

## MEETING MINUTES

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

The Wednesday, May 20, 2020 meeting was held at 6:02 PM via Zoom.

#### Roll Call

#### Special Presentations

- **Special Presentation by** Angela Scioscia regarding Return to Learn and Student Health and Safety Considerations for Fall 2020. Currently being tested by swabbing the nose and hope to move to saliva testing.
- **Senator Lam:** Will there be a mandatory 14 day quarantine for those coming back? How will we ensure those coming back don't carry the virus?
- **Presenter:** We are not doing the nasal testing done by the hospital. This is less comfortable. By fall, we will be able to do the saliva testing. For those coming back, we will ask them to be more careful during the first 14 days.

**Senator Giangtran moved to extend time by fifteen minutes.**

**Seconded.**

- **VP Campus Affairs Reynoso:** Many students are planning to go back to campus, but there are concerns testing alone isn't enough to prevent spreading. Is there anything else we can tell our students to ensure their safety? Also some students don't have smartphone technology.
- **Presenter:** Return to Learn does require a smartphone for the current students on campus. This technology would require a smartphone to identify. We are keeping classes below 40 or 50 students.
- **Senator Giangtran:** Are we producing tests in-house? Are tests optional or mandatory? Will they be able to enroll in classes if they don't take the test? What happens if they test positive?
- **Presenter:** We created a safe isolation space in the graduate student area. They get their meals delivered to them. We find out who the student has been in contact with recently, but we do it without giving out their identity. Those in isolation get a phone call everyday from Student Health.
- **Senator Pandya:** Are we deploying contact tracing?
- **Presenter:** We are ready for the contact tracing.

**FC Christensen moved to extend by fifteen minutes.**

**Seconded.**

- **Senator Bradt:** On WebReg there are more larger class sizes than 50, is that a mistake?
- **Presenter:** Classes that are larger may be taught in sections. For professors and TAs, there is a process of asking whether they are willing to come back or not. No one is being forced to come back.
- **Senator Lonc:** Some students will be taking classes entirely online so there will be less students on campus. How does that affect the modeling for fall 2020?
- **Presenter:** The model can be scaled based on how much interaction one has. It can be adjusted according to the density of people.
- **Senator Lee:** Is there a possibility that we will return to being completely online if the pandemic gets worse? Will we ask students to leave again?
- **Presenter:** We have to be realistic. We are not a closed campus. We would revert to delivering instruction the way we are now.

### **FC Christensen moved to extend by ten minutes.**

#### **Seconded.**

- **FC Christensen:** A lot of responses are reactionary. What is the purpose in us rushing back to campus this fall?
- **Presenter:** We have no way of knowing when things will get better. We want to bring back the environment of education with interaction.
- **Senator Gabelman:** Is there a certain location, website, or graphic where all this information and research can be available to all students?
- **Presenter:** We are putting together a formal publication, but we can also put together some graphics. The model itself is in constant development to add and improve it.
- **Senator Taneja:** How are other public spaces going to be impacted like the library and dining halls?
- **Presenter:** That modeling is coming this week.
- **Senator Terzian:** How will prevent it in classrooms?
- **Presenter:** There is emphasis on hand sanitizer, masks, and spacing. If you all would like to do this again in two months or whenever, we will be glad to come back.

### **Reports of External News**

- **Senator Hickman:** 220 deaths in San Diego due to virus.
- **President Grudin:** UC Davis' student government is working on a statement to oppose UC Regent's decision on cutting funding for undocumented students.
- **VP External Affairs Williams:** Please sign onto the letter. \$500,000 decrease.

### **Reports of Senator Projects**

- **Senator Pandya:** On the senate leadership position, we concluded that changes should be piloted first in the senate and gradually rolled out.

### Reports of AS Senators

- **Senator Manlutac:** To receive graduation cord, have to fill out a form by May 27.
- **Senator Huang:** Updates the admissions committee regarding test to replace SAT and ACT. The proposal is most likely going to pass tomorrow so there will be a five year program to replace it. There is a non profit org that will come up with the test. UC Office of the President proposed this because there was a task force that researched how to eliminate the negative sides of the SAT. They found there is no real way to improve standardized testing. It is more on how we use the tests to admit students. It is more of a political move than a move to help disadvantaged students get into UCs. We also discussed the capped enrollment system and whether to continue this system.
- **Senator Lam:** Have they discussed how this can be potentially worse than the SAT and what evidence that it will be more beneficial?
- **Senator Huang:** This was not consulted. I am still trying to get the research, but it concluded that replacing the SAT/ACT is not a good idea.

### Reports of AS Offices

- **VP Campus Affairs Reynoso:** There is an AS end of the year survey for the entire student body. How to improve and how they heard of AS. The first 300 responders get a \$10 gift card. Please let your committees know you are terming out.
- **FC Christensen:** On funding, I will record a video step by step and post the link to AS. It can be passed onto the next group of senators.
- **President Grudin:** On Title 9, Office of OPHD is preparing for it to roll out in mid August. Even if there is a lawsuit, it is better that they are prepared.

