

NOTICE OF MEETING
THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA SAN
DIEGO

Date: Wednesday, October 20, 2021

Time: 6:00pm

Location: <https://ucsd.zoom.us/j/98762880541>

Order of Business

Meeting started at 6:09 p.m. PDT.

Roll Call

Public Input

Special Presentations

1. Special Presentation by Auxiliary Services regarding textbook affordability. Sponsored by Manu Agni.
 - a. Thomas Bonetati presenting a textbook distribution model that campus has been looking at for over a year and a half; UC Davis implemented Fall 2020
 - b. Students can opt out from fee after first two weeks of classes, if you don't opt out you will be automatically charged
 - c. Average cost about \$120, could bring cost to about \$70 per class (in 2020); now could be at about \$60
 - d. Thought it would be helpful to pilot the program with first year freshman because they are new and do not have all the tools that upperclassmen have to navigate the system, but they are open to changing this if there is a desire from other students
 - e. Questions:
 - i. **Senator Jost:** At what point are you looking at adding transfer students to this program? **Bonetati:** plan is to start with freshmen and then possibly expand to all undergraduate students the following year; plan to have a lot of information available on Canvas and on their website about resources and materials whether you're in the program or not; want to help students perform well in their classes; also open to suggestions about any other materials or partnerships for this program
 - ii. **President Agni:** Can you explain if it is cost per quarter or per unit? Are they electronic materials, old, used, etc? **Bonetati:** It is per unit \$15; working with library and teaching and learning commons to meet with

faculty and get them involved in this program; it will be a combination of digital books, consumables (homework software), rentals may be new or used but can keep books at an additional cost, course packs

- iii. **VP Lara:** Is there a deadline for the opt out? Is there a reason there is an opt out and not opt in? Do you find people forget to opt out? **Bonetati:** Opt out date is same as the add/drop date; students who forgot to opt out have to come to the bookstore to ask for a refund, they haven't denied a refund unless the digital materials have been used; has talked to quite a few students and hasn't received any negative feedback about the opt out program
- iv. **Senator Callahan:** Are transfers included in this pilot program?
Bonetati: not in the pilot but in the full rollout
 - 1. **Senator Callahan:** Feels like they should be included because transfer students are scared and sometimes don't know the resources, they should not be excluded in the rollout; **Bonetati:** including transfer students does not give them as much negotiating power because of the range of courses they are taking, can open it up to all students like Davis did
- v. **Senator Jost:** Understands it's difficult to roll out a program for transfers, but the transfer experience is extremely different from any other student experience; would strongly advocate for transfers to be included in the program; **Bonetati:** has heard this multiple times this evening and thinks he's heard it enough to make it happen, commitment to make it happen for all freshmen and transfers if there isn't a push to open it up to all students
- vi. **Senator Callahan:** One suggestion is that if you are not necessarily sure if it can be opened up to all transfer students, maybe you could focus on specific courses that transfers take, work with the Triton Transfer Hub, etc? **Bonetati:** if we don't feel like there will be pushback from UC San Diego about opening it up to all students, then they don't only need to focus on freshmen and transfers
- vii. **VP Lara:** Consider an opt in option for less pushback from upperclassmen; **Bonetati:** publishers don't give as good of a price in an opt in model, for this program an opt in option is not an option
- viii. **Senator Jost:** Have you considered extending the opt out deadline to the end of week three? There's a good chance that students who are dropping classes at the last minute may forget to opt out and this disenfranchises students; **Bonetati:** it would be difficult to manage the pricing and extending the deadline is not a possibility
- ix. **President Agni:** Which day in week two is the deadline? **Bonetati:** Saturday of week two

1. **President Agni:** How will you be advertising the opt out option?
Bonetati: will be sending multiple emails to students, not sure how else to reach students
- x. **VP Lara:** A good place to advertise would be to add it to the list of deadlines on the UCSD website; **Bonetati:** Yes they can work with the registrar and the colleges to get that information on website
- xi. **Senator Jost:** will there be an option to do late opt outs while not being on campus? **Bonetati:** Yes, they are working on a portal to make it easier for students who may not be on campus
- xii. **President Agni:** Will you be including this on the bookstore social media?
Bonetati: Yes they will be advertising it on their website and social media

Reports of Senator Projects

1. Senator Lau
 - a. Currently working on event for first year students in Hum
 - b. Planning on having event during week 7; “Panel of Professors”
2. Senator Callahan
 - a. Currently working with Care at SARC to create an event for survivors of trauma
 - b. Working with AVP Nugent as well but wants to open it up to anyone else who is interested in getting involved

