

MEETING MINUTES

THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA SAN DIEGO

Date: Wednesday, May 11, 2022

Call to Order: 6:16

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

Roll Call

Public Input

Special Presentations

1. Constitutional Overhaul Grand Finale
 - a. Item L3 is changing the term dates so that they align better with the fiscal year.
 - b. The following legislation proposes the restructuring of the Senate to enhance our ability to advocate and reduce the bloating the Senate is currently experiencing. The overhaul does the following:

Reports of Senator Projects

- Senator Lopez
 - Working on setting up meeting with Megan Fox from HDH for second Project
- Senator Zick
 - Training with Transfer ally is done
 - Met with college council presidents to present committee charter to gauge support and its looking positive

Reports of AS Senators

- Senator Callahan
 - AVP interviews will be Thurs – Sun
 - Incoming senate should keep an eye out for email from Rachel who must sit on cfo interviews
 - Will be making it mandatory for senators to attend at least 2 avp public interviews
 - Got to attend Palestine week events
 - Around Library walk there have been
 - Reached out to triton lobby corps and was given a list of demands that will be released soon
 - Want a letter from Chancellor, VCSA, and President Drake
 - Final demand is doing research in UCSD associations with catholic hospitals

- Working on figuring out the gap between AS and Triton Lobby Corps
- Senator Zick
 - Women's center is hosting an art fair type thing
 - Chance to submit art, poems, and anything about feminism
 - Warren College students
 - There is a Disneyland trip where transport is paid for, and tickets are \$95
 - Please sign up for transfer triton day as it is very important for there to be representation on that day

Reports of AS Offices

- VP Blackshire
 - Had questions about long term strategies about how UCOP will support universities over
 - UCOP got sued over Vaccine Mandates
 - Brought up point that UC is not able to provide affordable housing for the rising admissions into system
 - Part of the issue is the large pushback from surrounding areas
 - It seems that President Drake as an advocate

Questions

- Sen Callahan
 - To VP Blackshire
 - Who sued UCOP?
 - Catholic Based Hospital sued and UCOP lost millions of dollars

Reports of Standing Committees

- Finance
 - F1 Tabled indefinitely
 - F2 Approved, No Objections
 - F3 Approved, No Objections
 - F4 Approved, No Objections
 - F5 Approved, No Objections
- Legislative
 - L1 Approved
 - L2 Discharged to Senate
 - Moved to approve, Second, No objections

- Moved for open roll call vote
- L3 Discharged to Senate
 - Moved to approve, Second, No objections
 - Moved for open roll call vote
- L4 Tabled by one week
- L5 Discharged
 - Moved to approve, Objected
 - Asked to object to fix grammatical rule
 - Isaac, move to amend item L5 to include “Proviso: This will go into effect for the next AS Spring Elections 2023”
 - No objections, amended
 - Senator Tapia
 - Based on feedback from council, there are a lot of concerns about reducing from 2 senators to 1
 - Campus wide senators do not have a reporting body that they must be accountable to the way that college senators have with their councils
 - I will be voting no and ask others to vote the same way
 - Senator Leung
 - There is a decrease of senators while there is an increasing number of students at UCSD
 - I will be voting no
 - Senator Azari
 - ERC will be voting no on this as well
 - There is already an issue with communication between AS and council and this will not help
 - Senator Welch
 - Planning on voting no and this will lower the communication
 - Senator Eng
 - What is the purpose of moving off campus to one?

- VP Lara – Have experienced that there is not enough for to senators. The AVP of Food and Housing represents AS in a lot of places that Off campus senators would work, and it has been a lot of redundant advocacy work
- Senator Gorthi
 - Would there be changes to pay structure to compensate for lowering of senators
 - VP Lara – No. When looking at the workloads my opinion is that it should not be increased however that is up to future senates, but I discourage a varying rate between senators
- Senator Zick
 - In my experience having a co is not necessary
 - I don't understand the idea that college senators' voices are being subdued because we are not getting rid of college senators all together
 - I would support lowering transfer to one senator
- Senator Mandal
 - Regarding Co-Senators there have been issues in the past where Co-Senators have been absent. However, there is also examples of it being successful
 - 7:30 pm
- VP Blackshire
 - My experience as a senator was me carrying the workload
 - It is indeed possible for the workload to be done by one
- VP Foley
 - College senators are a good way to keep AS accountable by the College Councils
- Sen Lopez