### Question Time

- **Senator Pandya asking Senator Huang:** How would the UC exam remove disparities? How would it be administered, especially for international students? How will it be funded?
- **Senator Huang:** I don't have answers to these right now.
- **FC Christensen asking Senator Huang:** What was the concern about having the exam?
- **Senator Huang:** Some concerns are there was research done to show replacing SAT/ACT would not remove disparities and the UC Office still put it forward. They are also rushing the process.
- **President Grudin asking Senator Huang:** Was there discussion on the lawsuit on SAT/ACT being used by the UC system?
- **Senator Huang:** We briefly discussed it.

- **Senator Lam asking Senator Huang:** How much would this cost to implement? Why are we doing this now during the pandemic?
- **Senator Huang:** It is political to manipulate the pandemic to put this forward. It is already optional for the upcoming year.
- **VP External Affairs Williams asking Senator Huang:** The proposal says there will either be a modified test or getting rid of the tests altogether.
- **Senator Huang:** The Board of Regents said they will be replacing the test.
- **FC Christensen asking Senator Huang:** How was it decided that it is insufficient?
- **Senator Huang:** On the wealth gap, replacing it with a different test will not change these problems.

### Reports of Standing Committees

- **FC Christensen on the Finance Committee:** F1 approved. F2 and F3 discharged to senate.

### FC Christensen moved to open a fifteen minute moderated caucus.

#### Seconded.

- **Senator Cheng:** Are we allocating more money to undocumented students than US born students with low income? What is the population of undocumented students currently? Undocumented and international is the same amount, but there is a large difference in population for the two groups. Who determines the allocation for the funds for the emergency relief grant?
- **President Grudin:** Undocumented Student Sevies requested these funds because undocumented students support is less than US born from the universeity dollars. The numbers do work out because there are around 400 undocumented students on campus and they can get up to \$500 each. On international students, I reached out to their office and she specifically asked that emergency travel funds be included. On who is eligible, we are working with different offices to determine.

### VP Reynoso moved to extend by ten minutes.

#### Seconded.

- **Senator Lam:** Anyone who applies for the grant, will they get it? How can we find out which international students are eligible?
- **President Grudin:** I will ask the International Student Program office.
- **Senator Giangtran:** We should be better at promoting the emergency relief grants.
- **Senator Cheng:** How was the \$1 million determined and how was it divided? What if one category runs out and are the relief funds first come first serve? Can you apply to multiple grants and funds?

- **FC Christensen:** That amount was just how much available money from all the AS offices that can be removed and reallocated to this initiative.

**VP Reynoso moved to extend by ten minutes.**

**Seconded.**

- **Senator Pandya:** On mental health funding, it is to hire a new staff member?
- **President Grudin:** Seed funding.
- **Senator Cheng:** What if one category runs out? Could students apply to multiple? How are out of state students supported?
- **President Grudin:** Undocumented funds will run out because our goal is to allocate it all to those students. I am working with Basic Needs, who is working with the state of UCOP, to get more funds into this. The 1 million is from fees that current students paid so we would want to give back to current students as a priority over future students. On the different relief grants, there are already financial aid barriers in place to prevent double dipping for international and emergency relief. Undocumented can apply for emergency relief. Out of state students can apply to COVID-19 grants and same aid as California residents can.

**Moved to extend time by ten minutes.**

**Seconded.**

- **President Grudin:** Undocumented students are waiting on DACA so it is very possible they will be losing a lot of support from the federal government.
- **VP Campus Affairs Reynoso:** We can decide to create programs and initiatives to assist students. We were trying to identify resources that were most in need.
- **Senator Lam:** This is needed because the cost of attendance is high for international.
- **Senator Cheng:** Concerning long term, how will that work?
- **President Grudin:** On long term, you're right, it shouldn't be coming out of AS. We have this money and it's supposed to serve students right now, not roll over.
- **VP External Affairs Williams:** These funds are available so we are trying to alleviate some stress that different populations face.

**Senator Giangtran moved to extend time by three minutes.**

**Seconded.**

**Moved to close speaker's list with additions.**

**Seconded.**

- **VP External Affairs Williams:** This shows others that if we can find 250K to support undocumented students, then they can also find ways to support.

**Close moderated caucus.**

**Senator Hickam moved to approve item F2.**

**Senator Huang seconded.**

**FC Christensen moved to approve F3.**

**Senator Huang seconded.**

- **VP Campus Affairs Reynoso:** L2 approved. L1 discharged to senate.

**Senator Pandya moved to approve L1.**

**Seconded.**

**Motion passes.**

#### **Reports of External Committees**

- **President Grudin:** Education Continuity task force, we talked about the fall class drop.

**President Grudin moved to enter a five minute moderated caucus.**

**Seconded.**

- **Senator Giangtran:** Does in person classes mean you have to be there or it is optional that you can be there?

#### **Open Forum**

- **Senator Manlutac:** Spread the word to Psychology majors that they need to fill out a form to get a cord.
- **VP External Affairs Williams:** All UC campuses will be open in some form this fall. They will be implementing hybrid mode.

#### **Final Roll Call**

**Meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.**