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 make 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 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 sunsetting 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