

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

Date: Wednesday, December 1, 2021

Time: 6:00pm

Location: Price Center East Forum; <https://ucsd.zoom.us/j/98762880541>

Order of Business

Meeting started at 6:04 PM

Roll Call

Public Input

1. Current undergraduate student
 - a. I believe it's not in the best interest of the student body to get rid of the academic senator positions
 - b. I don't believe my representatives are representing my needs and it's frustrating
 - c. I hope Senate can come together to fully and accurately represent the student body

Special Presentations

1. Special Presentation by Chief Communications Officer, Tommy Jung, regarding AS and Representation. Sponsored by VPCA Isaac Lara.
 - a. Today I will be talking about AS and Representation
 - b. While I'm currently the Chief Communications Officer, I'm one of the most senior members of AS and held positions in 19-20 and 20-21
 - c. We are not an effective representative body
 - i. We've received multiple concerns from campus partners and student media
 - ii. What makes us a student government is our actions, not our bylaws, titles, or hiring practices
 - d. Committees
 - i. We are called representatives by administrators when we're one of the few students in these spaces

- ii. How often does this information get shared with the Senate and with students?
 - e. Projects
 - i. Failure to reach out to relevant student stakeholders
 - 1. Renaming John Muir College - the Intertribal Resource Center was not contacted about this
 - f. Visibility and Outreach
 - i. Are we committing time for students to be able to contact us?
 - g. We need to re-evaluate whether we are being effective student representatives
 - h. What is a representative?
 - i. Is it someone who has a title in our association or someone who actively reaches out to students?
 - i. Bridging the Gap
 - i. Consistent outreach
 - 1. Intentional outreach
 - ii. Reaching out to campus partners when starting projects or initiatives
 - iii. Solutions proposed by other members of AS
2. Special Presentation by VP Campus Affairs Isaac Lara regarding Academic Reformation. Sponsored by VPCA Isaac Lara.
 - a. Reforming AS Academic Division Representation
 - i. This is based on the concern that there are academic divisions who are not represented on Senate
 - ii. After hearing concerns about some sort of Academic Affairs position being voted on by students and having a role on Senate, we decided to introduce the AS VP of Academic Affairs position proposal.
 - iii. One of the gaps we've found is how much work is placed on the President and AVP role
 - iv. As making them a VP they will have more authority and more responsibility
 - v. This position can be seen at other UC campuses
 - vi. Office of Academic Affairs would be removed from the Office of the President in the standing rules because they would be getting their own section as an Executive member
 - 1. This would require the VPAA to consistently partner with Office of Students with Disabilities, Student Success, Retention, Triton Transfer Hub, OASIS, and additional campus resources
 - 2. Individual academic senator positions would be removed
 - vii. Questions
 - 1. Jost

- a. I asked this during the session at 5pm, but wanted to ask this in front of Senate.
 - i. When this legislation was being created, were any of the non-represented student groups asked for their opinions?
 - 1. Lara: I spoke to two departments, but did not speak to anyone in SIO.

2. Nomani

- a. Is it possible for us to approve part of the legislation but not all of it?
 - i. Lara: you are allowed to divide the question

Reports of Senator Projects

1. Muir

- a. Kristin and I had our event today and it went really well
 - i. We had about 40 students show up to voice their concerns
 - ii. A lot of first years

2. Zheng

- a. I spoke with the Director of HDH and he said currently it's not very likely that HDH offer food trucks this year because of their staffing shortage
- b. Suggested the alternative of having food vending machines because it is much easier to manage
 - i. This could happen as soon as winter quarter
 - ii. Trying to figure out if it would be able to accept dining dollars

3. Ramos

- a. Starting a project but probably won't have too many updates until next quarter
- b. Met with Transportation Services last week about getting student workers parking passes
 - i. It is very difficult for a lot of student workers to get parking on campus
 - ii. Josh explained it would be very difficult but I still want to have this conversation
 - iii. Planning on talking with other student workers on campus to discuss some options

4. Callahan

- a. To be completely transparent I haven't been in the capacity to plan for the Wellness Symposium and this is something that needs to be done properly
- b. I want to plan something focused on writing; working with the Humanities Department

- i. Create a space for us to access writing and academic resources, professors, etc.

