

MEETING MINUTES

ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SAN DIEGO

The Wednesday, March 13, 2019 meeting of Associated Students Senate was held at 6:05 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, Emma Potter, Jasraj Johl, David Hickman, Kelly Morris, Ethan Christensen, Leslie Silva, Joseph Giltner, Elvin Topalov, Amor Goetz, Aaron Hanna, Shirley Zhang, Annika Manlutac, Kimberley Giangtran, Noah Palafox, Spencer Lee, Eni Ikuku, Arthur Porter, Eric Ron, Eleanor Grudin, Brandon Milledge, Melina Reynoso, Jamshed Asharov.

Public Input was provided by Brandon, treasurer of CALPIRG, regarding a press conference held on Saturday, in which UCSD students, as well as UCSD professors, rode an electric bus from campus, to Assemblymember Tood Gloria's office, to advocate for 100% clean transportation. There was a lot of support for transportation and over 100 signatures were collected. The purpose of this event was to discuss the impact of climate change, the science behind it, and how it affects students.

Public Input was provided by Jim, from CALPIRG, regarding CALPIRG's Campaign Against Hunger and Homelessness. Last quarter, CALPIRG, with the Assistant Vice Chancellor of Student Life and Basic Needs committee, hosted the Stuff The Bus event. CALPIRG is planning another Stuff The Bus Event for next quarter. Vons and Ralphs said that they can hold it there. A lot of people, including the department of transportation and the Assistant Vice Chancellor for Student Life want to see it happen. Lots of AS volunteers helped with the event last quarter and it would be good if someone from AS, rather than CALPIRG, initiated a conversation about having the event again next quarter.

Reports of Members:

- **President Gomez:** CALPIRG was led by AS members last quarter. UCOB recommendations have come out, and information will be shared soon. An independent police advisory board will be looking to put recommendations into practice. Recommendations include that UCPD have a council of students create a uniform complaint process for all UC's, including a web system for reporting misconduct, as well as a phone number which will allow for students to communicate anonymously. UCPD should provide a written acknowledgment of received complaints, except when the complaints are submitted anonymously. UCPD should create a FAQ page for submitting complaints. Every complaint should be tracked from start to finish and the complaint process should be as transparent as possible. UCPD should also determine proper entities to handle complaints from the outside, so that the process is not biased. More members are still needed for the police advisory board. The Graduate Student Association is planning a Town Hall on the disabled student experience during the first couple weeks of Spring Quarter. The purpose of the Town Hall is to get public input on

specific topics, including accommodations or other aspects of the disabled student experience.

- **VP Campus Affairs Woods:** Triton Dine is coming up next Monday night, in Price Center West, from 8pm-12am. Tell your constituents to come out. Hawaiian food and churros will be served. I will not be there for the beginning of the event because I have class, but my Chief of Staff, Jianna, will be there to help out.
- **Senator Giangtran:** I attended a student fee referendum workgroup, with Financial Controller Park and Financial Officer for Student Affairs, John Hughes. The workgroup was established because there are a lot of inconsistencies in college bylaws, and discrepancies between the college council bylaws and UCOB. The goal of the workgroup is to create a uniform system throughout the colleges, which conforms to UCOB policy, so that student passed fee referenda doesn't get struck down because it doesn't comply with UCOB policy. If something like that happens, students will be upset that the referendum was shut down.

Reports of Senator Projects:

- **Senator Christensen:** I've been working on housing projects. There was a hiccup with faculty changing, but we morphed it. The Off-Campus Housing Fair will be on April 16, from 11-2pm. This is a good chance to educate constituents on how they can move off campus. I've been working with university centers, and presenting work done in the past with old campus housing departments.
- **Financial Controller Park:** Talk to me about your senator projects over spring break so they can get funded as soon as possible. The requirement that TAP applications be submitted 3 AS working weeks in advance is not going to apply to senator projects anymore, which should make it easier to get senator projects funded.
- **Senator Morris:** The signup sheet for my event next week was sent over the listserv. Each sheet on the excel spreadsheet is a day that the event is happening. I need people on Tuesday and Thursday to restock the west-campus shuttle. It should only take 15 minutes to wait for the shuttle and restock it.

Question Time:

- **Senator Porter asked Senator Christensen:** Could you repeat the date and time of your event?
 - **Senator Christensen:** April 16, from 11am-2pm.
- **Senator Asharov asked Senator Christensen:** Could you repeat the location of your event?
 - **Senator Christensen:** The event does not have a location yet.
- **Senator Grudin asked Senator Giangtran:** What input do you have from college councils?
 - **Senator Giangtran:** Financial Controller Park can speak on it if he wants. There is a member from each college council sitting on the workgroup.

