

MEETING MINUTES
ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SAN DIEGO

The Wednesday, February 13, 2019 meeting of the Associated Students Senate was held at 6:02 PM in the Price Center East Forum, Speaker Nikhil Pothuru presiding and Clerk Christian Walker was present.

The roll was called.

The following members were present: Daron Woods, Nathan Park, Kenji Asakura, Emma Potter, Jasraj Johl, David Hickman, Ethan Christensen, Joseph Giltner, Elvin Topalov, Lin Let Hai Thi, Amor Goetz, Shirley Zhang, Annika Manlutac, Kimberley Giangtran, Arthur Porter, Noah Palafox, Spencer Lee, Nicholas Butler, Eni Ikuku, Eric Ron, Eleanor Grudin, Nikhil Pothuru, Menlina Reynoso, Myra Haider.

Public input was provided by a member of the Calprig Chapter of UCSD, regarding the environment, the cost for college, protecting the ocean, clean electricity, and a push for clean energy. They are talking to legislators environmental groups and want to increase student involvement in the organization and get students to opt in to placing \$10 fee.

Reports of Members:

- **VP Campus Affairs Woods:** Review email from advocate general email and the AS Absence spreadsheet. Documentation will be required to prove an excused absence. Weekly reports were sent over listserv on what we will be sharing with the public. Submit reports for things that might be missing. Graphics will have business cards here by late Monday. Fill out and share the AS Internet survey, regarding the tech fee proposal by Campus IT services. Fill out and share the ASCE sungod pre-survey with constituents. Fill out and share the EDI survey that AVP Brawley posted.
- **Senator Asakura:** Went to Wellness Cluster Student Advisory Board. Brought comments about funding to bring more advisors for students. Student health services doesn't have enough money, but has a funding model. They need referendum or another form of charging students for money and more information will be reported regarding this later in the week.
- **Senator Pothuru:** Went to weekly UCAB meeting and they are still talking about a lease for Blue Pepper. Will report back to AS.
- **Senator Grudin:** AS Merch survey closed and submitted to Triton outfitters. Backlogged a lot of things. In the process, order has been made and is in manufacturing process. Information about funding will be coming soon.
- **Senator Giltner:** Worked with transfer work group and discussed conversation with Chris Andersen, Director of Res Life at the Village regarding housing of transfer students. The biggest issue faced by transfer students is imposter syndrome. Looking at the survey, 74% don't want to get involved, are here strictly for academics and want to get in and out. Village is moving away from being a housing area strictly for transfers. Looked at major preparation for transfer students and reducing the time it takes UCSD transfer students to graduate. There is a focus on

helping transfers build meaningful relationships and connect to their college or registration. They are looking at solving challenges of the residential experience and whether they should challenge the status quo.

Senator Reports:

- **Senator Pothuru:** ASTalks is going to be on March 5. Six speakers will be speaking about what they want to talk about, but it will intersect with the theme of “the future starts now”. Also bringing people together to speak about their goals and plans for the rest of the year regarding food security, resource market, hub, triton pantry, food recovery market, edible garden. This event will be on March 1 and they are expecting 200-300 people.
- **Senator Reynoso:** Academic Major and Minor Fair is coming up next Tuesday. Share event on Facebook. Event will be on library walk or in PC Ballroom if it rains. Also holding art submission with provost of TMC and worked hard to get student input and student art on campus. Academic senators should fill time gaps and at least sit there to make sure nothing goes wrong.
- **Senator Porter:** Met with Mary AVP Student and Athletics, finalized date and time for event, April 15, Monday, 10-1, starting at noon, one hour yoga flow, may or may not do reserve, will be first-come first-serve. Bringing in fitness places, on and off campus, including UCSD recreation, highlight different services, different classes you can take.
- **Senator Asakura:** Senator Office Hour’s link is on Facebook. Sign up and let me know if you have a problem accessing it. It could be as little as 30 minutes for Senators.
- **Senator Asharov:** Agents of change is next week, in Warren college room, from 5:45pm-8pm. We will address underrepresented student issues, academically, professionally, socially.

