AS SENATE MEETING

THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SAN DIEGO

Date: Wednesday, May 12, 2021
Time: 6:00 p.m. PDT
Location: via Zoom

Order of Business

Meeting started at 6:02 p.m. PDT.

Roll Call

Public Input

1. Kaitlyn Weathers
   a. CALPIRG Students
   b. Activist Summit
   c. Spring Pledge Drive
   d. Annual report next week
2. Alyson Bradley
   a. Member of seventh college student council
   b. Share two proposals that address discrimination
      i. Less statements more solutions — should have public solution space, further promote university’s mission of DEI
         1. We need to show why we have DEI requirements
         2. There needs to be workshops to handle racial trauma
         3. CAPS is overworked at the moment
         4. Workshops that teach about protestors’ rights
         5. We need active and open discourse
      ii. Curly and coily hair drought on campus
         1. Currently no space on campus to get curly hair products on campus
         2. No place to get hair done for those hair types as well
         3. The closest salon that does curly hair is an hour and half away
         4. We need to have a space where people with curly and coily hair can have their done
      iii. I have these proposals in writing, I can share these if you’d like

Special Presentations

Reports of Senator Projects

1. Ramos
   a. I met with dean of student affairs and leader for student activities for ERC
   b. We discussed adding a new part of the ERC student orientation that will educate on AS and SERC since orientation doesn’t include those
2. Francisco
a. Getting a social sciences student council together
b. Was able to get it done and got it registered

Reports of AS Senators

1. Pandya
   a. Regarding senate leadership position
   b. Announce that I’ll be withdrawing my name from this project, stop pursuing it indefinitely
   c. I apologize to those who expressed support for this project
   d. I started this project a little over a year ago
   e. I did not fully expect that some narratives circulated that ended up stalling the project and effectively leading to its end
   f. Some arguments I’ve heard is that the Senate lead position would not remove executive influence, just shifted; but that was the goal
      i. Working on Senate Leadership near the end of the term is not fair — I don’t think this is true
         1. This is a way to get the discussion continuously delayed
      ii. Language of the responsibility should precede the position being established (we should what’s in it before voting on it)
         1. In both cases of language beforehand and after, there was no consensus
      iii. Concern that VPCA’s responsibilities would be shifted away—I don’t agree, VPCA has brought ability and flexibility to develop one; effective for Senators to have oversight or accountability fostered in the Senate
      iv. Role should be entirely advisory
         1. Difficult to find a Senator who would take on this narrow set of responsibilities
         2. Still require a lot of time despite the narrow set
   g. This position is put on a pause.

2. Medina
   a. Triton Transfer Day this Saturday
   b. Grad Cap decorating events for transfers next Thursday May 20 7-9 p.m. PDT

Reports of AS Offices

1. Giangtran
   a. Sat on committee to select commencement speaker : identified!
   b. Update regarding concern shared with Senate: concerning students who may not be prioritized if they cannot take in person classes
      i. There is not mechanism in place to have students bypass the registration priority on WebReg
      ii. Immediate solution — those students who can’t be in-person should connect with Colleges (provosts and deans); hopefully be a work around regarding inability to have in person classes
   c. Making motion to amend L1 to read Allocation of $125,000 from Unallocated Funds to APIMEDA Support for 2021-2022 Academic Year in the form of dedicated programming dollars and support staff. Sponsored by Kimberly Giangtran

2. Kreitman
   a. Assembly archery, if you have any questions, let me know!
b. Remote students task force — finalizing final report recommendations

c. Working next steps for funding of transitional housing for recent graduates

3. Paskowitz
   a. Board of Regents met and will meet tomorrow
   b. Public comment on Open Textbooks
   c. Cohort-based tuition model, sending a lot of people for public comment for that
   d. UCSA updated appointed officer deadline, due May 31st

Question Time

Reports of Standing Committees

Reports of External Committees

Committee Question Time

Discussion Items

Unfinished Business

  UB 1 Allocation of $125,000 from Unallocated Funds to APIMEDA Center. Sponsored by Kimberly Giangtran Allocation of $125,000 from Unallocated Funds to APIMEDA Support for 2021-2022 Academic Year in the form of dedicated programming dollars and support staff. Sponsored by Kimberly Giangtran.

  1. Giangtran
     a. I'd like to amend UB to say Allocation of $125,000 from Unallocated Funds to APIMEDA Support for 2021-2022 Academic Year in the form of dedicated programming dollars and support staff. Sponsored by Kimberly Giangtran.
     b. Motion passes.
     c. Move to approve UB.
     d. UB passes.

New Business

  1. Saraf
     a. Motion to add AS Endorsement for the Fall 2021 Instruction International Student Advisory Council (ISAC) Advocacy Letter
     b. Entered into New Business
     c. Motion to approve AS Endorsement for the Fall 2021 Instruction International Student Advisory Council (ISAC) Advocacy Letter
     d. Asking for AS endorsement for asking professors to have online option for their classes because a lot of international students can't return to the States like embassy issues and closures in China and India—backlog of visas

  2. Giangtran
     a. Wanted to open a speaker’s list
     b. Not against this letter—recommendation should not just only address VCSA Satterlund but also members of the Educational Continuity Taskforce;
someone who has a large impact is Dean Moore and AVC Jensen; would include more people

3. Nomani
   a. I also support this measure, the lack of accommodations from UCSD is foolish
   b. Had at least a year to think about what is going on
   c. UCSD should be implementing measures to fast-tracks these accommodations

4. Ramos
   a. I agree with this; there should be accommodations for international students
   b. Professors are not accommodating for synchronous content

Roll Call Vote
Yes — Pass the Endorsement
No — Do not Pass the Endorsement
Abstain

31-0-3. Motion passes.

Open Forum

1. Kreitman
   a. Few of new senators asking to clarify things that they didn't have context for; ask questions!
   b. In of the official branding, UCSD does not have a comma between California and San Diego
   c. They said they are going to correct the comma

2. Tjan
   a. Excuse form updated again, can submit multiple weeks
   b. Attendance sheets; new senators on the new sheet

Roll Call

Written Reports
Bills in Committee

Finance Committee

Legislative Committee