

AS SENATE MEETING

THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SAN DIEGO

Date: Wednesday, May 5, 2021

Time: 6:00 p.m. PDT

Location: via Zoom

Order of Business

Meeting started at 6:03 p.m. PDT.

Roll Call

Public Input

Special Presentations

~~1 Special Presentation by Kaitlyn Willoughby regarding Councilmember Joe LaCava Monthly Update. Sponsored by Kimberly Giangtran~~

Reports of Senator Projects

1. Rollison
 - a. Working with Food and Housing, webinar on off-campus housing

Reports of AS Senators

Reports of AS Offices

1. Paskowitz
 - a. Meeting with President Drake, talked about topics like policing, cohort tuition model, pandemic's effects on student
 - b. Judy Heumann, disability rights icon, coming to campus on May 12
 - c. Agenda for May Regents meeting, happening; cohort tuition and open textbooks
 - d. Proposed changes to university wide police policy and administrative procedures or the Gold Book
 - e. Concerning changes, increased militarization
 - f. UC Board of Regents meeting; cohort-based tuition: tuition increase incremental every year for each incoming class
 - g. A lot of us are opposed to this; organization public comment
 - h. Will be happening on May 13 8:30 a.m. PDT
 - i. Open textbook access: we will be delivering public comment

- j. Data breach: still trying to get everything out, still getting support for students, advising students to use password keepers and to use more complex passwords
- k. Experian delay in customer service; trying to have own UC hotline for data breach related issues
- l. Local Affairs working on Student Speaks Newsletter
- m. TLC working with Joe LaCava

2. Giangtran

- a. Council of Presidents had meeting with Drake
- b. Amount of money approved for last Senate meeting
- c. Drafting MOUs for campus partners (i.e., ISPO, etc.)
- d. Planning to include those MOUs to report to AS at the end of the year, specifically Financial Controller, to explain what the money was used for
- e. Pose idea of distribution kit: included in language for in-person events allowed in Spring, something AS could host
 - i. Crafting thank you packages for front line workers who have made UCSD run
- f. Update with APIMEDA program
 - i. In the amount of time, pushing for APIMEDA center is not feasible or something that we would see the benefits or fruits of our labor anytime soon
 - ii. The amount of money that would take to renovate the space above Blue Pepper isn't in our favor
 - iii. Hire new staff for APIMEDIA Programs and Services—one person office
 - iv. Difficult to represent APIMEDIA as a one-person office
- g. What fall is going to look like
 - i. Schedule will predominantly show an in-person Fall
 - ii. Good news: individuals subject to any travel restrictions aren't anymore, many being lifted
 - iii. International students should have easier access
 - iv. There are people who have a visa and those who don't
 - 1. Those who have a visa have an easier time with lifted restrictions
 - 2. Those who don't because embassies are still closed in some countries
 - v. Is the expectation to attend in-person unless there's a reason and the answer was yes
 - vi. We can't prioritize enrollment; so even if students legitimately cannot make it in-person, there's no way to make sure that those remote classes are prioritized to those students
 - vii. If they're immunocompromised → must be accommodated through OSD
- h. Vaccine Mandate
 - i. What if students refused to get vaccinated?

- ii. President Drake said even if we can't mandate the vaccine, we can mandate daily testing
 - iii. How valid that statement is unsure; there could be daily COVID-19 tests
 - iv. Concerns with Gold book policy proposal
 - i. Moderated Caucus for the \$125K
 - i. Fight for the APIMEDA center
 - ii. Figure out how to support APIMEDA community in other ways
 - iii. Use money to benefit other areas, mini-budget reallocation to other areas
- 3. Pandya
 - a. Question for the President; in respect to hiring more staff — I expect that the 125K be one time fix, how would the staff member be supported after?
- 4. Giangtran
 - a. You brought up a concern that was also brought up during my meeting with Wendy as well
 - b. One-time thing—only for how long as \$125K can pay them
 - c. The AS Referendum specifically states that we have to use this money for services, events, and initiatives that support the student body
 - d. Hiring staff member sounds like a service
 - e. No commitment from Vice Chancellors to sustain any of the things we are proposing
- 5. Bradt
 - a. Supporting APIMEDA community is very important, we should keep fighting for traction but I would recommend putting some of the money in the first-year/transfer experience since we added transfers to the program
- 6. Jung
 - a. I recognize Will Tanaka
- 7. Tanaka
 - a. Quick question, could this money be returned to students directly instead of spending on a new initiative
 - b. Throw away of money?
- 8. Giangtran
 - a. Yield to Heather on why we cannot do that
- 9. Heather
 - a. It would affect students unevenly
 - b. Would not go as a refund
 - c. It would count as financial aid
 - d. Just be expected to pay for more themselves
 - e. Returning it is not as easy as returning \$20, some people would actually owe that \$20 back if we tried giving it back to them based on their financial packages
- 10. Pandya
 - a. Staffing option; it does make sense but they seem understaffed
 - b. If there's no long-term support, it would be a hard position to fill

