

MEETING MINUTES

ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SAN DIEGO

The Wednesday, March 11, 2020 meeting was held in the Price Center East Forum at 6:09 PM.

Roll was called.

Reports of External News:

- **Senator Hickman:** On a meeting for access to higher education, it was good.
- **President Grudin:** On status of classes, every UC campus is online. Every campus is starting and ending at a different time. Changes are still coming. UCLA has told their students to stay home until Week 2. Another school has said stay home the entire spring quarter. There will be a meeting with all of the chancellors of the UCs.

Reports of Senator Projects:

- **Senator Lonc:** I got it to the Campus Wide Orientation Committee. I am looking for material to fill out an eight page booklet.
- **Senator Martinez:** We are planning a town hall to talk about the 4 year cap. We don't know if it is still happening.

Reports of AS Offices:

- **FC Christensen:** Concerning student org funding, about less than 100 people per event. I will send out an email about it by tomorrow morning the latest about funding.
- **President Grudin:** About the most recent email on no in class finals, we will be making an infographic about plagiarism and online tests. There's a setting that professors have that can flag your score if you open a new tab. We are working with the Academic Integrity Office to differentiate between flags because there will also be a flag if you don't move your cursor for thirty seconds. The email also talked about classrooms and libraries open for finals week for studying. The classrooms where your final is will be open and unlocked so they can study. If students need technology to take these exams, email me if that is a concern.
- **VP Campus Affairs Reynoso:** We are trying to figure out events next quarter and how AS will happen. Going into next quarter, make sure you are referring questions to the right people as your job as a student leader.
- **VP External Affairs Williams:** Office of External Affairs, we are currently suspending all of our travel for the time being. We are restructuring our office to see how we will do the work we do without traveling. We will still be at the Regents meeting.

Question Time:

- **Senator Manlutac asking President Grudin:** Some people are entering Spring as waitlisted, do people on waitlist have access to material?
- **President Grudin:** That is a good question that hasn't come up yet. We are asking if waitlist will even be a thing, but graduate students still are the ones grading everything.
- **Senator Vasudeva asking President Grudin:** On students are asked to go home, does that mean apartments or their own home?
- **President Grudin:** They are saying if you are able and willing to go actual home, not apartment or on campus, then to go there. If home is a city that is a hotspot for COVID19, then be aware of the consequences of going home if there will be quarantine or state lines are closed. There's an effort to decentralize the campus population.
- **Senator Pandya asking President Grudin:** On the infographic, will it include the ways professors are using to protect their exams?
- **President Grudin:** CANVAS gives a 'you're going to be marked as cheating if you do this', I believe. There will be pressure to have them put something out. Faculty is still figuring things out.
- **Senator Giangtran:** President Trump suspended all travel from Europe so study abroad students will be affected by this. This was five mins ago.
- **President Grudin:** Study Abroad will be dealing with this to get them back. All spring study abroad has been canceled. Trump's ban starts on Friday.
- **Senator Tian:** If you have a professor that is not willing to post online, what will you do?
- **President Grudin:** We are still figuring this out as we go, but have the student email the dean of the division to express the concern.
- Senator Alsaeid:

Reports of Standing Committees:

- **FC Christensen on Finance Committee:** Items F1, 2, 3, and 5 were approved.

No objection so the decision of committee stands.

- **FC Christensen:** F4 discharged to senate.

Senator Hickman moved to approve Item F4.

Senator Lee seconded.

President Grudin objected.

- **President Grudin:** I want it to have the new AS Logo.

**Senator Hickman moved to approve with friendly amendment.
Senator Lone seconded.**

- **Senator Giangtran:** Item L1-4 was approved.

No objections

- **Senator Giangtran:** L5 and discharged to senate.

**Senator Hickman moved to approve Item L5.
Senator Huang seconded.
Senator Pandya objected.**

- **Senator Hickman:** We already talked about this.
- **Senator Pandya:** Everyone might not be clarified on the changes.
- **President Grudin:** To clarify, on the CAPS fee referendum language, it was a constitutional amendment writing amendment. GSA has approved it. The content is still the same.

**Senator Pandya withdrew the objection.
Item L5 approved.**

**Senator Huang moved to approve item L6.
FC Christensen seconded.
Senator Pandya objected.**

- **Senator Huang;** We talked about this.
- **Senator Pandya:** I just want to clarify.

**Senator Pandya withdrew objection.
L6 approved.**

Reports of External Committees:

- **VP Campus Affairs Reynoso:** In a special meeting, expect an email on Transportation Services on next quarter.
- **Senator Hickman:** It looks like 5 proposed courses on Engineering and Biology will go forward.