- I think getting rid of Co-Senators could actually be beneficial by getting senators to collaborate outside of their circles
- Sen Leung
 - In the constitution college senators are not required to work together on issues and so keeping the college could actually
- Sen Zick
 - There has been a lot of work done throughout the year to
 - Cliques, I knew and felt connected to one college senator so I think it would be possible for less college senators would force them to mix with the rest of senator
 - The rest of council have been working without Co-Senators the whole time
- VP Lara
 - I will be calling to question
 - This proposal has existed for a couple of years and has been thought out for a while
 - Communication issue, I think it is flawed to believe that two college senators will lead to better communication
 - It has been the case where college councils have held to much voting power
 - I encourage you to detach yourself from your role
 - We are a deliberative body rather than a representative body
- Sen Leung
 - Is there not enough money to pay for senators
 - VP Lara – the money is not the main issue but it something to take into consideration; there’s about 96 committees

- If we decreased number of senators, will we ensure that all committees will have people.
 - I urge people to view college senators as two individuals
 - VP Lara
 - All committees are sat on by someone except for in worst case scenarios
 - I have been told not a lot but not been given alternatives
 - Move to Call into Question, seconded, no objections
 - Move for open roll call vote, second, no objections
 - L6 Discharged to Senate
 - Move to approve L6, second, object
 - Move to amend to read 4.2.d “student employees ...”, second, no objections
 - VP Lara, includes standardized hiring
 - L7 Tabled by one week

Reports of External Committees

Committee Question Time

Discussion Items

Unfinished Business

New Business

Open Forum

- Senator Callahan
 - On part of Rachel, can college senators check emails for some important info
- President Manu
 - Wednesday there is a town hall on transit
 - 24th and 25th there will be a lighting walk with facilities management to discuss areas of need on campus
- Sen Eng
 - Still hiring exec director of events and performances
 - Will be announced by June 5th
- Manu

- Next week in senate we will be having alumni board members visiting

Roll Call

Written Reports

Meeting Adjourned: 8:28 pm

Bills in Committee

Finance Committee

- F1. F1.** Allocation of \$899.56 from Programming Funds to Students for Justice in Palestine for GBM #3. Sponsored by FC Kamron Williams.
- F2.** Approval of \$1,215.99 from Programming Funds to Out in Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics (STEM) for End of the Year Banquet. Sponsored by FC Kamron Williams.
- F3.** Approval of \$20,160 for the Stipend of the Chief Communications Officer and Chief Personnel Officer. Sponsored by FC Kamron Williams.
- F4.** Approval of \$40 weekly increase to stipend pay rate for Vice President of Campus Affairs, Vice President of External Affairs, and Financial Controller. Sponsored by VP Isaac Lara, VP Adrian Blackshire, and FC Kamron Williams.
- F5.** Approval of \$20,160 for the Stipend(s) of the Executive Vice President and Vice President of Academic Affairs. Sponsored by FC Kamron Williams.

Legislative Committee

- L1.** Appointment of Alec Parra-Miranda as Interim Legislative Director of the Office of External Affairs effective immediately. Sponsored by VP Blackshire
- L2.** Constitutional Amendment Reducing Bureaucratic Complexity to Enhance Efficiency (*Attachment Forthcoming*). Sponsored by VP Campus Affairs Isaac Lara.
- L3.** Constitutional Amendment Reforming AS Terms to Align with UCSD Fiscal Calendar (*Attachment Forthcoming*). Sponsored by VP Campus Affairs Isaac Lara
- L4.** The KISEKI Reform (Killing Inaccessible Structures, Enhancing Kool Ideas) on AS Elections. (*Attachment Forthcoming*). Sponsored by VP Campus Affairs Isaac Lara
- L5.** Constitutional Amendment Reforming Senate Composition to Enhance Advocacy Abilities (*Attachment Forthcoming*). Sponsored by VP Campus Affairs Isaac Lara
- L6.** Standing Rules Overhaul Complementing Constitutional Overhaul. Sponsored by VP Campus Affairs Isaac Lara
- L7.** AS Besties Amendment: Reforming Special Rules of Order to Include the "Bubbles Rule" and Principles of Community (*Attachment Forthcoming*). Sponsored by VP Campus Affairs Isaac Lara.