

**Date:** Wednesday, January 6, 2021

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

**Location:** via Zoom

#### **Meeting Minutes Outlined:**

- (1) Public Input
  - a. Member from CALPIRG
- (2) Senator Projects
  - a. Seminar for pre-med/health students about verbal communication
  - b. Loneliness seminar addressing mental health issues
- (3) Reports of AS Offices
  - a. Safe Rides
  - b. Business cards, Triton Dine, Campus Wide Senator hiring committee, Seventh College Senators
  - c. Possible \$500,000 to Basic Needs Hub
- (4) Question Time
  - a. Rising campus COVID-19 positivity rates
- (5) Reports of Standing Committees
  - a. Allocation of Confidential Amount from Mandate Reserves for 4th Floor Upgrades
  - b. Allocation of \$1,000 from General Unallocated to MLK Jr Day under Office of Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion.
- (6) Reports of External Committees
  - a. Meeting with Community Safety and Security Advisory Committee; UCPD and PERT
- (7) New Business
  - a. AS First Year Senator Instagram
  - b. Updates on events that occurred in Washington, D.C. today

#### Order of Business

**Meeting starts at 6:02 P.M. PST.**

#### **Roll Call**

#### **Public Input**

- Arturo
  - Fourth-year philosophy major at CALPIRG
  - Updates on campaigns
  - Hosting Clean Energy Summit in April 2021
  - Work with AS to make this summit happen
  - Activist summit will consist of speakers, career panel, political discussions, training sessions
  - Hoping to collaborate with AS and other student organizations
  - Happy to set up meetings with everyone

#### **Special Presentations**

#### **Reports of External News**

#### **Reports of Senator Projects**

- Shen
  - Working with Pandya, Ying, and McLaren
  - We were looking into a new seminar for pre-med and pre-health students to focus on verbal communication
  - We got it approved for the Spring Quarter, under Biology Department
  - Finalizing steps for the curriculum
- Wei
  - Working on a loneliness seminar, noticed mental health issues among students
  - Having social interactions isn't the same; working with Isaac Lara with this project

### Reports of AS Senators

#### Reports of AS Offices

- FC Butler
  - Application for AVP of Enterprises and Services open
  - Have Chief of Staff application for my office open
  - Safe Rides will be up shortly next week
- VP Kreitman
  - If you want any business cards, reach out to me and you will be included in small orders of business cards.
  - If you're graduating this year, reach out to me!
  - Triton Dine: we had 130 students signed up for the form for gift cards, 8 students came to the synchronous event
  - Campus Wide Senator hiring committee, fully going, looking through applications
  - Congratulations for the Seventh College Senators
- President Giangtran
  - VPCA office and other executive offices and other admin have decided that if we have enough undergrad students to get tested every week, \$50/person (~\$500,000) will be given to the Basic Needs Hubs for weekly testing compliance
  - Encourage students to not gather and to follow COVID protocol!
- Thompson
  - Question: On-campus events, are they allowed?
- John Weng
  - As far as in-person events like Triton Dine, we can't do anything like that.
- Director Belk
  - In-person programming is not able to happen until May 30, 2021
  - But... if you have some creative ideas, there is an interest in Spring Break programming
  - We are brainstorming bigger/cooler events, might be an opportunity if we can socially distance while having in-person events
  - Tiny room to collaborate with other departments on campus

#### Question Time

- Pandya
  - Campus positivity rates for COVID-19
  - Can we get an update on if UCSD is considering any more restrictions or any policy alterations due to uptick in cases?
- Giangtran
  - There hasn't been a committee to respond to the uptick in cases because it's Wednesday of Week 1 and we saw this rise last weekend
  - It's never been an approach of punishment
  - The \$500,000 potential donation to the Hub to encourage students to get tested in a more positive way through encouragement

- Few committees will be meeting this weekend and I will let you know any changes in rules and policies

### Reports of Standing Committees

- Butler
  - Item F2 was approved by Finance Committee
    - Decision of the Finance Committee stands.
  - Item F1 is discharged to Senate Floor
  - Move to enter **Executive Session**
- Advocate General Nina
  - **F1: Approved**

### Reports of External Committees

- Adrian
  - We had a meeting with CSSAC (community safety and security advisory committee)
  - Was able to talk to Chancellor about changes to the UCPD
  - There were establishing PERT – Psychological Emergency Response Team
  - This was modeled after the SD County, focus to deescalate mental health emergencies to redirect people to mental health services rather than hospitalization and incarceration
  - There will be PERT clinicians to train with UCPD, county will supervise training for clinicians, clinicians will be paired with an officers
  - Chancellor was open with this idea, wants VC of EDI to be involved with this

### Committee Question Time

### Discussion Items

### Unfinished Business

### New Business

- McLaren
  - Past week, created AS First Year Senator Instagram with Wei
  - Need to create a large following, please promote it and advertise it
- Giangtran
  - Meeting that happened today, response to the events that happened in DC today
  - College Deans have reached out to seven students in the DC area to check in with them
  - Graduate division will be pulling list of students in DC to see if they need any support
  - UCDC is on hiatus until Spring
  - EDI messaging currently being created, University Communications will help with this
  - Case managers will asked to reach out to students to provide resources

### Open Forum

### Roll Call

### Written Reports

**Meeting adjourned at 6:45 P.M. PST.**

Bills in Committee

**Finance Committee**

**F1** Allocation of Confidential Amount from Mandate Reserves for 4th Floor Upgrades. Sponsored by Nicholas Butler.

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**Legislative Committee**