

MEETING MINUTES

ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SAN DIEGO

The Wednesday, November 6, 2019 meeting was held at 6:05 PM in the Price Center East Forum.

Rolled was called.

Public input provided by Head Chair of District Board on updating AS Constitution.

Reports of External News:

- **VP External Affairs Williams:** Basic Act is unveiled to provide half a billion dollars in funding for basic needs for college students. UCSA has vacancies on committees.
- **Senator Hickman:** County Board of Supervisors have reversed their decision so there will be voting centers on UCSD. The five vote centers' locations have been determined. We have to work within the internal office to see how to get people to the nearest location. November will have voting centers across San Diego so opens up the possibility of having one on campus.

One minute of BBC News.

Reports of Members:

- **Senator Kulkarni:** Wellfest 2019 is this Friday. Our president is speaking there. HDH is planning something for week 8. We talked about cashless dining so there will be a trial in Revelle. UCAP has new furniture. Old Student Center is being renovated. We are looking to expand hours with final week hours.
- **President Grudin:** This week is the end of Equity, Inclusion, and Diversity meeting. Come ask me questions. I met with OPHD to talk about data accountability on their website because it hasn't been updated since 2015. They are making progress. I will be looking for student partners for them. Potentially working with graduate students about Title 9 reports. Regarding sexual violence reports, people aren't comfortable non-anonymously. OPHD are open to alternatives besides investigations. I'm almost done with appointing the next round of judicial board members. Senator Hickman and I have been working on an event that's mandatory. Past weeks there has been discriminatory events. We are planning on Wednesday of Week 8 to host an anti-blackness conversation.

We are extending invitations to Ras and Has. I need students to have a dialogue with IT Services. They asked for fee referenda, but didn't go through.

- **VP Campus Affairs Reynoso:** There's a tabling event tomorrow so it'll be nice for volunteers in Giesel. I attended Hispanic workgroup providing feedback on what Latina students need. You don't have to send senator reports anymore. Mandatory events list has been sent out. We are meeting with the Director of Education so let us know if you have anything to say. University of California is having a "I Stand With" campaign in light of the court case with DACA.
- **FC Christensen:** Canyon Vista is bomb. Whoever ends up being part of the ITS workgroup, reach out to me. Fee referendum should be going into action very soon. Student fee referendum committee has come to a close. It's a shift of UCOP policy on the number of students needed to petition. We are standardizing petition numbers across all colleges. It standardizes at 12% of the population. It's a constitutional change. This won't go in effect until 2021 school year.
- **Senator Vasudeva:** international students and programs office will have keynote speakers on how to make the campus climate more international friendly.
- **Senator Liu:** A swastika has been carved into a study lounge. We filled in the carving and had a meeting with residents. This isn't tolerated. We are looking out for the culprit.

Reports of Senator Projects:

- **Senator Kulkarni:** I was working on an app that involves class enrollment.
- **Senator Hickman:** We are working with the Student Affirmative Action Committee. Possibly we'll have a panel.
- **Senator McKeever:** Senator Swap is an idea that is a period where senator from each college switches with another college. This is to improve college councils for UCSD. Feedback will be given of what works and what doesn't. it seems we are in the works for week 7 at the earliest. With my college council, we talked about feedback for senators. During the AS Retreat, there will be a chalkboard that allows anyone to write. It'll be in Muir in MOM.

Question Time:

None.

Reports of Committees:

- **FC Christensen on behalf of the Finance Committee:** Item F1 was approved.

- **VP Campus Affairs Reynoso on behalf of the Legislative Committee:** Items L1 and L2 tabled indefinitely. Item L3 amended because the formatting wasn't consistent. It was discharged to the senate.

No objections so the decision of committee stands.

- **President Grudin** on Election Code: Standing Rules has revised it. Section B is a new section. The Election Committee is a group of seven that works on campus wide elections. AS can't call a special election then close it immediately, it has five business days. Grades are only going to be checked on the first week of spring quarter, which is right before the election period. If a candidate is withdrawing from a slate, they shall remain under those sanctions. Major changes in the Referenda section include removal of Campaign Procedures. We reduced the campaigning period. It starts on the Sunday before spring quarter begins. Finance report directions have been added as an outline. Dormstorming is prohibited for candidates, but neutral third parties might be allowed to. Election Manager has to approve everything money is spent on.
- **FC Christensen:** Superslating and changes to that, does it define what constitutes as superslating? Also, a wealthy member of a slate joining to be a financial source puts burden on other members. There should be a middle ground working spot.
- **President Grudin:** Keeping it without limitations, running a loan is your own amount. It would have potential for that to happen, but it's up to slates to figure out their own ethics. There's little we can do to limit how much one is contributing. Regarding working with other slates, it's intentionally loosely defined to the discretion of the Election Committee. There was a removal of legacy slates from election code.

