

MEETING MINUTES
ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SAN DIEGO

Wednesday, April 10, 2019 meeting of the Associated Students Senate was held at 6:04 PM in the Price Center East Forum, Speaker Nikhil Pothuru presiding and Clerk Christian Walker was present.

The following members were present: Kiara Gomez, Caroline Siegel-Singh, Nathan Park, Kenji Asakura, Emma Potter, Jasraj Johl, David Hickman, Leslie Silva, Amor Goetz, Aaron Hanna, Annika Manlutac, Kimberley Giangtran, Noah Palafox, Spencer Lee, Nicholas Butler, Eni Ikuku, Arthur Porter, Eric Ron, Eleanor Grudin, Brandon Milledge, Melina Reynoso, Myra Haider, Jamshed Asharov.

A special presentation was provided by Alejandro from CalPirg about the importance of the 2020 census..

The presentation addressed the following questions:

- Why is the census important pertaining to the next election cycle?
- How much will the census cost the local people?
- Will communities that are 'hard to count' (including communities of color, disability, and low income groups) be better accounted for?
- Recruiting efforts in San Diego
- Encourage, educate, and engage people about the importance of the census

The following members asked questions:

- **Senator Asakura:**
 - Answer: communities of color will be accounted
- **Amor Gomez:** Special plan to approach the 'hard to count' communities?
- **David Hickmen:** Steps pertaining to count or help undocumented immigrants who do not want to be literally accounted for?
 - Answer: we don't collaborate information gathered with any other federal bureau. People are worried in political atmosphere right now. Educating the importance of being counted since census will have a question pertaining about citizenship.

Reports of Members:

- **President Gomez:** The new applications for the AVP Positions are now open! Wanted to open applications earlier to allow for more time for interviewing candidates. Also the AS elections manager will stay on longer instead of leaving

directly after elections. Additionally creating a new forum to create a. Language done for first ever feedback form for the office of disability. Access to how services were, the process, and accessibility. New interactive art exhibit to open on Library Walk opening soon. The goal is for students to have a new space to reclaim their space.

- **Financial Controller Park:** The programming fund is done for the upcoming school year. AS safe rides is being opened up for Spring Quarter. Latest of Wednesday Week 6 will have new codes for the Uber or Lyft codes.
- **Senator Giangtran:** Free expression across campus. Free Speech Conference in Washington DC about President Trump's decision about free speech incident on Berkeley. Where to draw the line on hate speech as free speech. Hate speech is free speech and is protected. However the UC system has the duty to help protect the well being of its students as a whole.
- **Senator Giltner:** 1 in 4 students on campus is a transfer student. A larger percentage of students on campus will be transfers. Biggest struggle as a transfer is finding a place. Many transfers came together to discuss issues at large. They generally have different experiences than those who come in as Freshmen to campus. Stigma of transfers feeling as if they do not belong here- that they 'took the easier way out' or 'cheated their way in.' Need to change this mindset and push forward and validate the transfer experience.
- **Senator Morris:** Importance of knowing what department whether UCSD, MTS, or ASUCSD is in charge of what transportation. Looking at prices for Student (S) parking passes vs the other spots. UCSD Transportation Services website is now updated and a big resources for transportation inquiries. Student Transportation Advisory Committee has started meeting this year. Parking is not included internally on campus affairs: prices are determined based on off setting a budget.
- **Senator Milledge:** Tomorrow April 11th will be an event to talk to HDH with the public. HDH wants to work with the community to have better posters, flyers, and food displays for all of its dining hall meals.
- **Assistant Director Weng:** Vote on Tritonlink: it's election week! At this week some initiatives will not reach the 20% minimum needed for the passage or not of the referendums. Voter stickers will get free giveaway, 15% off Tacovilla and Tapex until next week if show sticker. Please help get out the vote efforts
- **Director Belk:** 2 people at all times that were needed for Triton Day shifts. Location at Chancellors Parking Lot. The job would be to talk to perspective UCSD students about the opportunity to get involved in AS.
- **Senator Porter:** Come to event next week to get fit with them in fun ways. SoulCyle, Corepower, OrangeTheroy fitness will be out
- **Senator Asakura:**

- **Senator Christensen:** Off campus housing fair is happening next week! Will be posted in many different Facebook groups.
- **Senator Hickman:** Event is happening right now! AS Open House is occurring now. Thanks to everyone who came out, volunteered, and talked to those at tabling.

New Business

Appointment of Taylor Goto as AS Records Officer

- No objections, the item was approved.

Creation of new AVP office for Transportation

- Streamline communication, increase efficiency, advocacy work. Point to simplify the line of communication. Will Pro and Cons next week
- Item moved to next week

OpenForum:

- **Senator Hickman:** Volunteer to work at SunGod! Great opportunity for behind the scenes access, and to help ASCE.
- **Senator Ron:** Event with free farm animals to pet.
- **Senator Palafox:** April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Title 9 is being rolled back and that hurts issues for SA cases. Powerful because most cases happen off campus. Majority of parties where most cases occur are off campus. Affects many people, including women and the LGBTQ community. Title 9 will take away protections for off campus inclusion of University protections.
- **Senator Reynoso:** Volunteer position
- **Senator Manlutac:** Conference about Cognitive Science to meet professionals and have networking opportunities.

The roll was called.

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Meeting was adjourned at 6:59pm.