

## MEETING MINUTES

### ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SAN DIEGO

The Wednesday, January 15, 2020 meeting was held at 6:10 PM in the Price Center East Forum.

Roll was called.

President Grudin moved to enter into Closed Session.

#### Reports of External News:

- **VP External Affairs Williams:** Student Regents applications are due on March 8th. There has been a 7% increase in the UC budget in the governor's budget. Summer Cal Grant has been extended,
- **Senator Hickman:** There will be a student regent on campus. The mayor's City Address is happening right now. For your constituents, LIME has new regulations along the boardwalks. San Diego recently filed suit against SDG&E and people are calling for an independent utility company. There's a new sidewalk on Hillcrest for members of the LGBTQ community. There has been a bond for more affordable housing to be built. City Council approved a policy in response to California requiring cities to build affordable housing. We didn't meet the needed threshold of housing built. It doubles the costs for them to opt out of building.

One minute of BBC News.

#### Reports of Members:

- **Senator Kulkarni:** In UCAP, we heard about a transfer student resource center. It opened this Monday. They are using this for quiet study and looking to expand into University Center because Biomedical is far from the center. They are looking at the old student center or PC. We are adding furniture to the Southeast Patio. We are looking to expand the Treehouse Computer Lounge in the old student center. In HDH, we talked about parking. In Sixth college council, we talked about the Night Market and Spirit Week. We talked about the CAPS fee referenda and students felt it is something we should do.
- **Senator Giangtran:** In the committee of Diversity and Equity, the Intertribal Resource Center they are recognizing that we are on indigenous land, but there is trouble moving it forward. We can look to support them. A Free Expression Workgroup talked about a center recently opened for free speech. It is going to be the ten year anniversary of the Compton Cookout even though we shouldn't call it an anniversary. Black Lobby Day is coming up in Sacramento.

- **FC Christensen:** We walked through the Triton Transfer Hub and it is small. They don't know where they are going next year. We should advocate for transfer students and help them find a location. It is not matching the need of transfer students over the course of the year.
- **President Grudin:** AVP of Food and Housing Resources is recreating the Stuff the Bus Committee. We need one or two senators to sit on it. The Office of Student Advocacy attended an Academic Senate meeting. They are asking how to standardize policies around tutors. AVP of Transportation and Transformation held the first meeting and talked about parking. We want to reevaluate how to grant exceptions for those students who request it. We want to discuss how to better involve students in that process. There is work on adding a new shuttle stop. College Affairs is working on finishing the All Council Retreat. The chancellor is very pro-cohort tuition. He is supportive of mental health. .
- **FC Christensen:** New policies from my office is coming out. I am requesting Senate on \$30,000 on a line item. It involves student orgs explaining what they need involving funding.
- **VP Campus Affairs Reynoso:** Office of EDI will be putting on events and representation on committees. The AVP will be meeting with the vice chancellor of EDI. My office is working on A How To Run For AS Elections event. There are open positions for Physical Science Senator, AVP of Health and Wellness, and other spots.

#### **Reports of Senator Projects:**

- **Senator Monroe:** I am collaborating to talk about student fees and why they are needed. There will be games and activities for students to interact with information.
- **Senator Alsaeid:** It is a pop up of basic needs. I want to promote it to commuter students. This event will give out toiletries like toothbrushes and shampoo.
- **Senator Martinez:** I am working with a professor to start a community internship. One is an emergency housing project in TJ. I want to start my second project to improve faculty advisor training. I want to provide more detailed guidelines and there's disconnect in faculty advisors.
- **Senator Lonc:** For the orientation project, I am in the data gathering stage.
- **Senator Manlutac:** I am reaching out to student orgs in Social Sciences. I want to attend their meetings. It involves Ehtnic Studies, Human Development, and many others.
- **Senator Baysic:** I want it to be like a Youtube Channel that highlights the different aspects of our school. It's a platform that's like BuzzFeed style. It's for people to get to know more about UCSD. We can even start a podcast on controversial topics. There will be a How To series.
- **Senator Hickman:** We are looking for an extra Public Senator.

