

MEETING MINUTES
ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SAN DIEGO

The Wednesday, February 20, 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: Kiara Gomez, Daron Woods, Nathan Park, Kenji Asakura, Jasraj Johl, David Hickman, Kelly Morris, Ethan Christensen, Leslie Silva, Joseph Giltner, Elvin Topalov, Lin Let Hay Thi, Amor Goetz, Aaron Hanna, Kimberley Giangtran, Noah Palafox, Spencer Lee, Nicholas Butler, Eni Ikuku, Arthur Porter, Eric Ron, Eleanor Grudin, Ulysses Velasco, Nikhil Pothuru, Melina Reynoso, Myra Haider.

Public input was provided by Emma from Calpirg, regarding a pledge drive and a zero-carbon emission bus leaving on March 8, to show support for environmental sustainability. Also, approximately 800 people have signed petitions in support for transportation. Lobby day is coming up on Monday, March 4, where students will have the opportunity to meet their elected officials.

Reports of Members:

- **President Gomez:** HDH is having their Winter Quarter Student Feedback Forum on Wednesday, February 27, 2019, from 5pm-7pm. The event will introduce HDH leadership and discuss topics such as the CanyonVista Remodel, Eco-Containers, North Torrey Pines Living Learning Neighborhood project, and new flatware in the Dining Services restaurants. There will be a UCSD popup event on February 8, by Peterson, where they will be focusing on what is happening on campus. UCOB is coming up with implementation plans, which they will provide to the police advisory board. The Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs is chairing transfer student committee and student onboarding committee. They are looking at the overall student experience and looking for students who want to be a part of that. In March there will be a taskforce looking at the international student experience. It is budget season for VCSA and they are putting together a success / peer coach program. Money has been proposed for restorative justice coordinator, resilience, veterans. The deadline for submitting feedback on the principles of community has been extended and the form closes on February 22.
- **VP Campus Affairs Woods:** Send in proof of absence. The hard deadline will be sent out on 11am on Friday morning. Remember to share the AS internet survey. There have been 183 responses so far. There needs to be at least 200 responses to ensure representation of campus that is not skewed toward specific colleges or non-transfer students. Data visualizations will be provided from the data. Eighth college committee will be meeting over the summer and is looking for volunteers.
- **Senator Morris:** The Student Transportation Advisory Committee met on Tuesday and a representative for UCOB was present. They talked about adjusting the permit time from 4:30 to 3:30 or 4:00. They are considering changes to cost for weekend parking, so that costs are distributed over 7 days. Also discussed was the high rate of abuse of ADA placards and ideas for fixing the disconnect between the police system and the permitting system.

The Alternative Commute office replaced the pedal club, which has been phased out. They are trying to move away from winning free parking and are looking at other ways to implement their goals, such as using the fitness app to track going to work. UC Policy says bikes must be registered and CSO's have to remove abandoned bikes on campus.

- **Senator Milledge:** I attended Finance Committee, where we looked at changing up international peer mentorship program and doing something similar to UCLA. There is a proposal for Winter of making leadership programs more academic focused and increasing student participation.
- **Senator Johl:** Open Space Committee had a meeting this week. They discussed different places they want to address changes, including program design and mobility changes. There are six spots where they have funding for: Reville Plaza, Warren Mall, Town Square, Ridgewalk Phase 1, Ridgewalk Phase 2, and Library Walk South. They also discussed micromobility events and information available on their website. Separate lanes should be available by 2023. An event is being planned on ridgewalk to provide information on the correct way that people should be biking. Also discussed at the meeting were updates on wide open space on campus.

Reports of Senator Projects:

- **Senator Asakura:** Senator office hours will be next week. There have been a lot of signups for the first two hours, but more signups are needed for the last two hours. AS PR put up a page for the event on Facebook. A lot of pastries have been ordered for the event.
- **Senator Grudin:** Stipend summit is from 6pm-8pm on Monday of next week, in Redshoe room. They will be talking about stipends and directions to go with that, in order to resolve it for future senators. They will also be addressing accessibility concerns.
- **Senator Reynoso:** Thanks to everyone who volunteered at academic major and minor fair. It was nice to have AS' name displayed and having students stop to ask about AS.
- **Senator Asharov:** Agents of Change event was yesterday and students are being followed up with regarding issues and possible solutions.