FC Christensen moved to approve the election code. Was seconded. Item L3 passes.

Special Orders:

- **President Grudin:** I want a conversation about the future of slates, but college council elections are not impacted. There are 16 students running on one slate together, which is huge. It makes executive officer positions much more accessible. Running against a huge team as one is difficult. This allows a team of three. Senators can run as a block of 13. This gives them more autonomy in the senate. Executive officers can come into the senate without bias.
- **Senator Vu:** I think it'll be best for the executive and senate to be on separate slates. This follows US elections. Their work is very different. Executive is campus wide and represents everyone.

- **Senator Giangtran:** Doing this will make AS more accessible with larger and more qualified pool of executives.
- **Senator Manlutac:** I like the idea because when people want to run for senator they can formulate what they want to see at the end. Separate senate slate allows more freedom for goals and focuses. It's accessible for those running for senators and executives.
- **FC Christensen:** In negative light, being a good executive is bringing a team together. Guiding a slate is important. While figuring out to bring a bunch of people into a few slates is an okay way. Realistically, slates are entirely headed by executives. This isn't an entirely good or bad idea. Executives inspire those they are with. There is an inherent part that has an executive in a leadership position gives senators direction. Getting involved in a group can make them a functioning part of AS. Autonomy I support.
- **VP Campus Affairs Reynoso:** Most of you ran elections so you know how much time and energy put in. Imagine doing that not with 12 or 16 people, but with 3. Trying to reach out to the entire campus with only 3 people is tolling. Trying to get 16 people to run needs one person in charge. We are pushing 35,000 students so the scope of our election is important. When elections happen, there's soon to be eight at one time so people will be confused. Explaining all the differences is a lot.
- **Senator Kulkarni:** We should allow slates that combine senators and executives because they come in with a cohesive plan. They have bonds with their executive.
- **Senator Willoughby:** I see the good in accessibility. Those running for executive know the rules and can teach that to senators. Regarding the turnout of students, they will be confused. Being able to teach what elections are and that culture can change. I don't know how feasible it is to learn all election codes.
- **Senator Penugonda:** If there is separate, there will be less people running. Most important positions will have less visibility and platform. The most important slates get less visibility. There will be a divided executive and senate. It opens the door to contention.
- **Senator Hickman:** There are pros and cons to this. Given these points, senate slates that are split. Is there a senate president or leader that runs on that slate? Is there one contact person for the entire group?
- **VP Campus Affairs Reynoso:** It takes two structures. There is a senate leader within the senate. It's not a position you run for.
- **Senator McKeever:** With keeping the old method has some sort of accountability.

Senator Huang moved to add fifteen minutes to the discussion. Senator Hickman seconded.

- **Senator Huang:** Regarding benefits of separate slates, it encourages those outside of AS to run. It'll be less intimidating to run against three people instead of sixteen. We should encourage more perspectives.

- **Senator Vu:** On executive leading, it implies that exec is comprised of those with prior experience. Culture is incumbent has an advantage already compared to those without AS experience. There are more methods to reach out to constituents. No matter how many on a slate, campaigning is difficult. It's something you commit to beforehand. I'm confused about the opposition of splitting due to the confusion of students. Why is superslating not a topic of discussion and why banned?
- **John:** 2013 had a 60ish slate so it became a people power issue. For equity purposes, it has been eliminated.
- **President Grudin:** I am not pro or against, just an idea. Other campuses of three people running, but more people backing them up does gain visibility.
- **FC Christensen:** We are running a six college system so very unique. People don't care about voting on this campus. Each college runs their own candidates as well as college wide going on. Creating leadership for a slate of 16 is more about having a person that is able to be a leader. Whether or not being a part of AS, it is essential to becoming a part of this. Regarding tabling, it is the only option due to limited voter engagement. Tabling is still number one way for outreach. We have a slate that you can vote down ballot for. This is to centralize similar goals. Slates have the same goal.

Final Roll was called.

Meeting adjourned at 7:43 PM.