Reports of AS Senators

1. Senator Datta
 - a. Regarding the Committee on Diversity and Equity within Academic Senate
 - b. Committee discussed equity challenges that come with the current system of cap major applicants and how some students are disproportionately disadvantaged
 - c. They are creating a new admission goal proposal that would ensure all departments are able to sustain themselves, make major timelines more similar; holistic teaching, create a feedback system to limit implicit bias, more comprehensive system, evaluation of teaching portfolio
 - d. Including a suggestion that CAPES have more faculty oversight, any questions concerns or feedback can be sent to me now, on Slack, or email
2. Senator Callahan
 - a. Friendly reminder that I am meeting with GFAC tomorrow morning
 - i. Anything you would like me to share please message me by the end of the night

Reports of AS Offices

1. VP Lara
 - a. Everyone has been added to the AS Central Drive

- i. Please add any updates to this drive as we work on the website reporting system
 - b. Remember that senators are required to be a part of two committees
 - c. Planning a fall retreat for week 7
 - i. Will be open to Assembly, services, commissions, and auxiliaries
 - ii. Please provide any feedback on this during question time
 - d. Advocacy Agenda Survey is being shared by Melissa's team now
 - i. This will help us prioritize what we focus our time and money on this year
 - e. If you're interested in trying on a quarter zip you can do so in the Graphics Studio and if you need to change your size just email Rachel
 - f. I have been meeting with SPACES regularly and they asked if anyone has an update on the John Muir renaming project
- 2. VP Blackshire
 - a. UCSA
 - i. Possible upcoming topics is the vaccine mandate, forgiving institutional debt, and losing a Regent who was a strong UCSA ally
 - ii. Also focusing on financial aid in the UC system
 - iii. Main topics in conversation with President Drake are campus safety and campus reopening
 - iv. Learned there is an issue at UC Santa Cruz with understaffing so it is an ongoing issue throughout the UC system
 - v. There is a layer of uncertainty with meeting in person and having in-person conferences, so this makes my job of creating a travel budget very difficult
 - vi. People have been asking EVPs about making election days non instructional days
 - vii. Fund the UC has been having a social media campaign so if you see any posts about that on their social medias, that's what it's for
 - viii. Want to increase the number of meetings with President Drake and UCOP
- 3. President Agni
 - a. Return to Learn
 - i. On-campus housing moving into phase 2
 - 1. Not required to wear a mask in your residential unit but still required to wear one in communal areas
 - 2. In-person events will have more permissive rules for students including student orgs after Oct 31 and until Week 9
 - 3. A new symptom screener is being rolled out so tomorrow there will be a new interface for symptom screening website
 - 4. Non-residential vaccinated students are not required to do testing at any sort of frequency if you are asymptomatic

5. Your ID card allows you to get up to 2 tests a week
6. UCOP planning to do a flu vaccine mandate similar to last year where you just have to attest that you got the vaccine and not show proof
- b. Tragic oil spill happened and there are remnants making their way to our shores
 - i. SIO is aware and working on tracking the oil spills
- c. National Transfer Student Week celebration is tomorrow at Matthews Quad
- d. If you're wondering why AVP Transportation & Transformation and AVP Academics is still vacant, there are some technical issues but we are hoping to review applications next week
- e. AVP Lin has been recognized - City of San Diego's redistricting project is at the top of my priority list
 - i. We are hoping for UC San Diego to be redistricted to District 6 from District 1
 - ii. I am asking Senate to help me mobilize students to provide public comment in support of Map 2 proposal, since Map 1 excludes major areas where students reside around campus

Question Time

1. VP Lara
 - a. @ President Agni, have they spoken on whether there will be any enforcement of the flu mandate this year?
 - b. Agni: will ask for clarification and report back but is under the impression that it will be the same as last year
2. Senator Callahan
 - a. I really want to encourage Senate peers to get involved with the redistricting conversation; @ AVP Lin, are there any ways that we as senators can provide help with this and is there anything you need help with?
 - b. Agni yields to Lin: One way senators can help is to reach out to the different constituencies you have to encourage engagement; this is an issue that affects everyone, so finding ways to explain how different students are impacted by this is really important

Reports of Standing Committees

1. Finance Committee
 - a. Financial Controller Williams
 - i. Item F1 failed in committee
 1. Decision of committee stands
 - ii. Item F2 tabled by one week
 1. Decision of the committee stands

2. Legislative Committee:

- a. Item L2 tabled indefinitely
 - i. Decision of the committee stands
- b. L1 tabled by one week
 - i. Decision of the committee stands
- c. L3 discharged to Senate
 - i. Lara
 - 1. I move to approve Item L3
 - ii. Agni
 - 1. Objection to L3
 - iii. Lara
 - 1. Manu and I have discussed prior that this is just a friendly amendment
 - iv. Agni
 - 1. Would like to propose a friendly amendment to change Title 4 Chapter 1.2 Line B
 - 2. Would like to add “and VP Campus Affairs”
 - v. Lara
 - 1. Accepts the amendment
 - 2. Point of privilege: Can we see the language on the screen?
 - vi. Agni
 - 1. Would like to propose a second friendly amendment to amend the proposed line under A “re-letter to B and un-indent”
 - vii. Lara
 - 1. Accepts the amendment
 - 2. Will be messaging the re-typed language on the document to Senate
 - 3. Can you confirm that it is correct now, Manu?
 - viii. Agni
 - 1. Yes
 - 2. Propose friendly amendment to change the date from Oct. 13th to Oct. 20th

