

## MEETING MINUTES

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

The Wednesday, May 13, 2020 meeting was held at 6:02 PM via Zoom.

#### Roll Call

#### Public Input

#### Special Presentation

- **Special Presentation** by Pearl Trinidad regarding UCPath Transition. A payroll system for all UC employees starting June 1, 2020.

**Senator Hickman moved to extend time by five minutes.**

**Seconded.**

- **President Grudin:** What is the communication rollout plan?
- **Pearl Trinidad:** We are working with Career Services and sending communication directly to a channel for students. There is an all campus notice as well.
- **President Grudin:** In case a student doesn't get paid, what is the timeline for when they notice and report to when they receive the funding.
- **Pearl Trinidad:** Depends on the error. Direct deposit requires a 48 hour approval period from HDH. Checks can be given on the same day.
- **President Grudin:** Are those available to international and undocumented students as well?
- **Pearl Trinidad:** As long as they are employees they will get their paycheck.

#### Reports of External News

- **VP External Affairs Williams:** There is a Regents meeting next week and they will be voting on several items. They will be voting on the 2021 budget and entrance exams for universities.
- **Senator Hickman:** All of the CSUs have canceled classes for fall.
- **President Grudin:** Regarding the Title 9 changes, I will send an email soon because they campus is looking for representatives.

#### Reports of Senator Projects

- **Senator Pandya:** I have posted the results. I will have another survey out soon.
- **Senator Manlutac:** We discussed orders for stools in time for the virtual commencement. I am planning on creating a Google Docs notebook for the transition documents.
- **Senator Lonc:** I got a design back for the pamphlet for incoming students. I am just waiting for them to get printed out.
- **Senator Lee:** Regarding Wellness Kits there will be 350 on-campus to 150 off-campus. They include facemasks and stress balls. I hope this continues on after the pandemic as well.

### Reports of AS Senators

- **Senator Huang:** I attended the admissions committee meeting today. There is a proposal to replace SAT and ACT with a Regents test. It is a five year plan where the first four years are without it and the fifth year with the replaced test.

### Reports of AS Offices

- **VP Campus Affairs Reynoso:** My office is putting together an AS feedback survey. We are also contacting all of the student orgs on campus for resources or support they need.
- **President Grudin:** There were discussions on summer session and grading options for summer. Some faculty are saying students have had a quarter to adjust so they don't see the need for P/NP for the summer. There is a student survey circulating regarding summer session. We are working on advocacy for campus-wide P/NP default so students can select letter grades as an option so all departments are on the same page. UC Berkeley has done that this semester. On CARES Act funding, it has been distributed throughout the past week. 17.4 million to undergrad financial aid. Some were directly put into student accounts without them selecting anything based on their expected family contribution. Upcoming meeting with Privacy and Information workgroup. On student fees, we have been working on it.

### Question Time

- **Senator Giangtran asking President Grudin:** It is frustrating to ask for an uniform response from admin about the CARES Act and nothing has happened. The funds are almost gone and a lot of students haven't even heard about it and couldn't apply. If we can't directly refund AS student fees back students we should at least help.
- **Senator Bradt asking President Grudin:** On returning student fees, will this be duplicated for summer and fall?

- **President Grudin:** We are working on AS fees right now, but the rest of campus fees are outside of student government. There is a lawsuit system wide going on wanting fees back so they have halted considering refunding. AS fees don't charge during the summer.
- **Senator Lonc asking Senator Huang:** What is the rationale to drop the ACT and SAT and spend time and money to develop a new one?
- **Senator Huang:** They have always wanted to change the tests. The earliest they have decided they can replace it is nine years, but they decided to rush it to five. They want more students to be able to get into UCs and public schools in California. New York came up with their own test to replace SAT and ACT.
- **Senator Pandya asking President Grudin:** For students with an EFC under the amount, can you repeat that part?
- **President Grudin:** I think somewhere around 1000-2000 to 0 are in one category so 13,000 students automatically received CARES grants.
- **President Grudin asking Senator Huang:** What is the purpose of the blind tests? What would the Regents test look like and how would it be administered by those not in California?
- **Senator Huang:** They had no answers for that yet. The purpose is to get used to not having to look at standardized tests. Getting rid of the SAT and ACT has been a conversation for a long time now, but they are using the pandemic as an opportunity to rush this.
- **Senator Cheng asking President Grudin:** Regarding the summer P/NP, how does that impact students switching to capped majors? Is there a general agreement for all departments? On the CARES Act, there hasn't been any info on how funds are distributed and the different amounts?
- **President Grudin:** That is a concern because it does mess with requirements for capped majors. It is not fair for students to have to take a letter grade just to switch. Academic Senator is tricky because it is made up of faculty members. On the CARES Act, I have limited knowledge on the time and amount.
- **Senator Huang:** International students have ordered plane tickets days after HDH deadline for moving out. Will there be accommodations for them?
- **President Grudin:** HDH is working to be accommodating. I recommend reaching out to the Housing Department. There are extensions for graduate students and summer housing for any student.
- **Senator Lam asking Senator Huang:** On the replacement test, what exactly are they changing and how is it different from the SAT. Would this negatively affect students who can't access this test?
- **Senator Huang:** I don't have answers to those, but I will bring those questions up in the next meeting.

