

AS SENATE MEETING

THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SAN DIEGO

Date: Wednesday, February 17, 2021

Time: 6:00 P.M. PST

Location: via Zoom

Meeting Outline:

1. Senator Projects
 - a. First Year Podcast
 - b. Communication projects
2. Reports of AS Senators
 - a. Human Rights Committee, Myanmar
3. Reports of AS Offices
 - a. CARES Act funding Round 2, HEERF 2
 - b. Commencement
 - c. Online classes for the UC
 - d. Deal on immediate COVID relief and restoration of the UC budget
 - e. Meeting with UCPD, hiring people for vacant spots, filing to be a candidate for AS elections
 - f. Student organizations and programming funding, apply for Financial Controller
4. Reports of External Committees
 - a. CSSAC meeting

Order of Business

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

Roll Call

Public Input

Special Presentations

~~1 Special Presentation by Shaun Travers regarding UCOP Gender Recognition. Sponsored by Kimberly Giangtran. (tabled)~~

Reports of External News

Reports of Senator Projects

1. McLaren
 - a. Podcast updates
 - b. Officially up on Anchor on Spotify
 - c. Searching up FYI UCSD, it'll come up
 - d. Intro episode is up
 - e. Working with PR, gathering panelists for podcasts
2. Jung
 - a. Go over some things discussed with ASPR and other people
 - b. Main topic of communication
 - c. Workshop for senator and AVP offices, getting advice and feedback to better manage social media accounts
 - d. Possibility of using Teams as a quicker method to communicate with the Graphics studio and ITS

Reports of AS Senators

1. Lam
 - a. Last quarter or so, started Human Rights Committee
 - b. Recent events in Myanmar, trying to help students connect to the Myanmar events and seeing what they need
 - c. Right now, Myanmar Student Association is meeting with the Vice Chancellor
 - d. Just waiting to see how to facilitate that after they meet

Reports of AS Offices

1. Giangtran

- a. CARES Act Round 2 is called the Higher Education Emergency Relief Funding; HEERF 2: Second round of CARES act funding last year
- b. UCSD is receiving 52 million dollars in total
- c. 17.4M must be directly awarded to students in the form of financial aid
- d. Proposal that our campus has put together regarding the financial aid
- e. Won't share details about it yet because none of it is official, still pending approval from UCOP
- f. Will send the UCOP, waiting for approval, then UCSD can send out the money
- g. Proposal still in flux, no guarantees there
- h. Anticipate it being available for students within the next week or so
- i. Will be meeting with VC and Financial Aid Director, will cover issues such as lack of communication from campus to student body about CARES act funding and distribution
- j. Few grants given through the Basic Needs Hub that were based on special circumstances, talks about this again about the equity around first come first serve grants
- k. Funds have been received today, waiting for the approval to send them out
- l. In person commencement: there has been a decrease in likelihood of it happening, there's a still possibility in June, it was dependent on the Johnson and Johnson vaccine, hope that was that it would alleviate the current demand in supply, however, it's not looking well, hope was that every student who would come to the in person commencement would have received the vaccine by then
- m. Still a possibility, Chancellor has said that he will notify students around the end of March or early April if there will be an in person commencement to arrange travel
- n. Dependent on students if they get their first dose of vaccine by May 10th
- o. Even if it's in-person, students are not required to attend, it's optional, there will be no doubt a virtual option available
- p. Meeting with student regent and their designate: discussed concerns throughout the year; tuition hikes thought not going to happen this coming year in 2021-2022'; however, there is a likelihood of UC Regents having discussion about of the cohort tuition based model in the May meeting
- q. Not voting on it, coming up as a proposal of the model and discussion is when they are trying to make their mind and make a decision, this Regent is going to be important
- r. I asked whether this could be implemented soon, this could be implemented as early as July, all depends on if they bring it to a vote, could happen any time, it could happen July 2021
- s. Cohort is something that can't really be stopped, not a one-time thing; very unfortunate
- t. Also discussed the UC system is under pressure from the state to be partly online; called R courses, fully online classes; what I heard from them is that the state is interested in producing more UC degrees and more graduates as possible in CA; limited physical space in campuses, they're pushing for the UC campus to be partly online and create more online classes
- u. Bump Student Regent application!

2. Paskowitz
 - a. Legislative Leadership at the governor's office announced that they have reached a deal on immediate COVID relief, including the full restoration of the UC budget
 - b. Also investment in emergency financial relief and CalFresh
 - c. DoubleThePell week of action, events everyday
 - d. Taking meetings with California delegation in Congress (i.e., Jacobs, Levin, Peters, Issa), lobbying for DoubleThePell and COVID relief priorities
 - e. If you or someone you know is a Pell Grant recipient, they are collecting testimonials!
 - f. Local Affairs, second podcast
 - g. Labor Affairs talked to a HDH Student manager about how labor affairs can reach out to staff on work related affairs
 - h. Racial Justice: event today with Garza, Double the Pell panel
3. Kreitman
 - a. Update on hiring
 - i. Transfer senator, will be made next week
 - ii. VP External application closed, public interview for this
 - iii. Application for Financial Controller, closes on Monday
 - b. Both constitutional amendments were ratified by College Councils
 - i. Now 18 electable positions in AS, make sure you're advertising
 - ii. Opportunity to file to be a candidate is AS elections is open and closes next week
 - c. Meeting with UCPD at the end of this week
 - i. We recently got other birds eye view of their budget
 - ii. Hoping to get more details on their spending
4. FC Butler
 - a. Finalized meeting with Sharon Von Proven next week
 - b. Student Organization stuff is going well, a lot of people reaching out to get more programming funds and create more programming
 - c. Tell friends for FC

Question Time

1. Pandya
 - a. Question for Lam: Human Rights Committee has some interaction with Myanmar Student Association, wondering what that nature of that contact has been, frequency of contact, what have you been able to discuss; which VC are they meeting with; what tangibles are they looking for?
2. Lam
 - a. *[no answer]*

Reports of Standing Committees

1. FC Butler
 - a. Item F1 was approved
 - b. Decision of the committee stands.

Reports of External Committees

1. Blackshire
 - a. Meeting with CSSAC soon
 - b. Meeting with a few of the members to discuss the disappointment we are feeling with CSSAC
 - c. Haven't been taking consideration of public input and whole situation with UCPD
 - d. Hopefully I'll be having meetings discussing that

Committee Question Time

Discussion Items

Unfinished Business

New Business

Open Forum

1. Tristan Tjan
 - a. Make sure Siri does not join our meetings ☺; Hoping that we'll have a new attendance form for submission; Instead of getting emails, this will just be a form that we can fill out and hopefully put on the AS website; I'm hoping to have that done next week

Roll Call

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:34 P.M. PST

Bills in Committee

Finance Committee

F1 Allocation of \$3120.00 from Unallocated Funds to Office of the President for ASL Interpretation at Senate Meetings. Sponsored by Kimberly Giangtran.

Legislative Committee