- **Senator Vasudeva:** I've been advocating for more recognition for cultural shock among international students.

**Question Time:**

- **Senator Walker:** For college councils, there has to be an AS member on it?
- **President Grudin:** Some have already been appointed. Email AS Elections and they will be appointed, but they can't run in any elections.
- **Senator Hickman:** The UCSD health budget, do you know how they spend the amount that students pay?
- **President Grudin:** I can connect you to the CEO of UCSD Health. There isn't a public budget available to my knowledge.
- **Senator Lonc:** There is a petition, where can it be found?
- **VP External Affairs Williams:** I just sent the button to share it.

**Reports of Committee:**

- **VP Campus Affairs Reynoso on the Legislative Committee:** Item L1 has been discharged to Senate.
- **President Grudin:** This is the language and passed unanimously by the Graduate Students Association.

**VP Campus Affairs Reynoso moved to approve Item L1.**

**Senator Giangtran seconded.**

**President Grudin objected.**

- **VP Campus Affairs Reynoso on motion:** We talked about this last week and this is what the committee decided.
- **President Grudin:** Objected because we should have a discussion.
- **Senator Willoughby:** There's no sunset clause. What is the general time? What's the timeline?
- **President Grudin:** The timeline is voting on this today and begins the process. Admin is aware this is coming their way. It goes to the Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs and up. We will be getting feedback as they go. It will go into effect next year.
- **FC Christensen:** We don't have an official sunset clause because it will be playing with people's jobs. It is difficult to hire if there is a hard stop of when this job will end. Instead, we opted for the committee to have the ability to reduce it to 0%. In the future, they can taper off when policies change.
- **Senator Martinez:** There's 29% of total fee allocated, is that inacial need related to CAPS or mental health?

- **President Grudin:** This is how all student referenda are passed for 29% to go to student aid. This fee will cover itself for those with financial aid. This is mandated so we aren't adding fees on students who can't pay.
- **Senator Huang:** Students agreed to pay the maximum amount, but they said sunset clause necessary for them to agree. Sunset clause reminds future leaders so eventually this fee will be covered by the school.
- **FC Christensen:** A full stop sunset clause will leave us in the same spot twenty years from now. Power in the committee gives the responsibility to advocate every quarter,
- **Senator McKeever:** The consensus in Muir College Council was in support. The general public seemed in opposition to the referendum because they didn't know what it entails. As an organization, we can do a better job to talk to the general public to clear misconceptions.
- **Senator Hickman:** My constituents only heard direct support. If students feel the fees are too much then it is their decision. I think it will improve the campus to provide basic services, which unfortunately admin won't cover for us. It affects everyone, whether using CAPS services or not.
- **President Grudin:** On sunset clause, psychologists are hesitant to come to UCSD because they get paid hire in private institutions. We are a public practice where they are paid less and the sunset will fire them in x number of years.
- **Senator Giangtran:** This is important. I don't know if we can release a statement that it is unfair for more student fees, but this is an exception because this is very important to students. To show admin that they can't impose future fees and we are not doing this again.
- **President Grudin:** I can collaborate to do this.
- **Senator Salazar:** For Revelle, they only want to hire very experienced psychologists. They are limiting our options.
- **Senator Alsaeid:** Anyone can write a brief description of why this is needed.
- **VP Campus Affairs Reynoso:** Students will get the pros and cons and a neutral campaign.
- **Assistant Director Weng:** As an institution, we have to be neutral. You as your roles as student leaders have to be neutral or this fee referenda will be ended.
- **President Grudin:** I am trying to get the director of CAPS to come in.
- **FC Christensen:** Can I speak in favor as myself, not tied to this position outside of this?
- **Assistant Director Weng:** My advice is to be careful how you do it. On personal social media, someone can argue that there are work related purposes.

