

MEETING MINUTES

ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SAN DIEGO

The Wednesday, January 8, 2020 meeting was held in the Price Center East Forum at 6:09 PM.

Roll was called.

Reports of External News:

- **President Grudin:** Next week Tuesday is UC President meeting at UCLA. External office is taking a team. Cohort-based tuition will be talked about in January.

One minute of BBC News.

Reports of Members:

- **VP Campus Affairs Reynoso:** I won't have office hours this week. I need representatives for new work groups. There is one on January 10th. I am reworking the Feedback Forums.
- **President Grudin:** 550 students showed up at Triton Dine and most of them came with their own tupperware. All Council Retreat was talked about and the chancellor will be there. The chancellor has committed at least 1 million dollars in contribution for mental health. There was a meeting on collecting data on student parents and those with dependents. Cohort-based tuition has been talked about. CAPS fee referenda has been talked about. I will go to a HDH meeting about parking restrictions.

Reports of Senator Projects:

- **Senator Lonc:** I am getting data through my survey on orientation.
- **Senator Lee:** I am having office hours and signing up for that will be released next week.
- **Senator Alseid:** I am doing a pop up with basic needs.

Question Time:

- **Senator Kulkarni asking VP Campus Affairs Reynoso:** I didn't catch the work group for January.
- **Senator Huang asking President Grudin:** Can we go to the All Council Retreat?
- **President Grudin:** It is intended for College Council.

Reports of Committee:

- **FC Christensen on behalf of the Finance Committee:** Item F1 and F2 was approved.

No objections so items passed.

- **VP Campus Affairs Reynoso on behalf of Legislative Committee:** Item L1 approved.

No objections so item passed.

- **VP Campus Affairs Reynoso:** Item L2 approved.

No objections so item passes.

- **VP Campus Affairs Reynoso:** Item L3 approved.

No objections so item passes.

- **VP Campus Affairs Reynoso:** Legislative finished our sustainability resolution.

New Business:

President Grudin moved to enter AS Elections Manager into New Business.

Senator Walker seconded.

No objections so entered into New Business

President Grudin moved to approve the appointment.

Senator Giangtran seconded.

No objections so appointment approved.

FC Christensen moved to enter item F4 into New Business.

Senator Hickman seconded.

President Grudin objected.

- **FC Christensen on his motion:** This event was approved initially, but just got errored in the system as an appeal. It is happening in less than two weeks and they need to host it. Application is successful.

President Grudin withdrew objection.

No objections so rule suspended.

FC Christensen moved to enter item F4 into New Business.

VP Campus Affairs Reynoso seconded.

No objections so item F4 entered into New Business.

FC Christensen moved to approve item F4.

Senator Lonc seconded.

No objections so item F4 approved.

Open Forum:

- **President Grudin** move to enter closed session to discuss personal business.
- **President Grudin** moved to table special presentation.
- **VP Campus Affairs Reynoso** seconded.

Reorder to Open Forum.

FC Christensen moved for fifteen minute moderated caucus on fee referenda.

Senator Kulkarni seconded.

- **Senator Huang:** College mental health means professionals stationed in each college?
- **FC Christensen:** The location is an important component, but this is more support for long term mental health. It helps us refer less patients off campus.
- **Senator Kulkarni:** We pay student services fee that is 11 million out of 35 million. Why can't that cover this? Is this charged quarterly or annually.
- **FC Christensen:** It is quarterly. The fee is stretched out already and covers more.
- **Senator Vasudeva:** Is there a way to guarantee that there are different people engaged with different problems?
- **FC Christensen:** This is entirely maintained by students.
- **President Grudin:** To clarify, there are CAPS counselors in each college right now. There are plans to add them into more places like for graduates. College mental health is part of UCSD Health.
- **Senator Giangtran:** When students are asked to contribute more than they already pay, I am hesitant. We somehow find money to build new housing, but not contribute to CAPS. I am suggesting inviting someone from Financial Office to show where our tuition goes to.
- **President Grudin:** I can try, but it is a hard conversation to have with them. State dollars and tuition pay things so it is complicated. It will likely not be able to happen soon.

FC Christensen moved to extend caucus by ten minutes.

Senator Kulkarni seconded.

- **Senator Martinez:** Where does the 36 dollar fee and 30.95 fee compared to others.
- **FC Christensen:** They should put us closer to national range. The 36.40 should put us in the range of the national average.

- **Senator Kulkarni:** We voted on what we thought was acceptable fees. We thought 40 dollars per year was acceptable. We shouldn't be penalized for basic needs. One constituent felt we should increase existing fee instead of adding new fee. There now can be an extra fee to be hiked up.
- **FC Christensen:** This is a separate fee because students feel as if this can be another way for money to fund the wrong things. We want this to be 100% for mental health.
- **Senator Vij:** Are these all the numbers?
- **FC Christensen:** the numbers include state contributions and everything we got to fund a counselor. I will ask that question to the fee director.
- **Senator Altimimi:** Are there plans to flier and show the benefits of the higher fee? If we explain what it will provide then people would know more.
- **FC Christensen:** There are plans for pro con statements
- **Senator Liu:** If it is passed, are these resources only accessible to those with UCSHIP.
- **VP Campus Affairs Reynoso:** CAPS is a free service even if you don't have insurance. It is free to any UCSD student.
- **VP Campus Affairs Reynoso:** This is what the language will look like.
- **Senator Willoughby:** Are there any college mental health? What's the difference between status quo?