Question Time:

- **Senator Grudin to Senator Asharov:** What concerns were brought up at the event?
 - **Senator Asharov:** The main concerns expressed were how the OSD department handles people with disabilities and also the transfer experience.
- **Senator Asakura to Senator Johl:** You mentioned that we're not allowed to paint lines on Ridgewalk because of policy. Why can't we just paint lines and not enforce policy?
 - **Senator Johl:** Policy changes involve going through liability issues and making sure that they get dealt with. To do that, you need to go through hoops to make sure that you're complying with university policy.

Reports of Committee:

Financial Controller Park reported on behalf of Finance Committee that the following item was approved: Allocation of \$852.95 from Programming Funds to Fashion Quarterly Launch Party.

With no objections, the item stands approved.

VP Campus Affairs Woods reported on behalf of Legislative Committee that the following item was tabled to legislative committee until next week: AS Accessibility Solution.

With no objections, the item stands tabled to legislative committee until next week.

VP Campus Affairs Woods reported on behalf of Legislative Committee that the following item was tabled indefinitely: AS Advocate General Vacancy Bill.

With no objections, the item stands tabled indefinitely.

Special Orders:

Senator Pothuru moved to table the Special Presentation regarding Accessibility and Accountability of A.S by Joseph Giltner until next week.

With no objections, the item was tabled until next week.

Senator Butler moved to enter into Moderated caucus for 20 minutes to discuss the tech fee.

With no objections, Senate entered into a moderated caucus for 20 minutes.

The following members spoke during moderated caucus:

- **Senator Butler:** Senator Christensen and I regrouped with GSA. We went over some stuff, including feedback and talked to college council. GSA is out and will they vote on the tech fee by Monday, when it will be official unless they change their minds. There is a sunset clause so that after it's fully paid they could write a new referendum. If they are not seeing improvements they like, at least they have the option to opt out and they're not stuck in it for years. Dean and Assistant Deans are in solidarity with GSA.
- **Senator Christensen:** Knowing GSA is all but out gives us a better understanding of how we'd like to proceed, and insight on the GSA thought process insight. Undergraduate students will feel the effect on everything they do. When they meet, depending on how they feel about questions in general, they will have a clearer understanding of where they want to go from there.
- **Financial Controller Park:** Would the new charter include GSA on the charter?
 - **Senator Butler:** If they're not paying the tech fee they would not sit on the committee. That would be the drawback for them not paying the fee.
- **Senator Butler:** The concern is keeping the price low for undergraduates. We don't have to put it on the ballot on March 7th, which is the last day we could do it for spring ballot. We could do a special election on Spring Week 8, with the support it already has. Regardless, we will call it to vote on March 7, unless we receive substantial objections.

Senator Porter moved to exit moderated caucus.

With no objections, Senate exited moderated caucus.

Open Forum:

The following members spoke during Open Forum:

- **Senator Reynoso:** Review the email Kiara sent out about Standing Rules Committee and send me an email if you'd like to volunteer for the committee.
- **VP Campus Affairs Woods:** Planning the last Triton Dine. Those who are interested in being VCSA, reach out to me. Come see what it's like, so you're not too alarmed on Week 8.
- **Senator Johl:** Someone I know told me about concerns they had with the AS Accessibility Survey. There are issues that everyone should know about, including the use of the stigmatized word "supersenior". Also, there was bias in the questions, which were framed in such a way that they led students into answer a certain way. Consequently, if we try to conduct the survey again with an unbiased survey, we lose the population we were sampling from, so we can't get as great of a response. The Internet survey that was put out was a good example of unbiased survey.
- **Senator Grudin:** I'm concerned that I wasn't aware that the AS Accessibility Survey was out there pulling in my constituents and that information was presented to students in biased manner. If we're trying to get student input, we need to make sure that the information available to all students. We can't share information on facebook if they don't all have access to it.
- **Executive Assistant Walker:** Don't forget to submit timesheets. Also, Carlos wanted to put out a reminder to upload photos onto AS website. Pay attention to the instructions, regarding large file vs. small file, as they are the same file name, so it is easy to get confused.
- **Senator Asharov:** Go to Tapioca express and show flyers for discount. Senator Reynoso and I have a fundraiser. 50% will go to the fundraiser.
- **VP Campus Affairs Woods:** Had meeting with Carlos, AS Webmaster, to try and institutionalize weekly reports, so that the public can click on the names of the members and view all the reports they submitted. They are moving from informal system to something more formal.

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Meeting adjourned at 6:48 PM.