

Senate Meeting 22 Minutes

Mar 27, 2023 | 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

DeRosa University Center (DUC), Conference RM 211

I. Preliminaries (5:00-5:05)

- a. Call to Order
 - i. Called to order.
- b. Roll Call and Establishment of Quorum
 - i. Everyone except Marissa and Om (both showed up late, within first 15 minutes)
- c. Agenda Changes (*if applicable*)
 - i. None
- d. Approval of Agenda
 - i. Proposed by Vanessa, seconded Hasina.
 - ii. Unanimous.

II. Public Comment (5:05-5:17)

401.4 Public Access to Senate Meetings

All ASuop members shall be guaranteed the right to address the Senate, so long as they follow these procedures:

1. Any individual recognized by the Chair shall rise and state their name.
2. The remarks expressed to the Senate shall be relevant to the business at hand, unless the comments are being delivered at a time designated for general public comment.
3. Any individual may have up to three (3) minutes to speak; however, the Chair maintains the discretion to end public comment if it is irrelevant.
 - a. Visitors who wish to yield their time to others can do so.
4. Any member of the gallery may be removed for disorderly conduct at the discretion of the Chair.

Speakers should sign up to speak by filling out their contact information (name, email) on a speaker sign up list. Official responses and communications from ASuop will come from the Vice President within approximately 5 business days.

III. Committee Reports (5:17-5:33)

- a. Finance Committee (2-3 minutes each)
 - i. One FBAR today, hearings for semi annual funding for fall 2023
 - ii. Event on the 11th.

- iii. Making the budget more appealing to look at and easier to read.
- b. Rules Committee
 - i. Working on bills, reading one today.
- c. Senate Selection Committee
 - i. Made recommendations, but allowed all senators a role in selecting the new senator for ESB. Thank you all.
- d. Ethics Committee
 - i. Currently working on reviewing our ethics bylaws.
- e. Sustainability Committee
 - i. Event last week, very successful event, lots of interaction about divestment.
 - ii. Talking with Bon Appetit about single use plastics.
 - iii. River cleanup at the end of April.
- f. Stockton Outreach Committee
 - i. Pacific-to-Ports: Batter Up Tigers. Encouraging students to watch baseball on campus to win tickets to an off campus baseball game.
- g. Commuter Committee
 - i. Successful event, great turnout, lots of people.
- h. If your event is not part of your committee, please share recap/progress
 - i. Emily: Pacific Friday takeover, with Benerd. Friday 28th. Telling students about Benerd programs.
 - ii. Vanessa: Sip and Swap.
 - 1. Getting donations of items and clothing and trading. Providing drinks with it.
 - iii. Hasina: The dinner dance. April 25th.
 - 1. Panda express, black and white tie.
 - 2. Dance, photobooth, celebration.
 - iv. Bailey: Finalized stuff for event.
 - 1. Till the next roar. Destress at event of semester. April 20th, 4-7:30.
 - v. Audrie: Professional polish program. Pharmacy students, nice dinner.
 - vi. Marissa: Updates from divestment.
 - 1. Snacks and drinks, teaching students about divestment, what it was, and providing updates.
 - 2. Talking with Walsh. There will be a working group to discuss divestment over the course of the next year.
 - vii. IB: Sufi music night. International students gathering.

IV. Discussion Items (5:33-6:55)

- a. Thorns and roses (10 minutes)
- b. Preliminary read of [Proposed AY 23-24 ASuop Budget](#) with Director Zhang (10 minutes)
 - i. New and improved budget, more user friendly.
 - ii. Actual numbers on the first tab.
 - iii. Things relatively self-explanatory.
 - iv. Graphical breakdowns to show where we are spending money.
 - v. Second tab: Breakdown of largest events.
 - vi. Third tab: Annually funded groups.
 - vii. Last tab: Current budget.
 1. At end of year, will be updated with final numbers.
 - viii. Comprehension questions?
 1. Jesse: We need to be asking questions.
 2. Professional staff: Jesse, Dante, and Jen?
 - a. ASuop is requesting a second advisor for next year.
 3. Emily: Internal expenditures breakdown: DEI programming.
 - a. DEI director, different costs because no cinema series?
 - b. Alice: Lump sum of money, can be used for other things if different director.
 4. Vanessa: Tiger-escapes has 1.3%.
 - a. Pacific rec pulls funding from us?
 - b. We've been financing the buses for tiger escapes to open more spots to students.
 - c. Collaborations with A&E include some funding from us.
 - d. Pacific Rec has its own funding, it's another, separate fee.
 - e. Off campus excursions are another line item.
 5. Cynia: Club Sport/intramural sport difference?
 - a. Club sports go to tournaments, intramurals only compete with others in the same school.
 - b. Intramural and Pacifican, fund wages, discussion?
 - c. Want to support orgs on campus, but we don't want to pay wages in the end.
 6. Hortonb: Off-campus excursions
 - a. UOP, buying buses? Why do we rent?
 - b. Jesse: Too expensive.
 - c. Buses are going to launch within the next couple of days, a shuttle system on miracle mile.