- **Senator Johl asked Senator Giangtran:** Since fee referenda have to be passed by UCOB, is the point of the workgroup to make the process easier for referenda to pass through UCOB?
 - **Senator Giangtran:** The purpose is not to make it easier, because it won't be passed at all if it doesn't meet UCOB policy. If it goes through pipeline to UCOB, they won't consider it if it doesn't meet their rule.
- **Senator Reynoso asked Senator Giangtran:** Marshall's bylaws sets the fee referendum at 10%, but if it doesn't reach the 20% it will be denied by UCOB. Who's sitting on the student fee referendum committee for Marshall?
 - **Senator Giangtran:** If Marshall doesn't get the 20% it certainly won't be approved. I'm not sure who is sitting on the student fee referendum committee for Marshall.

Reports of Committees:

Financial Controller Park reported on behalf of Finance Committee that the following item was approved: Allocation of \$1100 from Programming Funds to UCSD IFC Spring Info Night (Spring Fling).

With no objections, the item stands approved.

Financial Controller Park reported on behalf of Finance Committee that the following item was approved: Allocation of \$996.81 from Programming Funds to PUSH Conference.

With no objections, the item stands approved.

VP Campus Affairs Woods reported on behalf of Legislative Committee that the following items were approved: Appointment of Tessa Hocquet as Green Corps Assistant Director in the Office of Environmental Justice Affairs, effective immediately until appointment of successor; Appointment of Helen Chung as Sustainability Science Liaison in the Office of Environmental Justice Affairs, effective immediately until appointment of successor.

With no objections, the items stand approved.

VP Campus Affairs Woods reported on behalf of Legislative Committee that the following item was tabled indefinitely: Appointment of TBD to the position of AS Records Officer effective immediately until the appointment of a successor.

With no objections, the item stands tabled indefinitely.

New Business:

Financial Controller Park moved to add the following item to New Business: Appointment of Mehrin Saleem as Chair for All-Campus Commuter Board effectively immediately until appointment of successor.

With no objections, the item was added to New Business.

Financial Controller Park moved to approve the following item: Appointment of Mehrin Saleem as Chair for All-Campus Commuter Board effectively immediately until appointment of successor.

Senator Giltner objected.

Financial Controller Park spoke on his motion: We're seeking a change in leadership. We went through the process and notified the AVP, per the bylaws.

Senator Giltner withdrew his objection.

With no further objections, the item was approved.

Open Forum:

- **VP Campus Affairs Woods:** Today is Records Officer Lobenstein's last day. He did a really good job and I couldn't have asked for a better Records Officer. The application is currently open for Records Officer and I'll be leaving the application open until next quarter. We want to have the new Records Officer put into place by Week 1 of Spring Quarter, who will continue to take meeting minutes. The new weekly report system should be automated soon, through the AS website, so keep an eye out for that.
- **Financial Controller Park:** Records Officer Lobenstein also worked as an Events Intern within the Office of Student Orgs and did a great job making sure that student orgs are following funding policies. I have loved getting his emails over the weekend. The Events Intern position is no longer open, as we have already hired a replacement. The Student Fee Referendum Workgroup was formed by Ben White, Director of the Office of Student Conduct, in order to standardize procedures for the student fee referendum. The initiative is related to Marshall's fee referendum, which went through all the channels at a fast pace, but it still has to be approved by the VC of Student Affairs. College Councils will have to go through changes and are the line of communication with regard to the referendum. We have to make sure that College Council's understand the process, since AS and GSA take inspiration from College Councils. AS only takes a student fee if it is approved by a relevant student government. The workgroup is considering whether the petition system should be continued and whether it's a good way to get feedback on what students really want. It's possible that everything won't be completed in time to make standardization. There is just a lot of talk right now. We want to make sure that when a fee comes out, it will come out with the best intentions, the process is smooth, and we set no dangerous precedents. We want to make sure that AS and GSA get the funding that they need for events.
- **President Gomez:** There is a UC Workers strike coming up on March 20. Counseling Psychologists at CAPS will be striking at UCSD, over low wages and lack of benefits for CAPS workers. This decreases the incentive for prospective CAPS employees to choose a job with CAPS, which results in prolonged wait time for counselling appointments, which poses a threat to our mental health services.

- **Senator Christensen asked VP Campus Affairs Woods:** When discussing the position of Records Officer to prospective candidates, which skills or traits should we emphasize as important for them to have?
 - **VP Campus Affairs Woods:** The most important traits for them to have are being able to type quickly and accurately, and organizational skills. We can work with people on other things, but typing quickly is the most important skill.
- **Executive Assistant Walker:** The time-sheet reminder will be going out tomorrow. You have all weekend to complete your timesheets and you will be inputting only a single week of pay. Take the whole weekend if you want, but make sure to do it by the end of the weekend, so you don't have to worry about completing it during finals week.

The roll was called.

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Meeting adjourned at 6:35 PM.