Reports of AS Senators

1. Jost
 - a. My report comes as my involvement in the acapella community
 - b. Week 10 is around the time acapella groups form their showcases
 - i. One of the showcases experienced a lot of difficulty in planning because of the current Covid policies and CSI policies for event
 - ii. This is really impacting the performing arts groups who are trying to plan events safely
 - iii. Performers are having issues with breath control because of masking
 - iv. Guidelines exist on this campus for departments to be able to host their performances to students so the acapella community is reaching out to see what we can do to change these policies so that they can follow the same guidelines as the departments

Reports of AS Offices

1. Lara
 - a. Mentor/mentee applications have opened; you have until Friday of Week 1 to apply and reveal will be Week 3
 - b. Tommy will be graduating this quarter so we will be hiring a new Chief Communications Officer
 - i. All other office positions will be open too
 - c. We had two resignations so if anyone would like to sit on the hiring committees please message me on Slack
 - d. Recently hired our Data Officer so please remember if any of you are planning on doing any data collection it needs to be approved by this person first
 - e. Triton Dine
 - i. Please check your email for more information
 - ii. I acknowledge that it's finals and it's mandatory but the main goal of this is to help students make sure they don't have to worry about their next meal while studying for finals
 - f. After winter break we will be redoing the standing rules
 - i. Standing Rules Committee will be reconvening every week and we will share what topics we will be discussing before hand
2. Agni
 - a. The trolley launched on the 21st!

- i. On opening day, MTS reported 36,000 additional trips.
 - ii. Check out the Pronto app
 - iii. UCSD is doing a giveaway that's open until December 9th
 - 1. Information is on UCSD instagram story
 - b. Student Advocacy Success
 - i. AS has been working on getting the UC San Diego Academic Senate to approve a universal policy that requires syllabi for all courses
 - ii. Starting next fall quarter 2022
 - iii. Will be required to include a grading policy
 - c. Lighting Walks will begin in January
 - i. Invitation being sent to all students
 - ii. An opportunity for students leaders to join campus leadership to walk through campus and discuss poorly-lit areas on campus
 - iii. Walks will take place over the course of 4 weeks
 - d. Triton Transfer Hub's physical space will be open during finals week
 - e. Undocumented Student Services will also be open during finals weeks
 - f. Return to Learn
 - i. Cases are still pretty low right now on campus but we won't really know until another week or so
 - ii. Campus leadership is prepared for anything and can adapt policies and safety measures when necessary
 - iii. First COVID case was found in California today
 - iv. After winter break, campus will go back to phase 1.
 - 1. Students will need to test on their first day of arrival if they are residential students
 - g. Boostin Out for Basic Needs
 - i. Initiative that the Chancellor is committed to donating 50k to Basic Needs on campus if we reach _____ number of students getting boosters
 - ii. Social media toolkits will be sent out over the listserv tomorrow
 - h. California just allocated a large amount of money to Basic Needs on campus
 - i. One goal is a Rapid Rehousing Program
 - i. Good luck on finals and get boosted!
3. Blackshire
 - a. UCSA is now doing their Student of Color Conference in January
 - i. Trying to decide how we want to handle this conference
 - 1. Considering virtual, in-person, and hybrid options; costs would change depending on each option
 - ii. Debating on where to hold the conference

- iii. Want to gauge people's interest on whether they would want a conference in person

Question Time

- 1. Agni
 - a. @ Senator Jost: Thank you for your insight on the acapella groups. Would your primary goal be to get that theater and dance all exception policy? Or would it be an outdoor performance venue that has better acoustics?
 - i. Jost: The best movement forward would be to apply the theater and dance policy to performing groups because it applies to shows and rehearsal
- 2. Callahan
 - a. @ VP Blackshire: I like that you're requesting our feedback for this. How many students would you look at funding if it were in person? Would there be flying involved?
 - i. Blackshire: As an EVP it is really hard to know what the other campuses are doing on Zoom or in a hybrid situation; conference cost is \$2k more in person; there is risk involved with it being in person; I personally would love for it to be in person and have funding for this
- 3. Lara
 - a. @ VP Blackshire: People have been able to adapt in-person conferences to work really well in a hybrid format. I think a hybrid approach would be best to allow for more students to attend.
 - i. Blackshire: I will definitely keep this in mind because hybrid options are definitely much more convenient and accessible

Reports of Standing Committees

- 1. Legislative
 - a. L1 and L2 tabled indefinitely; decision stands
 - b. L3-L14 approved; decision stands
 - c. L15 discharged to Senate
 - i. Lara move to approve
 - 1. Jost object
 - a. I object because this legislation is very similar to the last session
 - ii. Lara
 - 1. I'd like to ask that you all please vote rather than abstain
 - 2. I'd like to speak about representation and distinguish the roles of senators