**President Grudin called Item L1 into question.**

**Senator Willoughby seconded.**

No objections so the question is called.

**Item L1 will be reviewed as a whole. There will be a roll call vote.**

**Item L1 passed with 28 in favor.**

### **Special Orders:**

- **Senator Kulkarni:** PC's commuter lounge can be divided to hold commuters and transfers. It doesn't feel as permanent or as if they belong. An unoccupied room is open in the old student center. However, it is not exactly in the center of campus. It needs significant construction.
- **Senator Huang:** PC is a good location. Transfers eat in PC so it will be convenient.
- **Senator Rasekh:** I'm not sure if there is a permanent spot on campus. Do you think there's a potential space open?
- **Senator Kulkarni:** We didn't find any potential spaces, but the pavilion might be possible.
- **Senator Kulkarni:** This is a proposed student fee proposed by ITS. It is to fund technology on our campus. This is to improve our wireless infrastructure and computer labs. By the end of 2023, the fee will still be at \$60, but there won't be anymore loan repayments. There's issues because students shouldn't be paying for wifi. We need this fee because faculty and staff pay for the wireless infrastructure. Now students have more devices than when this system was designed. It is not fair. Students will be paying for additional traffic points for the additional traffic they are bringing. They promised more access points and instruments to better fix problems.
- **Senator Huang:** Is it 60 dollars per quarter? Do they have quarentees on how well it will improve? This is more than mental health which is a basic need.
- **Senator Kulkarni:** I can be mistaken, it can be 60 dollars a year. They haven't made promises on how it will be better, but it will. Adding access points improves wifi, but there aren't specific numbers.
- **Senator Pandya:** What will it look like on the ballot? With both fees on the ballot at the same time?
- **Senator Kulkarni:** They haven't given us a timeline, but they hope for this to be this year. It is highly likely to be delayed one or two years.
- **Senator Liu:** My constituents might be angry. Going to a prestigious university shouldn't include adding fees. They should be providing us with what we need to succeed. Can we find another way to improve without these fees?
- **Senator Lonc:** Instructional tech and computer labs and wifi will be paid by core funds by the university. It is just the wifi that is pulling from faculty salaries. It will make sense to put wifi into the other two categories to be funded by the university. In three years, we have to cut off because we don't have the money to support all the computer labs and wifi we have.

- **Senator Huang:** Dollar amount should be decreased. We want a guarantee in percentage increase and survey students on how they feel. Maybe we'll outlast the faculty and they'll get angry and pay more.
- **Senator Hickman:** We did survey students last year.
- **VP Campus Affairs Reynoso:** It had 20 to 25 respondents. It wasn't very representative. There's more things people need besides wifi.
- **Senator Pandya:** Shouldn't overlook the fact that this is a challenge for those working on campus. It goes on and off across campus on a regular basis. This isn't comparable to the mental health fee referendum, but it should be fixed.

**President Grudin moved to table Special Item #4 indefinitely**

**Senator Hickman seconded.**

No objections so item tabled indefinitely.

### **Unfinished Business:**

- Special presentation by VP Campus Affairs Reynoso on Revised Standing Rules.
- **Senator Hickman:** We should add a section for pay reductions for office staff.
- **VP Campus Affairs Reynoso:** We can.
- **Senator Kulkarni:** I don't think Senate should be regulated by the Executive. They should be equal.
- **VP Campus Affairs Reynoso:** Then who can we change it to?
- **Senator Monroe:** It's up to the VPCA to report to the clerk. For senators there is less impartial attitude.
- **VP Campus Affairs Reynoso:** The reasoning behind it is because they are based on whether you did it or you didn't. For the VPCA, they are in charge of sending out the weekly reports. We can change it.
- **Senator Walker:** Regarding senators, the language is it will be taken in effect immediately? The AVP and Exec will be in three weeks.
- **VP Campus Affairs Reynoso:** It wouldn't go into effect immediately. It's for the next people to turn in because we can't raise our own stipends. Do we have to write in specifically when it will go into effect?
- **Senator Huang:** Concerning pay reduction, most of us are elected by constituents. Pay reduction needs more surveys so we know what constituents think.
- **Senator McKeever:** Section E, executive officers setting their own performance standards can take advantage of senators being first years and not versed in how AS works.
- **VP Campus Affairs Reynoso:** It won't be in effect this year because we want time to set good standards.