7. Cynia: Students have to pay for certain events, related to homecoming?
A&E, how can we help students not have to pay?
 - a. Lorenzo: We shouldn't have to pay to attend homecoming, worth a conversation with administration.
 - b. Emily: Didn't know I could attend homecoming events.
 8. Vanessa: PacificRec, sending people to Hawaii. Still doing that?
 - a. Jesse: It's a lot of money for a very select group of students.
 - b. Local trips keep the cost low, keeping things accessible.
 9. Emily: Contract for film series in A&E?
 - a. Using ASuop funds to pay for films at the theater, contract signed by Blandizzi.
 10. Marissa: Campus Improvement Fund, NY Times.
 - a. NYT paid for, through end of next academic year.
 - b. It's now a separate line item.
 - c. We'll have another conversation next year as to whether to renew.
 11. Hortonb: Other services we offer besides NY Times?
 - a. Look at website.
 12. Cynia: Deputy directors, fitting that in our budget?
 - a. Left the door open for departments to have a deputy director if need be.
 - b. Salaries have gone up a bit since last year, working with directors and deputy directors to come up with estimates.
- c. [FBAR 22-23:17](#) (5 minutes)
- i. Semi-annual funding requests.
 - ii. Pretty straightforward, everything within guidelines.
 - iii. No questions.
- d. [A&E Restructure Proposal](#) with Director Kuranova (20 minutes)
- i. Reading her proposal.
 - ii. Want to encourage a more unique approach to A&E as a separate branch within ASuop.
 - iii. A&E should be separate, more independent programming board.
 - iv. Under ASuop, but certain changes.
 - v. Like the judiciary.
 - vi. Reasons:
 1. We all serve student body, but A&E has different goals as an org.
 2. A&E serves very big audience.
 3. Leadership, you don't have as much visibility in A&E.

4. Scale of events requires a lot of work from A&E. Unique.
5. Strict deadlines. Team-focused organization.
6. Liability and accountability.
7. Marketing huge part of A&E, unique goals.
 - a. Branding. Each event has unique identity.
 - b. Social Media. A&E could use another social media account, not as effective as it could be.
 - c. A&E could market own events if separate.
 - d. A&E has huge events, but lower turnout because it wasn't marketed as well.
8. Communication with vendors, requires a good bit of work.
9. Current job description does not reflect actual duties.
 - a. Graphic design, social media, editing, photography?
- vii. If we want it to be a separate org under ASuop, look at alternative examples linked in document.
- viii. A&E will be able to change name, new structure, new website, new programming plan.
- ix. We need to make this change to serve students best.
- x. Chair of programming board would be the new director position.
- xi. Planning events, different programmers for each events.
- xii. Event team, volunteers or part of some other department.
- xiii. Programming ideas.
- xiv. How to make the program a reality?
 1. Lorenzo: Constitutional amendment.
 2. Angel: No, actually under the current bylaws via exec order (staying within the executive branch.)
- xv. Cynia: We will still have accountability, attend Cabinet.
- xvi. Emily: Breakdown of new roles, very promising.
 1. The new roles allow us to be very careful, make sure that programmers are doing their job.
- xvii. Vanessa: Why were things combined last year?
 1. Angel: Things didn't work out when it was all combined for transparency by Scout.
 2. Vanessa: Only A&E would have a separate Instagram account?
 3. Brooke: Yes.
- xviii. Cynia: The vice chair could serve as head of communications for A&E?