- a. Your voice within this Senate room is not as important as your voice in other spaces with administrators and the voices you are amplifying
 3. A VP role will open up more of the President's time to focus on their projects and task the VPAA with more authority to represent all academic divisions
 4. I encourage you all to vote yes
- iii. Callahan
 1. It is very frustrating to be in this position and not be able to do the things that people want us to do
 2. There is too much bureaucracy for us to go through in order to get stuff done
 3. We cannot do our job because of the fact that we do not have the authority to make these academic accommodations and policies
 4. Creating this position that has one person who can dedicate all their time and advocacy work on academics
 - a. Think about getting this position to sit on Academic Senate and having them obtain a seat at that table
- iv. Le
 1. I think before we consider moving forward with this I want senators to consider your constituents when voting
 - a. I don't like the idea of my representative giving away their voting right
 2. There are two main changes on this proposal that stood out to me
 - a. Addition of VPAA and turning academic senator positions into directors in that office
- v. Blackshire
 1. I understand the argument of representation but you can only do so much as a senator
 2. To be frank we need to start eliminating the bureaucracy and get people in positions to talk to administrators
- vi. Jost
 1. All of you seem perfectly fine with speaking for me instead of speaking to me

2. As one of the individuals who is from the non-represented groups I am very concerned that no one even talked to me or someone from my department about this
3. We are failing to do our jobs as student representatives
4. This is being sold as a way to represent students but I am speaking as a student who is not currently represented
5. Who will this VP be accountable to?

vii. Lara

1. I want to point out each academic senator who has spoken out about this are in favor of this
2. Who are the people that are in those spaces with administrators that make important decisions? It's Manu and the AVP
3. If you are unhappy with this then propose your own legislation

2. Finance

- a. F2 tabled indefinitely; decision stands
- b. F3 approved; decision stands
- c. F4 tabled indefinitely; decision stands
- d. F5 approved; decision stands
- e. F6 - F7 approved; decision stands
- f. F1 discharged to Senate
 - i. Lara move to approve
 - ii. Item passed
- g. F8 discharged to Senate
 - i. Nomani move to approve
 - ii. Item passed

Reports of External Committees

1. Nomani

a. UCAB

- i. PC East Ballroom is currently being used by Student Health Services for testing
 1. Asked that they still be able to use the space during winter and spring quarter
 2. This could greatly impact groups who are hoping to host events in the space
 - a. Jost: Does UCAB have any data on how much the space is being used right now for testing versus how much Rimac was being used?

- i. Nomani: We will be meeting with Health Services at the start of winter quarter so I will be sure to ask this
 - 3. Straw poll: Does AS feel we should use the space for testing or open it up for other groups to use?
 - a. Vaccinations and testing: 12
 - b. Other events: 5
- 2. Muir
 - a. LSAC
 - i. Geisel will be open for 24 hours during finals week
 - ii. Biomedical Library: classroom will be open as a student space
 - iii. Both Geisel and Biomedical Library will be closed for winter break and open on January 2nd
- 3. Lin
 - a. Met with the Assessment Workgroup
 - i. They use data to analyze the current state of the university to aid in decision making
- 4. Johnson
 - a. Tomorrow I have my first meeting with the Mentoring for All committee
 - i. First year mentoring program
 - ii. Meeting minutes will be uploaded on Google Drive after the meeting
- 5. Lara
 - a. Psychological Emergency Response Team
 - i. Work to reform the way campus responds to psychological emergency responses

Committee Question Time

- 1. Agni
 - a. @ Director Weng: Can you speak about how Open Roll Call voting works?
 - i. Open Roll Call votes are a way to capture votes of those who are not here for whatever reason; you cannot change your vote, students have 48 hours to respond with their vote.
 - ii. If the legislation gets $\frac{3}{4}$ majority vote, it either needs to be approved by a $\frac{2}{3}$ majority of college councils or send it to a vote by the student body.

- b. @ Senator Nomani: Did they talk about the need for the space in the future? If the board does not allow vaccinations to be there anymore, will they be proposing an alternate site?
 - i. Right now, there are a lot of student groups that want to use the space during winter and spring quarter. This would open it up to be reserved for events. Want to find a middle ground that allows the community to stay safe but also opens up the space for others to use.
 - ii. I can bring up the idea of offering an alternative space for testing and vaccinations.