- **President Grudin:** Advocate Generals make the call on pay reductions, but anyone can send in a review.
- **Senator Baysic:** We can expand the roles of Advocate General to do what VPCA is doing.
- **VP Campus Affairs Reynoso:** It is not their job to make sure outreach hours are completed and we don't want to put that much on that person.
- **Senator Rasekh:** If I have a class during senate is that excused absence?
- **VP Campus Affairs Reynoso:** As a senator, it is your role to represent. Excused or not, you are not here. For any other job, if you're not there, you don't get paid.
- **Senator Kulkarni:** Senators and AVPs are assumed to be guilty until proven innocent. Execs are held innocent until proven guilty. Being a senator is less of a job so it doesn't make sense for pay cuts.

**Senator Manlutac moved to extend by ten minutes.**

**Senator Hickman seconded.**

No objections so extended by ten minutes.

- **VP Campus Affairs Reynoso:** This is a document we change. Stipends are given out because senators are expected to be here.
- **VP External Affairs Williams:** Can you name who is on standing committee? It seems like four senators. Is standing committee open to anyone? Why are people upset when they have known about this?
- **Senator Liu:** You are assuming that everyone has the privilege of going to standing committee and senate is the only opportunity for us. Our quality of work is determined by only execs and not anyone else. You're telling us to do what you want us to do. This is unequal and one-sided.
- **VP Campus Affairs Reynoso:** Let's not bring personal schedules into this. I am open to changing this. You can propose amendments. I don't want you to feel like execs are policing you. We are all here because we want to.
- **Senator McKeever:** I want a document for exec to refer back to and senators as well. A job is there to work and get paid and leave. Senators do so much more outside. They are still representing outside of Senate. The language here is hindering that.
- **Senator Monroe:** I worry about the passing of the current language because it is unequal among the three groups in AS. When AVP and exec is setting requirements, do they get to associate each pay cut?
- **VP Campus Affairs Reynoso:** It has to be in those increments.

**Senator Huang moved to extend by fifteen minutes.**

**Senator seconded.**

No objections so extended by fifteen minutes.

- **Senator Goetz:** Can there be a way we make up for a missed senate? We can do a project or other committees.
- **VP Campus Affairs Reynoso:** Yes, this is subject to changes.
- **Senator Hickman:** These sections are written by people holding these positions. Senators were there when this was written. Exec isn't setting the standard for pay. The pay is for food. If you're not at senate, you're not buying food.
- **Senator Pandya:** There is a process for J Board to look out. In execs, they are enforced by J Board that isn't present for AVPs. How do you foresee J Board taking up the challenge of taking this new responsibility and will they ensure execs are held accountable.
- **VP Campus Affairs Reynoso:** J Board is only called during elections or grievances are filed. Anyone can file a grievance on anybody.
- **Senator Vu:** Senate is an appropriate place because no one person represents us. Stipends are not a job.
- **Senator Manlutac:** As one of the senators on the committee, if you look at execs' guidelines, it does get sent to us so there is that check and balance. Who else is taking note of all our projects? Unless a committee wants to take on this role, this is practical.
- **Senator Huang:** We don't have an universal standard that's why senators feel it's flawed. It needs input from senators and revisions. We can set an universal standard for AVP and execs for assembly session. We can have weekly reports for AVP and Execs.

**Senator Huang moved to extend by fifteen minutes.**

**Senator Kulkarni seconded.**

No objection so extended by fifteen minutes.

