

# Senate Meeting Agenda

January 22nd, 2024 | 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm  
DeRosa University Center 211

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## I. Preliminaries

### a. Call to Order

Motion to call the meeting to order 5:30PM

Motion: Senator Beck

Second: Senator Spaccarelli

Approved 9-0-0

### b. Roll Call Attendance

Senator Tahir is absent

### c. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve today's agenda dated January 22nd, 2024

Motion: Senator Reyes

Second: Senator Spaccarelli

Approved 8-0-1

### d. Approval of Minutes: 12.4 Senate Meeting

Motion to approve the meeting minutes for the Senate meeting dated December 4th, 2024

Motion: Senator Gill

Second: Senator Reyes

Approved 8-0-1

## II. Public Comment

401.4 Public Access to Senate Meetings

All ASuop members shall be guaranteed the right to address the Senate:

1. Any individual recognized by the Chair shall rise and state their name.
2. Any individual may have up to three (3) minutes to speak.

Speakers should sign up to speak by filling out their contact information (name, email) on a speaker [sign - up list](#). The Vice President will receive official responses and communications from ASuop within approximately 5 business days.

### III. Business Items

a. Informative Item: *Welcoming New Senators! (5 mins)*

Vivian Le: 3rd year

- Met before at a couple public comment sections during last semesters meetings
- Interested in fitness and organic eating
- Excited for the new semester and the many experiences they will have within ASuop

Samantha Menarez-Hernandez: 1st year

- Enjoys reading and baking
- Also excited for the new semester!

Senators, Vice President, and Clerk introduce themselves individually

b. Discussion Item: Open Education Resources Faculty Award (20 mins)

Library Resources and OER

*Gillian Goldberg, Library*

- Walkthrough of the library page
- Explains about services that the library provides: Printing and Scanning, ILL, Chat Service, Study rooms and event spaces
- The Cube: makers space provides many resources regarding technology
- Tutoring and Writing Center
- Special Collections and Archives

OER: Open Educational Resources

- Material used for teaching research digital or physical
- Open licensing
- Very adaptable resource as well
- Free to students and available on the first day of class

AL\$: Affordable learning solution

- Course reserve

OER has become very popular around the university

Students

- 121 courses and 71 faculty members

OER Faculty Champion Award

- Would like for the award to be a more public event
- Possibly converse with the library for holding an event for the award ceremony

Senator Spaccarelli: Working on getting identification to mark OER on classes?

- Wanting to make sure that courses that have free and accessible books, and also marking them when you are searching for classes so you know which classes are OER and which aren't.

Senator Padilla: Do contracted professors also have the opportunity to use the OER as well?

- 9 month appointments; they are able to if they prepare for it the semester before they plan to start their work.
- They could participate in OER with the intention of working in the fall semester
- Director Xu explains the goals of the OER committee and wants consistent help if possible

- c. Action Item: *Confirmation of Health and Wellness Director (Time Certain 5:45 pm)*

Jenna

Transfer from Sac State

- Explains her previous experience which also encapsulates the goal of public health
- She also has experience with roles under mental health, sexual health, nutrition, etc.

Senator Spaccarelli: any goals or initiatives?

- Looking forward to strengthening mental health as well as interested in making sure that there are committees for mental health on campus
- Her experience at a larger campus can help benefit our smaller campus and will have more concrete ideas as the semester progresses

Motion to vote on the confirmation of the Health and Wellness Director

Motion: Senator Spaccarelli

Second: Senator Padilla

Approved 9-0-0

- d. Discussion Item: *Dining Advisory Committee Updates (20 mins)*

Director Ajifu Santos and Senator Le will be apart of this semester's Dining Advisory Committee

Update from Director Ajifu Santos

- Open meeting to all students
- Make sure to document these issues in writing/photos as well.
- Managers should be available at all times
- Document the date and time where and when you were eating and send it to Dr. O'connor or Sia (Bon Appetit)

Advisor Magana makes a comment about how the time provided was made for staff; the university is full of conflicting schedules anyways

VP Manning gives the floor to Senator Le regarding the topic of Halal food mentioned during the Dining Advisory meeting.

- Purchasing meat and the majority of it is halal
- Hand Cut meat versus machine cut meat
- Certification is hard because local muslim restaurants may not have certification for hand cutting meat
- Trying to make hand cut halal meat accessible to all students
- Pricing as well

Next meeting Dining Advisory Board February 21st

Senator Padilla mentions she talked to constituents and most of them didn't live on campus.

Feedback from those who lived on campus include:

- If there was a QR code or something near the station that is satisfying, and send it to the platform as well.
- Microsoft form and keeps information well organized
- Student report form with ID as well

Senator Le remembers that Former Director Mann did a form, and wanted to see if we could revamp that form as well.

Senator Spacarelli is glad that the halal initiative is still going, but is concerned about the little change that has been going on.

VP Manning talks about the certification between hand cut meat and machine cut meat.

- Explains how the muslim community likes to hand cut their own meat, and there is a mutual trust when serving hand cut meat in restaurants , so trying to find a vendor is hard.

Senator Rana says that back in her home state, there are larger vendors for hand cut meat

Senator Spacarelli talks about how food handling and safety is what Bon Appetit is prioritizing

VP Manning explains how partnering with the masjid in Stockton could be beneficial

Senator Lee says that the harder part is to get a mass amount of meat as a vendor and Dr. O'connor is trying to find vendors with certification.

- Fitting the cost of it into the budget.

Senator Spacarelli shares his opinion on trying to find a vendor

VP Manning explains that senators should try and go into the next meeting coming up and moves the conversation into pricing

Senator Spacarelli believes that the pricing is confusing because the at-cost pricing is high already, so Bon Appetit could upcharge the food.

Senator Beck also believes that price tags are very important as well, since there are none in the grove as well as the marketplace

Senator Padilla believes that the accuracy in the pricing of organic produce is not sufficient

Senator Lee says that they weigh at the salad bar, so they should also weigh produce at the Grove

VP Manning responds to say that “specialty food” isn't specialty because cultural diversity shouldnt be seen as “special”.

President Gomez reads the email that was sent by Dr Blandizzi regarding RSO catering

- Under \$1000 for certain areas will not have to be catered from Bon Appetit
- External orders will not get any type of backing from bon appetit

#### **IV. Announcements**

a. Vice President

- Applications will be posted for senator positions as well
- Spring training this week
- Student information forum when a new director of finance
- Office hours and RSO outreach
- Meeting 1v1
- 6PM Meeting will be talked about next week
- Chairs please send meeting times as well

b. President

- Welcome Jenna!
- Alysha Haight and I worked on hiring a new director of finance and another deputy director
- Cabinet meeting every other week

c. Advisor

- We are not going to go anywhere on Saturday
- Friday we will be meeting in the theater

d. Officers

- More people on Rules committee please!
- Comments about the RSO temporary student charge for events
  - ASuop fee means that they are funding themselves
  - Being involved as a senator rather than a student
  - Student versus student servant!
  - A&E Pop Up event is this Thursday

## V. Adjournment 7:30

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:01PM

Motion: Senator Reyes

Second: Senator Gill

Approved 9-0-0