Committee Question Time:

- **Senator Vu:** For Visual Arts, there are labs and material fees, there are concerns about online. People aren't happy about tuition. A lot of fees are for in person labs, will those fees be reduced, compensated, or other methods?
- **President Grudin:** Those situations described the classes that won't be online. Those labs will be in person. Those fees will still be assessed.
- **Senator Pandya:** Regarding changes for lab fees on Engineering and Biology, where can we find info for what those fee changes are?
- **Senator Hickman:** The new fees haven't been approved yet so I can't share with everyone. The existing fees aren't going up more than 50% for upper div.
- **Senator Alsaeid:** There are students returning from Italy for study abroad, they were allowed on campus?
- **President Grudin:** If they were not in contact or tested positive, I don't know if this is cause for campus announcement or concern?

New Business:

President Grudin moved to suspend bylaws to submit into consideration.

FC Christensen seconded.

President Grudin moved to enter item sent into new business.

Senator Baysic seconded.

President Grudin moved to approve.

Senator Baysic seconded.

Senator Huang objected.

- **President Grudin:** There was no way we could've predicted anything. We have recently been figuring things out. This was developed today. This is the constitutional amendment regarding election policies and procedures. As it stands, any rules of the Election Code can't be modified once election season begins. We are in a different circumstance right now which will impact election. We need to develop language to allow elections manager to deal with the campus wide emergency. All changes are consistent with the spirit of election code.
- **Senator Huang:** I think Senate is part of the legislative process so including three senators that are not running is a good idea. It is important to include the language that the changes will not be permanent and won't be applied to College Council elections.

Senator Huang moved to amend item as described.

President Grudin moved to submit in written form.

- **Senator Kulkarni:** College Councils have their own elections laws that do reflect AS laws, there should also be college representation and senators in the committee.
- **President Grudin:** I will specify that these are only on AS elections and not College Council. I did run this content by College Council Presidents. We can make an amendment. Regarding making things temporary, there needs to be provisions in constitution that allows for future campus wide emergencies. This is an emergency committee that needs to be convened so the constitution of who needs to be on there, we can talk about it, but who is going to select those? Things need to happen right now.

President Grudin moved to amend item.

Senator Huang seconded.

No objections.

- **Senator Rasekh:** What if someone in that committee is running, will they still be in that committee?
- **President Grudin:** We can add a line that addresses that.
- **Senator Huang:** I am saying any change by the committee is temporary not the entire constitution is temporary. I think senators can nominate other senators to sit on the committee for who isn't running. If someone is running, there should be nominations for someone else to sit.
- **Senator Hickman:** For suggested language, if a member of committee is running in campus wide election, other members of committee can nominate someone else.
- **Senator Pandya:** About senators in the decision making process, but I do understand that any changes in bylaws have to go through senate anyway. I understand this is for emergencies and we do need to act fast. It will be problematic if someone is running. Would any changes made require secondary votes to ratify?
- **President Grudin:** Any changes outside of election season have to go through senate. About the second step, the elections code allows elections manager to make decisions in ambiguous situations. There's no second step because it is dealing with emergencies.
- **Senator Vu:** My concern is the necessity of the amendment. There are already provisions for emergencies. Election can continue this season.
- **President Grudin:** There are no ways to postpone AS elections past week 2. We won't be on campus so candidates can't meet with people. If it is necessary, it will be pushed back.
- **Senator Tian:** If the issue of selecting senators is speed, can they be selected randomly?
- **VP Campus Affairs Reynoso:** We didn't put it in this time is issue of time. Execs are supposed to be here so we chose execs. In the past, it takes two to three days to find those

who can go. Scheduling among those people is complicated and it is supposed to be for emergencies for fast decisions.

- **Senator Kulkarni:** I liked Senator Huang's idea.

Senator Huang proposed to amend adding 'minimum of three senators who are not affiliated or running'.

Senator Pandya seconded.

Senator Newell objected.

- **Senator Huang;** Democratic process.
- **Senator Newell:** Keeping in mind of the scope of this situation. This is for emergencies and to work quickly.
- **FC Christensen:** We are democratically elected. J Board exists if we do something wrong. This is for emergencies. If this doesn't happen effectively then we won't have democratically elected representatives next quarter. Impeach me if we do it wrong!

Senator Hickman proposed to amend with replacing randomly.

- **Senator Pandya:** Vote.
- **Senator Kulkarni:** It seems like the argument for not including senators is time and inconvenient.

Senator Kulkarni moved to close the speaker's list with additions.

Senator Huang seconded.

No objections.