- c. Possible to appropriate money under APIMEDA center and keep it on the side and wait until the project gets clearance?

11. Giangtran

- a. We had this come up in Assembly today
- b. Yes, we do it all the time
- c. Money is currently sitting in unallocated funds
- d. It can roll over to the next year; it would have to be renamed when the Executive Budget is proposed in the Summer
- e. Doing that can go down a slippery slope; conversation is going on for a while
- f. No commitment from any of Vice Chancellors
- g. Afraid of doing that and \$125K would just sit there and would not go to any use
- h. We want to see the budget of this year's AS go toward students who paid for it this year
- i. Answer is yes; the but is what I just listed

12. Saraf

- a. I don't think any of Chancellors are committed to the formation of a APIMEDA Center
- b. Can be used to further support international students even further
- c. International students don't get scholarships or grants
- d. Severely impacted student population
- e. Any sort of help, even if it's just a part of the 125K

13. Heather Belk

- a. If you all allocate the money, the money will be accrued towards that initiative for the duration of the time
- b. If you don't allocate the money to anything specific, it will go toward the carryforward
- c. Goal to spend what we collected annually
- d. With making sure we don't overspend, we often end up with a couple thousand dollars in carry forward
- e. Half goes to mandate reserves, half goes to the council to do initiatives with according to the rules

14. Bradt

- a. Speaking as chair of student transportation committee
- b. As we mentioned, started some initiatives and other projects on campus
- c. If AS is willing to contribute more, that can be beneficial for student safety on campus
- d. These programs can be benefitted by AS funding

Question Time

Reports of Standing Committees

1. Legislative Committee
 - a. No reports

2. Finance Committee

a. Williams

i. F1 was denied

1. Decision of committee stands

ii. F2 was approved

1. Decision of committee stands

Reports of External Committees

1. Kreitman

- a. Remote Student Experience Taskforce is going to be sunseting on May 17th

- b. Working on Final Report

Committee Question Time

Discussion Items

Unfinished Business

1 Allocation of \$125,000 from Unallocated Funds to APIMEDA Center.
Sponsored by Kimberly Giangtran

1. Giangtran

- a. Tabled for a week

New Business

Open Forum

1. Kreitman

- a. Welcome to new Senators
- b. Highly encourage to speak up if you have things to say!

2. Weng

- a. Introduce myself as John Weng
- b. See my calendar if you want to meet with me
- c. Going to be out for a little bit
- d. Starting week 8, you might need to rely on Nicolette and Heather

3. Tristan Tjan

- a. I will send out attendance form
- b. Use the excuse form to file an absence

4. Christian Walker

- a. Update senate on the official updates from the college councils regarding the Constitutional Amendments satisfied by Senate
- b. Four of them tabled them indefinitely; therefore, it is not going to meet the threshold for ratification

Roll Call

Written Reports

Meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m. PDT.

Bills in Committee

Finance Committee

F1 Allocation of \$1,203.17 from Programming Funds to Triton Gaming Expo 2021 Day 1. Sponsored by Kamron Williams

F2 Allocation of \$500.00 from Programming Funds to The Beat @ UCSD Introduction to Mixing Mastery. Sponsored by Kamron Williams

Legislative Committee