Discussion Items

D1. Reforming AS' Accountability and Attendance Policies. Sponsored by VPCA Isaac Lara

- 1. Lara
 - a. Do not have anything to discuss after all

Unfinished Business

New Business

Open Forum

- 1. Callahan
 - a. I wanted to quickly make a point in regards to our discussion directly to those who may be watching
 - i. If you are at all concerned about the conversations that took place today please feel free to reach out
- 2. Agni
 - a. For lighting walks, EH&S has started using a new tool that was developed by Public Health students a couple years ago.
 - b. UCOP Sustainability Goals: wanted to highlight that the comment deadline period has been extended to December 16th
 - i. AS and GPSA has started working on a joint letter in response to this
 - 1. When letter gets sent out over the listserv please read it and sign in support
- 3. Le
 - a. I want to provide some thoughts about the discussion that led to an open roll call vote

- b. If the Academic Affairs office had staff members right now they would be able to get more done. I was an office member last year and collaborated a lot with the academic senators
 - c. I don't have much of an issue with reforming the AVP position to a VP position but I am mainly concerned about the representation
 - d. If you vote yes you're giving away your voting right so I suggest that those who still need to vote vote no or abstain
4. Jost
- a. Wanted to echo that there is currently a deficit in speaking to our constituents
 - b. To members of the public, if you have an issue with the way things have been going lately, please consider coming to these meetings in the future and speak to us about your concerns.
5. Lara
- a. I want to remind the Senate that Open Forum is a time to discuss things that haven't already been discussed
 - b. As a reminder there are only 3 no's for the current legislation
6. Weng
- a. Actually for clarification, open forum is open for any type of conversation.
7. Callahan
- a. @ Le: you haven't talked to us at all and the standing rules says that's a responsibility of yours
 - b. I've personally talked to people in my department who are in agreeance
 - c. I also want to point out to members of the public that even though conversations get heated there is still love and respect among us
8. Le
- a. I didn't mean to offend anyone and I can send the email to the listserv or to slack
 - b. I apologize if that's how it was interpreted, I really just want to offer my help and support
 - c. I want to remind everyone that I have office hours and I'm available to talk
9. Blackshire
- a. To those members of the public who have seen/heard people speak passionately I encourage you to not tone police others
10. Jost
- a. Every person who is talking on these subjects have gone out and talked to people and gotten feedback
 - b. I will continue to encourage people to attend open forum and speak with us
 - c. Feel free to connect with all of AS about things they've said
11. Weng
- a. Interim Executive Assistant Daniel has received a full-time job offer with Sixth College which means he will be leaving AS

- i. Last day is December 22nd
 - ii. Working on finding a new interim
- b. Director Belk is taking a personal leave right now so I am the current Acting Director until at least January 4th

Roll Call

Meeting adjourned at 8:13 PM

Written Reports

1. Allocation of \$470.00 from Programming funds to Project in a Box for PiB Study Jam
2. Allocation of \$254.97 from Programming funds to Triton Splatoon for Post-Final Gaming
3. Allocation of \$582.18 from Programming funds to ACM for ACM Winter Kickoff
4. Allocation of \$221.68 from Programming funds to IEEE for Winter GBM
5. Allocation of \$13.57 from Programming funds to MEMO for Winter GBM 1
6. Allocation of \$306.71 from Programming funds to ACM for Intro to CTFs
7. Allocation of \$89.92 from Programming funds to Women in Computing for Art and Sip Social
8. Allocation of \$487.20 from Programming funds to ACM for Winter Projects Kickoff
9. Allocation of \$150.00 from Programming funds to ACM for Product Post-launch Steps
10. Allocation of \$142.84 from Programming funds to ACM for How to Deploy Facebook
11. Allocation of \$458.88 from Programming funds to IEEE for Make Your Own Discord Bot
12. Allocation of \$210.65 from Programming funds to Quantum Computing for Hardware Workshop
13. Allocation of \$350.00 from Programming funds to Anime Club for Animefest 2022
 - a. Office of Student Organizations

Bills in Committee

Finance Committee

F1. Allocation of \$1,500 from General Unallocated Funds to Martin Luther King Jr. Week of Service Committee for Associated Students Requested Week of Service contribution. Sponsored by FC Kamron Williams.

F2. Allocation of \$412.00 from Programming Funds to Association for Computing Machinery (ACM) for ACM Projects Fall 2021 Showcase. Sponsored by FC Kamron Williams.

F3. Allocation of \$1,068.61 from Programming Funds to Association for Computing Machinery (ACM) for ACM x IEEE Tie-Dye Social. Sponsored by FC Kamron Williams.

F4. Allocation of \$340.49 from Programming Funds to American Chemical Society Student Affiliates (ACSSA) for ACSSA Week 2 GBM. Sponsored by FC Kamron Williams.

F5. Allocation of \$1,733.59 from Programming Funds to Biomedical Engineering Society (BMES) for Lab Expo. Sponsored by FC Kamron Williams.