Question time:

- **Senator Reynoso asked Financial Controller Park:** When will pictures be on website?
 - **Financial Controller Park:** I talked to Carlos. They got the pictures, but they are in the wrong dimensions.
- **Senator Grudin asked Senator Porter:** What is the location of your event?
 - **Senator Porter:** The location is on library walk. There will be a fair at the beginning and then we will migrate to grassy area.

Reports of Committees:

Member of Finance Committee, Senator Grudin, reported on behalf of Finance Committee that the following item was approved: Allocation of \$825.00 from Programming Funds to Tritons Winter Show.

With no objections, the item stands approved.

Member of Finance Committee, Senator Grudin, reported on behalf of Finance Committee that the following item was tabled indefinitely: Allocation of \$309.84 from Programming Funds to Pakistani Student Association Open Practice

With no objections, the item stands tabled indefinitely.

Member of Finance Committee, Senator Grudin, reported on behalf of Finance Committee that the following item was approved: Allocation of \$381.23 from Programming Funds to Health Care Frontiers Research Mixer.

- **Senator Butler:** I thought Line Item F3 was tabled indefinitely?
 - **Senator Grudin:** They forgot to attach a price quote, but it was attached in appeal and then approved in committee.

With no objections, the item stands approved.

Member of Finance Committee, Senator Grudin, reported on behalf of Finance Committee that the following item was amended and tabled indefinitely: Allocation of \$1,695.00 from Programming Funds to Mock Trial @ UCSD UCLA at Santa Monica Courthouse.

With no objections, the item stands amended and tabled indefinitely.

VP Campus Affairs Woods reported on behalf of Legislative Committee that the following items were tabled indefinitely: Merger and Certification of the A.S. Office of Enterprises and Services Act 2019; L2 The Uniform Process of Impeachment Act 2019; Creating More Accessibility To A.S. Act 2019.

With no objections, the items stand tabled indefinitely.

VP Campus Affairs Woods reported on behalf of Legislative Committee that the following item was approved: Appointment of Xiaoxuan “Annie” Jia as AS Senior Project Manager for Triton Television, effective immediately until appointment of successor.

With no objections, the item stands approved.

VP Campus Affairs Woods reported on behalf of Legislative Committee that the following item was approved with a friendly amendment, which would erase section with duplicate language: Dissolving of Redundant Position Act 2019.

With no objections, the item stands approved, with a friendly amendment which would erase section with duplicate language.

VP Campus Affairs Woods reported on behalf of Legislative Committee that the following item was tabled indefinitely: Accessibility Compromise.

With no objections, the item stands tabled indefinitely.

Special Orders:

Senator Giltner moved to table a special presentation regarding Accessibility and Accountability of A.S until next week.

With no objections, the special presentation regarding Accessibility and Accountability of A.S was tabled until next week.

Unfinished Business:

Senator Reynoso moved to table the following items indefinitely: Academic Senators Bill - Standing Rules Amendment, Academic Senators Bill - AS Constitution Amendment.

Senator Asakura objected.

Senator Reynoso spoke on her motion: I'm not comfortable with the changes being proposed in legislative, so I am moving to table indefinitely.

Senator Asakura spoke on his objection: I just wanted to bring it to discussion. If no one else wants to speak about it, I will remove objection.

Senate moved to a roll call vote on the motion to table the Academic Senators Bill - Standing Rules Amendment and the Academic Senators Bill - AS Constitution Amendment indefinitely.

With a vote of 20-0-4 the item was tabled indefinitely.

Senator Butler moved to enter moderated caucus for 20 minutes for tech fee referendum.

With no objections, Senate moved into a moderated caucus for 20 minutes for the tech fee referendum.