- **Senator Kulkarni:** I will be fine with this document if we took out the entire section of pay reductions.
- **Senator Alsaeid:** Not everyone can meet in standing committee, but next week in senate we can discuss so everyone has a voice.
- **VP Campus Affairs Reynoso:** It is not feasible with 30 people, but we will still work on it in committee. But we will bring it back here.
- **Senator McKeever:** It is true the stipend is for money, but again we are also on other committees. Once again, people can take advantage of a new senate. Possibly, rather than filing grievances, we can increase communication with the Advocate General. We can bring in the idea of making up for senate.

**New Business:**

**VP Campus Affairs Reynoso moved to enter items L2-L4 into New Business.**

**Senator Walker seconded.**

No objections so items L2-L4 entered into new business.

**VP Campus Affairs Reynoso moved to approve L2-L4 because just appointments.**

**VP Campus Affairs Reynoso retracts motions.**

**VP Campus Affairs Reynoso moved to enter AS Sustainability resolution into new business.**

**Senator McKeever seconded.**

No objections so entered into new business.

**VP Campus Affairs Reynoso moved to amend AS Sustainability resolution.**

- **VP Campus Affairs Reynoso:** It cut out two paragraphs when copied and pasted so I had to amend it.

**Senator Giangtran seconded.**

No objections so AS Sustainability resolution amended.

**Senator Giangtran moved to approve AS Sustainability resolution as amended by VP Campus Affairs Reynoso.**

**Senator Manlutac seconded.**

No objections so motion passes.

**VP Campus Affairs Reynoso moved to enter the appointment of Chief of Staff for Office of Spirit and Athletics, effective immediately until appointment of successor into new business.**

**Senator Monroe seconded.**

No objections so appointment moved into new business.

**VP Campus Affairs Reynoso moved to enter an appointment for the Office of Health and Wellness into new business.**

**Senator Giangtran seconded.**

No objections so appointment moved into new business.

**Senator Giangtran moved to approve appointments for the Office of Health and Wellness and the Office of Spirit and Athletics.**

**Senator Kulkarni seconded.**

No objections so appointments approved.

**Senator Kulakrni moved to enter discussion of UCAP Charter into new business.**

**Senator Baysic seconded.**

**Senator Kulkarni moved to enter into discussion that's in new business.**

- **Senator Kulkarni:** UCAP Charter wants to remove approval from AS and GSA. There should be the 2/3rd vote. The amendment goes to the president nt the senate floor right now. This is a likely change.
- **Senator Huang:** Whose fee do they spend?
- **Senator Kulkarni:** It is the second fee.
- **President Grudin:** If it does need approval from AS, it should go through Senate. Getting rid of all AS approval does raise issues. It is student fees so should be talked about by a representative group.
- **Senator Kulkarni:** Fee referendums create committees to decide and not AS. It is not really student fees. We are talking about amending the charter. It seems like a lot of trouble to go through.
- **President Grudin:** As student government, there are concerns in leaving final say to admin. If they want to change parts of the committee, that's what we have oversight of. We just need to be in the loop. I am in favor of AS as oversight.
- **Senator Kulkarni:** We don't have a GSA rep at the moment. We don't know how they feel about this. It wouldn't entirely be in the hands of admin. Every voting member on UCAP is a student. It seems like an unnecessary hurdle for one group of students to vote on  $\frac{2}{3}$  then another have majority.
- **President Grudin:** Why isn't there admin?
- **Senator Kulkarni:** We don't know why, maybe formality.
- **Senator Huang:** AS should be in the loop of checking UCAP because it is created by our fee referendum. It is an additional step, but also safer.
- **President Grudin:** At what point is UCAP voting on this amendment? When will I receive it? What stage are we in?
- **Senator Kulkarni:** We have amended this many times. We haven't voted at all. Next meeting we will vote.

#### **Open Forum:**

- **President Grudin:** Women's March is happening this Saturday in San Diego. There is also Spirit Night and Muir Drag Show.

Final roll was called.

Meeting adjourned at 9:51 PM.