F6. Allocation of \$462.50 from Programming Funds to The Treble Singers at UCSD for The Trebles Winter Showcase 2022. Sponsored by FC Kamron Williams.

F7. Allocation of \$306.71 from Programming Funds to Association for Computing Machinery (ACM) for Intro to SwiftUI Part 1. Sponsored by Kamron Williams.

F8. Allocation of \$1600 from unallocated, for a stipend amount of \$80 per week for 20 weeks for the position of Chief of Staff in the Office of Campus Affairs. Sponsored by VPCA Isaac Lara.

Legislative Committee

L1. Standing Rules Change Establishing Standardized Hiring Practices (Attachment Forthcoming). Sponsored by VPCA Isaac Lara.

L2. Amendment to Resolution on Establishment of Performance Standards (Attachment Forthcoming). Sponsored by VPCA Isaac Lara

L3. Appointment of Aleena Shad as Student Advocate for the Office of Student Advocacy effective immediately until appointment of successor. Sponsored by Manu Agni.

L4. Appointment of Chloe Chu as Student Advocate for the Office of Student Advocacy effective immediately until appointment of successor. Sponsored by Manu Agni.

L5. Appointment of Savanna Turner as Student Advocate for the Office of Student Advocacy immediately until appointment of successor. Sponsored by Manu Agni.

L6. Appointment of Tim Rothwein as Student Advocate for the Office of Student Advocacy immediately until appointment of successor. Sponsored by Manu Agni.

L7. Appointment of Daosiri Rattanamansuang as Student Advocate for the Office of Student Advocacy immediately until appointment of successor. Sponsored by Manu Agni.

L8. Appointment of Melissa Chea as Outreach Intern for the Office of Student Advocacy effective immediately until appointment of successor. Sponsored by Manu Agni.

L9. Appointment of Francesca Juarez as Outreach Intern for the Office of Student Advocacy effective immediately until appointment of successor. Sponsored by Manu Agni.

L10. Appointment of Megha Sanjay as Student Advocate for the Office of Student Advocacy effective immediately until appointment of successor. Sponsored by Manu Agni.

L11. Appointment of Nicholas Gonzales as Student Advocate for the Office of Student Advocacy effective immediately until appointment of successor. Sponsored by Manu Agni.

L12. Appointment of Salma Tarzi as Student Advocate for the Office of Student Advocacy effective immediately until appointment of successor. Sponsored by Manu Agni.

L13. Appointment of Sukham Sidhu as Student Advocate for the Office of Student Advocacy effective immediately until appointment of successor. Sponsored by Manu Agni.

L14. Appointment of Xuechen (Alan) Wei as Student Advocate for the Office of Student Advocacy effective immediately until appointment of successor. Sponsored by Manu Agni.

L15. Reforming AS Academic Division Representation *Revised* (Attachment Forthcoming). Sponsored by VPCA Isaac Lara.

L16. Appointment of Arpa Shahbazian as Chief of Staff of the Office of Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion. Sponsored by VP Blackshire

L17. Appointment of Aleh Shahbazian as Internal Relations Director of the Office of Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion. Sponsored by VP Blackshire

L18. Appointment of Roma Ramirez-Bueno as Marketing Strategist of the Office of Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion. Sponsored by VP Blackshire

L19. Appointment of Daphne Pham as Outreach Coordinator of the Office of Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion. Sponsored by VP Blackshire

L20. Appointment of Dephny Duan as APSA Representative of the Office of Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion. Sponsored by VP Blackshire

L21. Appointment of Jaida Day as BSU Representative of the Office of Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion. Sponsored by VP Blackshire

L22. Appointment of Sarah Uran as DJC Representative of the Office of Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion. Sponsored by VP Blackshire

L23. Appointment of Cristian Fuentes Hernandez as MEChA Representative of the Office of Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion. Sponsored by VP Blackshire

L24. Appointment of Melanie Estrella as NAISA Representative of the Office of Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion. Sponsored by VP Blackshire

L25. Appointment of Joselyn Carbonell as QTPOC Representative of the Office of Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion. Sponsored by VP Blackshire

L26. Appointment of Shane Abassi as FundtheUC Campaign Coordinator of the Office of External Affairs. Sponsored by VP Blackshire

L27. Appointment of Jiwon Shin as Internal Director of the Office of External Affairs. Sponsored by VP Blackshire

L28. Appointment of Stephanie Espinoza as Communication Director of the Office of External Affairs. Sponsored by VP Blackshire

L29. Appointment of Egan Lai as Lobbying Coordinator of the Office of Local Affairs. Sponsored by VP Blackshire