The following members spoke during moderated caucus:

- **Senator Butler:** We need to approve the referendum by March 2nd. GSA is having a meeting about it next week. There is a possibility that fees could increase. We are looking for issues in language.
- **Senator Reynoso:** If we pass it but GSA doesn't pass it, can you clarify what would happen?
 - **Senator Butler:** Depending on what GSA returns with, we can do a language with us and GSA, or do one where fees would reflect GSA not approving the document and including a provision. GSA would go back and bring referendum to floor and pass it. If they get on board fees would go back to amount listed currently.

- **Senator Christensen:** The fee could use more fleshing out (expansion technologies and an explanation of what it's being used for. We could make it clearer to students, by including it in the language of the referendum.
- **Senator Asharov:** Do we know why GSA asked students to approve it?
 - **Senator Butler:** A lot of them are humanity majors and don't use the same technology, so they don't have the specialization. GSA is oriented to the department.
- **Senator Reynoso:** You want us to bring it to our College Councils and break it apart in terms of language? What do you want to focus on?
 - **Senator Butler:** I want to know the thoughts on undergrads carrying it by themselves. Secondly, I want to know how they feel about it, whether they think we should bring it on the ballot and get opinions on language on the ballot in general. Get back to me as soon as possible, ideally before Monday.
 - **Director of AS Belk:** On the question of taking it to college council's, the question on the language is whether anything is a deal breaker. The purpose is to help students understand what they are paying for, it is mirrored on past language and needs to path through normal channels.
- **Senator Hickman:** Do you have any idea how much it will go up. Will it change all of them?
 - **Senator Butler:** It's 80% undergrad, 20% grad, and increases by population. 20% of 30,000 broken up between remaining 8%.
- **Senator Johl:** What do the positions mean and what will the student fee will provide? Improving wireless services in Geisel seems like it's excluding residential areas. We should do a clerical change so it doesn't sound like it's only those areas.
 - **Senator Butler:** When you do your FAFSA and the school gets back to you on your money, it's kind of included in financial aid package?
- **Senator Porter:** We raised a lot of issues about accountability and dodged the question. Say the referendum does pass and students unhappy with treatment of fee. Is there a retroactive way to amend the referendum? Say it passes, students are dissatisfied. Is there a way students can rectify on their end?
 - **Senator Butler:** The charter would be more proactive and have language for action. Don't know how they would go about writing, going back and having the meeting again. They could put it in the referendum itself, in the charter or committee. The committee itself will be mostly students, so they can have an impact and keep them accountable, as students are voting members. Consider an opt-out through putting in a provision.
- **Senator Asharov:** GSA makes it self-centered, in case they do not approve, would undergraduate students still be able to vote yes on the fee referendum?
 - **Senator Butler:** If AS says yes to that it will go on the general ballot, if GSA says no, it will not go on the ballot, if they say yes it will.
- **Senator Hickman:** The remaining question is how it will change the gradual increases. 80-20 makes sense, but if GSA were to come back next year, how would that affect how we present gradual increases on ballot?

- **Senator Butler:** 2019-2020 it will just apply to undergrad, there will be a 20% increase. If they pass referendum in Spring 2020, in the following year of 2021, extra money will be distributed to the graduate student associated and distributed evenly among all students, instead of just undergrad. It will be the same amount of money as revenue, distribution will just be changed.
- **Senator Pothuru:** What if undergraduates voted on yes on it, but GSA did not, could we pass a lower amount?
 - **Director of AS Belk:** We would have to pass the higher amount. We couldn't just pass a lower amount.
- **Senator Ikuku:** What happens if GSA refuses to pass it, but undergrad does? How do we exclude them from using the resources? That shouldn't be an option that they can use the resources if they don't pass it.
- **Senator Reynoso:** We need to ensure accountability. They said they would give us clarification. Senator Giltner and I asked for information on past plans. Could you nudge them to give them that information? If they present it to students, even in student council, they're going to be hesitant. They can get more constructive feedback if they have documentation
 - **Senator Butler:** They will be coming back on Feb 27th for another presentation. Go to college council as it stands.