- **President Grudin:** Emergencies are about timeliness and convenience. To add three senators, it requires to put out a request. Affiliations have not started yet. I am against adding people to this process, the elections manager is neutral already. We can take out both senate and execs.
- **Senator Martinez:** I support opening it to senators if execs rerun. Do we have a plan on randomly selecting?
- **Senator Hickman:** I don't have specific plans to pick senators.
- **Senator Martinez:** How do you randomly pick?
- **Senator Hickman:** Random generator.
- **VP Campus Affairs Reynoso:** It is important to have senators in conversation and needs of students need to be represented. Future emergencies will have different execs elected by students so everyone is elected. At the end of the day, the decisions need to be made to

maintain the status of our school. We need to act swiftly. Please come up with a way to pick senators if we do move forward with this.

- **Senator McKeever:** Was this meeting expected to meet in public? The concerns are senator representation. The extremes are having randomly selected or no senators at all. What if it will just regularly continue with five execs and whichever senators want to come then they can. If no one shows up then execs can just make decisions and speed won't be an issue.
- **FC Christensen:** I like that.

FC Christensen called to question.

Senator Pandya seconded.

Hand vote on motion by Senator Huang on amendment for adding three senators.

5-18-4 motion fails

- **President Grudin:** I will adopt Senator McKeever's suggestion.

President Grudin moved to amend.

Senator Hickman seconded.

Senator Huang objected.

President Grudin withdrew.

President Grudin moved to amend.

Senator Baysic seconded.

Senator Huang objected.

- **Senator Huang:** Do the senators who go, will they be allowed to vote?
- **President Grudin:** At this point, they are advisory so give input, but can't vote because they aren't outlined as members of the committee.

Hand vote by motion by President Grudin.

24-1-2 motion passes.

- **Senator Kulkarni:** Fee referendum?
- **President Grudin:** UCOP dictates the 20% so we can't change that.
- **Senator Pandya:** Clarification on meetings, are they in person or virtually? Also why allow senators to go, but not vote?
- **President Grudin:** It will be dictated by language and we can't be flexible. Let's work with this. $\frac{3}{4}$ of senate needs to vote yes for a constitutional amendment. Do not abstain it

drops the voting threshold. This allows the elections manager and this team to make decision in emergencies.

- **FC Christensen:** Is there anyone that wouldn't vote yes?
- **Senator Pandya:** Can we change so senators can vote?
- **President Grudin:** I accept friendly amendment.
- **FC Christensen:** Anybody else a no?
- **VP Campus Affairs Reynoso:** Any further concerns please let us know.
- **Senator Kulkarni:** Friendly amendment to senators can vote on proposals..
- **President Grudin:** Accepted.
- **Senator Baysic:** Do we need to clarify that senators that go can't be running or affiliated?

Senator Baysic moved to friendly amendment.

President Grudin accepted.

Roll call vote to pass constitutional amendment by President Grudin.

By a vote of 27-0-1 item passes.

Open Forum:

- **VP Campus Affairs Reynoso:** If you have a problem with how we conducted the meeting today please tell us instead of spreading in group chats. We are dealing with a lot with the emergency.
- **Senator Vu:** I reside with your sentiment. I believe there were things said that were not productive and forcing votes in a certain direction due to personal agendas instead of campus's agenda.
- **President Grudin:** I just needed this to get passed. Things are weird right now sorry we couldn't get this to you in a more normal fashion. We need $\frac{2}{3}$ of college council to pass. We need quorum tomorrow.
- **Assistant Director Weng:** Update for senate, those that choose to go home, there are virtual options. I am available in person.

VP Campus Affairs Reynoso moved to reinstate bylaws.

Senator Hickman seconded.

No objections.

- **VP Campus Affairs Reynoso:** TritonDine is not cancelled. We should have some sense of normalcy. It is recommended less than 100 people so we are having 50 servings per college. TritonDine To Go.
- **Senator Kulkarni:** We did not finish talking about something in new business.

Reordered to New Business:

Senator Kulkarni moved to enter item sent by Senator Gong.

Senator Huang seconded.

Entering presentation of Sixth College Student Council Transition Packets by Senator Kulkarni and Senator Gong.

- **VP Campus Affairs Reynoso:** We've been seeing a lot of professors ignoring Chancellor's emails so send it to us. They can't force you to go.
- **Senator Pandya:** There's no bylaws pertaining to that in College Council.
- **VP Campus Affairs Reynoso:** It's different in each college council.
- **FC Christensen:** Professors pushing finals to be in week 10 is not okay. We will go to war for you.
- **Senator Vasudeva:** Thoughts and prayers to you and parents and family and friends. I hope we will be stronger and good luck on finals. We will get through this together.
- **Senator Gong:** If your final is on saturday, is that finals week?
- **VP Campus Affairs Reynoso:** As of the email, there can't be mandated in person anything.
- **Senator Willoughby:** Professors can't make in person finals mandatory! Post it.

Final Roll Call

Meeting adjourned at 8:46 PM.