Meeting Minutes
THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA SAN DIEGO

Date: Wednesday, September 28, 2022
Meeting Called to Order Time: 6:15 pm
Location: Price Center East, The Forum
Live Stream Recording: https://fb.watch/g6LTOb_Vgd/

Order of Business

Roll Call
Public Input
   1. Ulises –
      a. I would like to commend item L1
         i. The executive branch has too much power over the acts of senate and should
            be a more separate entity

Special Presentations
   1. Special Presentation from UCSD Alumni Board to Associated Students. Sponsored by
      President Sky Yang.
      1. If you have any interest in our mentorship program the deadline is November 4th
      2. Please distribute link to senate members specifically
      1. Moved to table presentation by one week, second, no objections

   3. Move to suspend bylaws to consider attachment, second, objection
      1. Sky – Many Students have issues with housing,
      2. Point of information – was this the same document as was presented to legislative, yes
      3. A lot happened
      4. Motion Failed

Reports of Senator Projects
   • Sen Leung
      o Working with ab367 on oct 18th to discuss period product availability

Reports of AS Senators

Reports of AS Offices
   • President Yang
      o Lack of signage has been hazardous especially near construction
         ▪ Working with avp of transportation and transformation
      o Setting up weekly tabling on library walk so that students can speak to me about
        questions and concerns
   • CPO Charles
      o Fellowship applications are still live
      o Fellow request form
   • CFO Shuster
      o Please attend office hours and ask questions
• EVP Lau
  o Senate applications are open now
  o External committees will be coming soon

• VP Callahan
  o Had meeting with holistic teaching committee
  o Give students opportunity to give feedback mid quarter instead of just at the end
  o Still working on a Medical Withdrawal
  o Still hiring

Question Time

Reports of Standing Committees

• Finance
  o F1 Approved, no objections
  o F2 Denied, no objections

• Legislative
  o L2 Was discharged to senate
  o Move to approve L2, Second, Object
    ▪ Sen Lin - Adding Special Rules of Order, reclaiming my time
    ▪ Sen Leung
      • Part of Rule 13, executive vp has the ability to voice opinion but
        should only be able to during a tie
    ▪ Sen Charles
      • Should the chair deny, the reclamation can it be overruled
      • Response - No
    ▪ Sen Welch
      • What was the point of having the chair voice their opinion if they are
        meant to be impartial
      • Sen Lin – It is an inequality for the advising exec to not be able to
        share opinions while other exec can
    ▪ Sen Tapia
      • We are basically giving the last word to exec vp
      • Don’t see the reasoning
      • Lin – Standing rules states that evp has the advising role for Senate
    ▪ VP Callahan
      • I would suggest a solution to be to approve everything but rule 13
    ▪ Sen Leung
      • If we permit the EVP to voice opinion it creates a loophole where
        they don’t have to give up their role as chair
    ▪ Sen Lin
      • For the record I am willing to pass the rest of the rules and we can
        leave rule 13 for a later date
    ▪ Move to amend item L2 to “remove rule 13 and change rule 14 to rule 13”
      • Accepted friendly amendment
    ▪ Move for open roll call vote


• L1 was tabled indefinitely, objection
  o Sen Lin – I am not against the four year housing guarantee, I could not support this because there are not enough specifics in this resolution
  o President Yang – Signing this resolution would be us telling administration and legislators that we need a 4 year housing guarantee
  o Sen Lin
    ▪ Resolutions are not the backbone of our work; it is students and the work that we do
    ▪ Resolutions are important, but not once does this resolution acknowledge the work that other groups have done to push this work
    ▪ This resolution should reflect said work
    ▪ We should work on writing a separate resolution
  o Sen Mandal
    ▪ I believe this resolution is inadequate
    ▪ We need more tangible solutions
  o VP Saito
    ▪ I would love to be able to see “we want xyz”
    ▪ From my experience the regents and President drake do not take kindly to specific requests
    ▪ They like to be more of a compass and allow the UCs to decide on specifics
    ▪ Drake does not believe that housing is an issue, so I would like to be able to put my foot in the door and show that yes students want housing
  o Sen Griffith
    ▪ If people would like to redraft this, could we get it done by next week
    ▪ President Yang – That is an option we are looking at; we only have a meeting once a quarter and it is this Friday
      • We would like to bring a resolution to this meeting
  o Sen Azari
    ▪ I support 4-year housing but the resolution needs to be more specific and allow for collaboration
  o President Yang
    ▪ First concern for outside groups, I think different groups have a huge impact. However, as ASUCSD we are looking to show that we are in support of this. Those are subsequent steps for us, and this is hopefully a step in the door
    ▪ We need to get a foot in the door to get through to larger UC Admin
  o Sen Esparza
    ▪ Either we get it out resolution on time or work on it collaboratively and get timeline pushed a quarter
  o Sen Ventraprada
    ▪ 8:03
  o Sen Leung
    ▪ There has been comments that resolutions are pieces of paper that have just been passed and forgotten
• It is our job to ensure that they get acted upon
• I understand that tangible goals are important but higher representatives are the people we need to be pushing