Senator Christensen moved to extend time by 5 minutes.

With no objections, time was extended by 5 minutes.

The following members spoke during moderated caucus:

- **Senator Grudin:** While it would be unfair if undergraduates were paying, but graduates were utilizing it, we need to give undergraduate students the opportunity to improve their experiences. We should make sure that our students have the option to vote yes even if we have to gift that money to grad students. If we choose not to pass because GSA doesn't pass, we are limiting our students
- **VP Campus Affairs Woods:** There was an internet poll done, where there were 46 responses. 65% of respondents live on campus, about half are from Marshall College. However, the group is not representative, because 93% are not transfer students and only 7% are transfer students. Of those who don't live on campus, 37% rate the internet as adequate. There were a lot of unfriendly comments about internet. 68% said they would be willing to pay a fee of on average \$25-\$70. Most students find residential internet at least satisfactory. Share the survey to get more representative results.
- **Senator Christensen:** While it is unfair that we are paying for a graduate student program, we can't limit our decision by that. This is an example of a prisoner's dilemma. Both groups know they can get out of it by having other groups pay for it. It would be good for us in joint or senate to sit down with GSA and talk it out with

both groups, to make the dilemma clear to Council. We can then reach an understanding where both groups are okay, or we'll stay where we're at now.

Senator Reynoso moved to extend time by 7 minutes.

With no objections, time was extended by 7 minutes.

The following members spoke during moderated caucus:

- **Senator Christensen:** If we can put a meeting together with GSA, I'm all ears.
 - **Director Belk:** We could at least get a bigger team together for a meeting, but for getting it on regular ballot there are time constraints. But extending the projected date might be what it takes for it to be pushed forward.

Senator Butler proposed a straw poll, with the following options:

1. Keep language where it's at.
2. No.
3. Abstain.

By a majority vote, Senate expressed interest to keep the language where it's at.

The following members spoke during moderated caucus:

- **Senator Grudin:** In terms of everything that's been said, how would we limit graduate and undergraduate students? It would have to be discussed with ITS on whether that's something we could limit. We need to be clear on what we're passing. When are GSA meetings and is there public input time? Can we send a delegation of senators to talk to them?
 - **Director of AS Belk:** Every other Monday night, 5pm in this room. I believe they do have public input time. There's the possibility of adding language that the budget is divided by 80-20. For the amount of funds dedicated to that committee, we could pay more. They get 20% of control while we have 80% of control. Discuss taking and breaking up budget with ITS.
- **Senator Johl:** If GSA doesn't pass referendum on ballot, but we do, does that affect the referendum, because we write on there that we're part of the committee. Assume we're not passing the fees, will that cause any issues?
 - **Senator Butler:** If they don't approve it, I don't see any reason why they should have a seat on the committee.

Senator Ikuku moved to exit moderate caucus.

With no objections, Senate exited moderated caucus.

Open Forum:

- **Senator Grudin:** Triton Day Committee is on April 13 for prospective students to get an idea of what UCSD looks like. Students will get the chance to interact with organizations and there will be activities. It provides a lot of different opportunities to network with students. It is not in our control, but in control of UCSD Admissions. Admissions making push to centralize it, pulling it down to library walk. Muir wasn't a fan of the idea in the past. If anyone supports writing a letter against centralizing it, message me on Facebook.
- **Senator Reynoso:** There is a poll on Facebook about standing rules committee. Vote on poll and I will start a group chat.
- **Senator Butler:** AS Student government, fraternity has scholarship for \$500 BBQ, open to anyone not already affiliated. Takes 15 minutes to apply, will send link if interested.
- **Senator Giltner:** If you're free on Saturday, we are having a 14th annual financial horizons conference. There will be over 300 students and plugin there. They will speak about the company, send out VCs. It's this Saturday at 9am. You have to RSVP to come. I will post link about it on the Facebook page. It will be a fun event and lunch will be provided.

The roll was called.

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Meeting adjourned at 7:06 PM.