- **President Grudin asking VP External Affairs Williams:** Can you give a report after the Regents meeting on standardized testing?
- **VP External Affairs Williams:** Yes ma'am I will do that.

### **Reports of Standing Committees**

- **FC Christensen on Finance Committee:** F1 discharged to senate.

No objections so the decision of the committee stands.

- **FC Christensen:** F2 discharged to senate.

No objections so the decision of the committee stands.

**Senator Huang moved to approve item F1.**

**Senator Hickman seconded.**

**FC Christensen objected.**

- **FC Christensen:** Turbo Vote is what we use for voter registration. This is an allocation of \$9500 from mandate reserves to Turbo Vote for two years. This requires a hand vote.
- **Senator Giangtran:** What would this do now that California is a vote by mail state?
- **FC Christensen:** It also works online. UCSD also has out-of-state students as well so it helps register them.
- **Senator Pandya:** Is the two years nonnegotiable? Because there would only be one general election soon.
- **FC Christensen:** There was an option for one year, but you save \$500 for the two year deal. I think civic duty is important regardless of big elections going on or not.
- **Senator Cheng:** On the 20% of campus is international and they don't get to vote. How do you justify using the mandate reserves considering they contribute to it.
- **FC Christensen:** That is unfortunate, but AS money is used to support campus goals as we see fit. The greater good of the goal is necessary.
- **President Grudin:** The goal is to promote civic engagement as a whole, which international students can participate in.

**Hand vote on F1. 23-3-2 motion passes.**

**Senator Pandya moved for a recount.**

**Hand vote on F1. 23-0-3 motion passes.**

**Moved to approve F2.**

**Seconded.**

No objections so motion passes.

- **VP Campus Affairs Reynoso on Legislative Committee:** Items L1-L11 approved because they are all appointments.
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No objections so the decision of the committee stands.

### **Reports of External Committees**

- **President Grudin:** There has been modeling on COVID-19. Class registration is on track to be up between now in the next two weeks. There will be a new classroom on WebReg that is called remote so you will know whether your class is remote or not.

### **Committee Question Time**

- **Senator Lam:** On hybrid learning, there might be a second wave in the winter. Will there be a 14 day quarantine for those coming from different countries? Will the UCs considering to do what the CSUs are doing?
- **President Grudin:** They are working on legally what we can require and not required for students. There will be strong social distancing places in the fall. It is not modeling on a campus that can't get COVID, but on how we can catch outbreaks fast. The virus is not foreseen to be gone in October so they are focused on safety. I don't think they will opt to close because there will be significant revenue loss. HDH already lost 40 million this quarter.
- **Senator Thompson:** Can you elaborate on how to ensure students will get tested frequently enough?
- **President Grudin:** Return to Learn is an optional decision for students.
- **Senator Giangtran:** On hybrid learning, how would it work with students choosing whether they come back to campus or university telling which students to come back?
- **President Grudin:** They are assuming that anyone with a contract with HDH will come back.
- **Senator Lam:** What type of testing is UCSD doing? Is it the nasal? So not all classes are offered online?
- **President Grudin:** I don't have info on that, but I will ask.

### **Open Forum**

- **FC Christensen:** With CSUs going online, there's a lot of people saying they will be doing a gap year or just community college for their first year. We should be prepared for having less students.

- **VP Campus Affairs Reynoso:** Standing Rules committee was today. What does senate think about their own section on pay reductions? We are discussing an accountability report by the end of fall. It will be senators keeping senators in check.

**VP Campus Affairs Reynoso moved to enter moderated caucus for seven minutes.  
Seconded.**

- **Senator Manlutac:** I like the idea of having the reports for each quarter. It does address the issue of checks and balances.
- **Senator Pandya:** I also liked the idea of internal senate accountability and doing it quarterly with one person in senate overseeing that.
- **Senator Lonc:** Caution on how we frame these performance reviews. It would be fair and logical to have an anonymous system whether or not a rule was broken and then have a discussion rather than having individual people condemning a senator and impeach.
- **FC Christensen:** I agree with Ben. It's uncomfortable to call out your peers like that. Caution on having everything internal with just senators. That isn't as transparent because that isn't checks and balances.
- **Senator Huang:** I like the idea of senate leadership checking on other senators. This independence is important for the beginning of checks and balances.
- **FC Christensen:** Legislative independence is not the same thing as an effective way for pay reductions.

**End of moderated caucus**

- **President Grudin:** Elections start Monday. Get people to vote!

**Final Roll Call**

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.