○ Sen Juarez
  • This is the first step and not the final step and more can be added later
  • Time is imperative

○ VP Callahan
  • Wanted to Distinguish between resolution and legislation
  • We cannot take back and amend resolutions
  • Personally, I want us all to be able to back our statement and I don’t see it at the moment
  • We could theoretically call an emergency meeting to pass a revised version before Friday, but it is unlikely

○ Sen Mandal
  • It has been brought up that drake is not a fan of tangibles but that is not our concern, our concern is to make sure we are representing our student body
  • I urge folks to not support this current resolution
  • It is overdue but let’s do it right

○ CCO Rosario
  • It is important that we represent students, but we must keep in mind how those we are urging may respond

○ Sen Lin
  • I agree that we can’t take back a resolution
  • There should have been more students involved into the writing of the resolution because there have been many things left
  • We cannot make a statement on behalf of 30,000 students

○ President Yang
  • We represent student body as a whole; I launched a survey on my office Instagram and it was popular

○ Sen Leung
  • I think there has been a lot of concern of not hearing from enough students, but have we not heard enough student testimonies
  • We can spend all year and that doesn’t guarantee that it is even looked at by President drake
  • I would like to ask what is missing in the resolution

○ Sen Ventrarapragada
  • When would the next deadline be?
  • Can we add a part 2 resolution in the future
  • President Yang – It will be pushed back to next quarter, it would be great to add a part to with more complexity

○ VP Callahan
- An Instagram poll is not going to give you a concise understand of the student body, not qualitative
- There is no addressing of previous movements for the same goal
- No mention of rallies, mutual aid funding,
- Hotel situation is not an adequate solution

○ Sen Esperaza
  - We will only be prolonging 4-year housing

○ President Yang
  - I think we should include student input by adding on to it

○ Senator Navidad
  - I’m confused because I’m hearing that we can revise the resolution, but also that we cannot.
  - I am okay with putting a vague statement out and then adding on to it later

○ VP Callahan
  - I move for a five-minute recess, second, no objections

○ Sen Lin
  - We need to think about what other avenues are to push for four year housing
  - If we bring this to President Drake and we don’t think he will listen to tangible things I don’t think he will listen to non-tangibles either
  - We would also be putting out a statement that does not practice inclusivity of our community

○ Sen Leung
  - We shouldn’t cut it off because we think drake will not listen

○ Sen Mandal
  - We are currently neglecting tangible goals and our students’ experiences in order to be considerate of drakes’ feelings
  - Student body has not been kind when resolutions have been passed without their contributions

○ VP Saito
  - President Drake doesn’t believe this an issue, but I think this is why he will be more willing to have the initial conversation
  - I would love to add more student voices, but it is not possible in this current piece, this piece is directed to President Drake, Chancellor Khosla, and other CA Legislators

○ CPO Charles
  - Would you be able to build a convincing argument with what you have now
  - I believe something that passes marginally would not be very convincing
  - President Sky – We can build a case but not necessarily a strong case, this is not the end all be all of resolutions.
    - Move to extend time by 30 seconds
    - We want to bring something to the table with the rest of the presidents
Sen Lin
- All resolutions that senate passes should be a comprehensive resolution
- We should not craft our response around the feelings of a President who does not believe housing is a crisis
- I am confident in vp Saito and president yang's ability

Sen – Call to question, second, objected
- 14, 6, 2

- “Discharging from committee” 16, 5, 1, motion has passed
- Sen Lin – Move to table indefinitely, second, objection
  - We should not pass an incomplete resolution
  - President Yang – This is not an end all be all, we want to bring it up repeatedly
    - Sen Griffith, we just discussed this same thing and it failed, we should vote on this
  - VP Callahan, want to clarify differences of open roll call vs roll call
  - Sen Leung
    - Not everyone has been included but that doesn’t mean they have been excluded. This resolution clearly states the intention of four-year housing

- Roll Call Vote 6, 16, 0

- President Yang, move to approve L1, second, objection
  - We have laid all the facts on the table and urge for support
  - Sen Lin – Please vote no
  - Sen, Call to Question, second, no objections
    - 22,0,0

- Roll Call Vote
  - 11, 6, 5, resolution has passed

Reports of External Committees
Committee Question Time
- Move to adjourn meeting
  - 9:31 Pm

Roll Call
Written Reports

Bills in Committee

Finance Committee
F1. Allocation of $136.84 from Student Organization Programming Unallocated to Chem-E-Car Project for Fall Quarter, GBM #2 (Week 3). Sponsored by CFO Steven Shuster
F2. Allocation of $325.94 from Student Organization Programming Unallocated to Nanoengineering and Technology Society for Big/Little Welcome Night. Sponsored by CFO Steven Shuster

Legislative Committee