Roll Call Vote

Yes - Pass

No - Do not pass

Habtemariam:

Lin: ABSTAIN
Johnson:
Wei: YES
Le: YES
Jost:
Bianchi:
Saito: YES
Saraf: YES
Callahan: YES
Nomani: YES
Ying: YES
Datta: YES
Mclaren: YES
Presca: YES
Ramos: YES
Lau: YES
Apte: YES
Zheng:
Rattanamansuang:
Lips: YES
Muir: YES
Jones: YES
Park: YES
Walker: ABSTAIN
Rosario: YES
Fosth: YES
Kaur: YES
Agni: ABSTAIN
Lara: YES
Blackshire: YES
Williams:

22-0-3; the motion passes

Reports of External Committees

1. VP Lara
 - a. Updates from SMHAC
 - i. I will be serving as Chair and Vice Chair is Max Gruber
 - ii. Shifting to monthly meetings
 - iii. Please let me know any feedback on mental health fee and resources offered on campus, please share any feedback before meeting next Friday
 - b. Updates from SHWB
 - i. Meeting will primarily focus on return to learn on campus so please share any feedback
2. President Agni

- a. Students who are non-compliant with vaccine policy have been moved into a student conduct process which could result in academic holds
- b. Library will be undergoing renovations
 - i. If you have any feedback on how the library can encourage folks to adhere to masking policy more please share with me

Committee Question Time

Discussion Items

1. D1. Standing Rules Committee: Setting Priorities for Effective AS Reform. Sponsored by Isaac Lara.
 - a. Lara
 - i. Wanted to dedicate some time to discuss the standing rules
 - ii. Wanted to ask senate for feedback and give space for senate to explain areas where there are gaps to address
 - iii. On Friday they will be creating priorities for editing the Standing Rules
 - b. Agni
 - i. Can you work on defining what “academic days” means in the Standing Rules and the Constitution? In the past it has been understood as instructional days but there is no clear definition even though the term is used a lot

2. D2. Methods for Standardizing Equitable Hiring Practices. Sponsored by Isaac Lara.
 - a. Lara
 - i. After recruitment week I want to work on how to making hiring in AS more equitable
 - ii. Current rubric is very vague so I’m looking for feedback on hiring
 - iii. Looking into requiring AVPs to provide scoring sheets after making hiring decisions
 - b. Agni
 - i. I think it’s a good idea
 - ii. Can we explain what categories mean on the rubric?
 - iii. I suggest that we also include the scoring sheet plus what questions are asked in the interview
 - iv. Be sure to include all groups submitting appointment hires, not just AVPs
 - c. Callhan
 - i. I would like to have more of a difference between numbers 4 and 5 on the rubric because they are pretty similar

- ii. It would be nice to have the option to provide a 0 score on some applications because sometimes there are candidates that do not show any bit of evidence of the skill being looked for
- d. VP Lara
 - i. Just to be sure, does Senate have any concern about hiring information being disseminated to Senate?
- e. Callahan
 - i. I like the idea of viewing the scoring rubric when evaluating a candidate
 - ii. For privacy, couldn't we go into a closed session to discuss?
- f. Le
 - i. Where can I get access to this hiring rubric?
- g. Lara
 - i. You can find the rubric in the AS Central Drive
- h. Saito
 - i. I would like to echo sentiment of seeing the rubric for hirings
 - ii. In terms of personal information protection, we could remove names from documents and assign them a number

Unfinished Business

New Business

Open Forum

Roll Call

Written Reports

Bills in Committee

Finance Committee

F1. Allocation of \$33.00 from Programming Funds to American Medical Student Association for AMSA GBM #4. Sponsored by Financial Controller Kamron Williams

F2. Approval of 2021-2022 A.S. Fall Revise Executive Budget (Attachment Forthcoming). Sponsored by President Manu Agni and Financial Controller Kamron Williams

Legislative Committee

L1. Approval of Resolution to Support New Textbook Affordability Program (as presented by Auxiliary Services). Sponsored by Manu Agni. Attachment is forthcoming.

L2. 10 Minute Moderated Caucus regarding proposed expansion of AS support for Helmet Access Program and Emergency Ride Home. Sponsored by Manu Agni.

L3. Standing Rules Change Shifting Senate Responsibilities to VP Campus Affairs. Sponsored by Isaac Lara.