Senator Huang moved to extend by 20 minutes.

Senator Kulkarni seconded.

- **President Grudin:** CAPS counselors are the ones physically located in colleges. This is serving college students out of UCSD Health. There are only two or three of them so that's an issue.
- **Senator Monroe:** Talking to my college council, they say it's unfair to increase for a basic mental health care. It will set precedent, but there is a need for better care. I got 40-60 dollars per year as the maximum.
- **Assistant Director Wang:** Students have more serious issues that need more hands on support and therapy. That is what College Mental Health is referring to when CAPS is booked and with many other students.
- **Senator Lonc:** It feels like money is taken out of students. It stems from us being pushed to grow fast. We should put effort into more money for students like mental health.
- **FC Christensen:** This isn't our responsibility. We are forced to pay for something that is a basic need. I want to fight our campus to pay more for mental health, but that takes years and that's the reality. We can't push this onto the university and say this is not our fight. We decrease the CAPS call time by supporting this fee and that can save lives. It is important to begin something this year.

- **Senator Vu:** I understand people don't want to pay more even though it is important. CAPS has been underfunded for a long time. The confusion on where our tuition is going is part of the problem. I support this referendum, but I don't believe it should be long term. The chancellor has no say over the new buildings being built. It was mandated.
- **President Grudin:** I am trying to equip you with information for your college councils. The issue of filling spots is we don't pay competitive rates. They will be paid higher in other places. We are looking for those willing to take a pay cut and are qualified. It can cost students 200-300 dollars per appointment off campus. CAPS is free. This fee is trying to support that. We need to pick a dollar amount, but we don't need to decide to approve this yet.

Senator Huang moved to extend by fifteen minutes.

Senator Kulkarni seconded.

- **Senator Martinez:** What happens if the fee does not pass?
- **President Grudin:** It is a recommendation, not a mandate. It is a national recommendation.
- **Senator Huang:** We need to act right now. I am suggesting a sunset clause where we start off with 40 dollar amount then shift it down a step each year. In the meantime, student government should fight for the state to fund it. Students will accept that more to pay less and less while we negotiate.
- **FC Christensen:** The downshift is a good idea, but downshifting means cutting down fractional employees. You will double in loses every single year. You will be losing a counselor and psychiatrist and you can't negotiate contracts with them when they know they will be fired in a year. Maybe we can create a downshift using chancellor's increased funds. It is difficult.
- **Senator Altimimi:** With expansion of seventh and eighth college, we should consider if we have the power to not move forward with eighth college so we can focus on students now. We can allocate money better.
- **Senator Huang:** Admissions committee says seventh college will not increase overall enrollment, just move a portion of students to be housed there.
- **Senator Lonc:** CAPS is essential. We are forced to make up gaps left by university and state. We have to make some noise and fight or they will continue to dilute resources. We have to make aware that we don't want to be in this situation. I am siding with sunset clause to put on UC radar.
- **Senator Vasudeva:** Example of international students, CAPS workshops are based on if someone is available. Since they are not, there are no workshops. If increase in fees can provide workshops, it will be very helpful.
- **Senator Huang:** Did we agree on a number yet?

- **President Grudin:** No. We need feedback on a number before Monday.
- **Senator Altimimi:** Should we create a Google survey for our constituents?

FC Christensen moved to extend by two minutes.

Senator Altimimi seconded.

- **VP Campus Affairs Reynoso:** I caution this because there is a lot of information. The best way is for college council and office hours with face to face conversations. The language is very technical. It can get lost in translation.

Moderated caucus closed and moved back to open forum.

- **Senator Giangtran:** Fee referendum was revolved around growing. The best way to impact is going to Regents meeting.
- **President Grudin:** Meeting with director of HDH, we talked about parking restriction. First and second years on campus can't purchase a S permit, but can purchase others. They can't park in Pangea and etc. HDH student advisory committee will be talked with. Transportation Services has issue with first and second years receiving any permit. They don't want them having a car parked on campus with any permit. This is not referring to first and second years by academic status, but by years attending here. We are pushing against them. We are also talking about first years having no permit and second years can have selected ones. The other option is they do not want to negotiate.
- **Senator Huang:** I don't see why first and second years can't purchase any permits. I understand having no S permits.
- **President Grudin:** I want them to have D permits and I am on your side for it. I am asking is it acceptable if they just say no.
- **Senator Liu:** If we can't negotiate, I would think it is reasonable because addresses our target group well, which is commuters.
- **Senator Martinez:** Do we have data on how full the spots get?
- **President Grudin:** I do not have data.
- **Senator Manlutac:** I feel strongly for commuters, but I am only comfortable on limiting first year students. First year is easier to not have a car. Second years are getting jobs and internships.
- **Senator Lonc:** It is important to keep options for first and second years to have a car open. We should strongly advocate for that.
- **Senator Salazar:** There is a special exception form for first and second years. If anything, possibly just only first years not having cars.
- **Senator P:** Increase in spots for commuters should be priority.

- **President Grudin:** I want us to realize we have the power to work things out. Another thing, Student Affairs Office is aware of mental health being an issue. They are working on resources and providing information for resources. They want to distribute. There are seven students abroad in Iran that may or may not be able to come back. Be mindful of your comments.

Final roll was called.

Meeting adjourned at 8:09 PM.