1. Margarita: We would have a separate communications/marketing person, don't want to give the director of communication more work.
 2. Cynia: Budgeting for that?
 3. Margarita: Will require work from us to make sure the funding is all sorted, but the total hours shouldn't be affected very much.
 4. Cynia: How to pay people based on the work that they do? More work, more pay, how to balance?
 5. Hasina: How to determine other peoples' pay, based on different roles?
 6. Brooke: Hourly rates, no big deal.
- xix. Marissa: Quality versus quantity, people feel bombarded by ASuop posts. Maybe no change in name, because they will lose touch with what the organization is.
1. Margarita: Probably won't change name as of right now, cause familiar concept in people's minds.
- xx. Cynia: DEI? Similar concept?
1. Angel: DEI found it really hard to get traction as a separate account.
 2. Best to stay on general account.
 3. The purpose of the DEI department is something we need to think about.
 4. DEI has been outwardly focused. It needs to provide DEI training within the org.
- e. ASuop to sunset specific RSO/dept. external funding (2 minutes)
- i. Right now, our budget does not align with our values and goals
 1. How to support these orgs if not monetarily.
 2. Lorenzo: How to support these orgs, cause we don't want to have a double standard for some RSOs getting annual funding and wages.
 3. Based on tradition, which is weird.
 - ii. Idea: general \$100k fund available for proposals annually; required that every semester they provide a report to finance; would start next next AY
 1. Such a fund could allow us to fund those organizations that request groups.
 2. Figuring out how to support orgs that support students directly.
 - iii. Hasina: Semi-Annual, but proposing, more transparent.
 1. Not RSOs, external groups that we could support.
 2. CII, Tiger Broadcasting.
 3. Brooke: Shouldn't be paying wages.
 - iv. Cynia: Alice has been creating budgets for the annually funded groups. Not the goal. How can we hold the organizations accountable?
 1. Not all groups held to the same standard.

2. Subsume into strategic marketing, becoming part of ASuop?
3. Brooke: Want them to be free and independent, want separate fee.
4. Cynia: Want to consider other sources, make sure they are independent.
They should push for their own funding, find their own time.
5. Brooke: Plan is to have those conversations over the course of the year.
- v. Lorenzo: SR on moving all current annual funded groups, give them a year.
- vi. Audrie: What orgs are we wanting to get semi annual and what can go for the 100k?
 1. Angel: 100k fund would go to things like CII, all others would go through typical semi annual process.
- f. First read of [SB 22-23:11](#) (7 minutes)
 - i. Bailey: Changes to finance code.
 - ii. Couldn't fund graduation stoles. Exception for scantrons and greenbooks, as well as entering contracts.
 - iii. Also upped the apparel limit and the stole change.
 - iv. Lorenzo: NY times in violation of bylaws. Also, OER awards.
 - v. Brooke: In line with vision for the academic director.
 - vi. Hasina: What can RSOs ask for, under accessories?
 1. Lorenzo: Did that last year to encourage people to consider alternatives.
 2. Hasina: Either scrap that clause or make it specific.
 3. Voted to scrap it.
 - vii. Audrie: Why funding stoles?
 1. Hasina: Funding stoles are a common RSO request.
 2. Alice: Stoles aren't a key thing for all students, so we want to be careful as to how much we fund them. Exclusivity issue.
 3. Jesse: T-shirts same argument though.
 4. Audrie: Exclusivity, hard no in ASP.
 5. Lorenzo: Apparel budget per student in the club.
 6. Cynia: Would only come through RSOs?
 - a. Yes, unfortunately, students couldn't request it by themselves.
 7. Angel: Now wanting an updated roster for requests for tshirts and stoles.
 8. Jesse: Could/should limit it to only graduating seniors.
- g. Reading of [EO 22-23:02](#) (3 minutes)
 - i. ASuop clerk will attend both meetings and make sure that communication is streamlined, notetaking in both.

- h. Reading of [EO 22-23:03](#) (3 minutes)
 - i. Ensuring more accountability. All cabinet members have to attend two senates a month. Must also present their cabinet reports in senate. They can have alternatives, appointed by them.
- i. Reading of [EO 22-23:04](#) (5 minutes)
 - i. New departments, one member departments, pilot projects, will add more in future years. Outlining details of the role.
 - ii. Health and wellness first year would serve as described in the EO.
 - iii. Hasina: Supporting the new directors? How would they have help since they would be a one member department?
 - 1. Yes, they would. They would have support from cabinet.
- j. Reading of [EO 22-23:05](#) (5 minutes)
 - i. Describing the role as defined in EO
 - ii. Cynia: Mission statements for the future role, created by current directors.
 - 1. Angel: Good idea for transition docs for current directors.
 - iii. Audrie: How would they serve on university committees?
 - 1. Would be available for the most important university committees.

V. Action Items (6:55-6:56)

- a. Voting for [FBAR 22-23:17](#)
 - i. Hasina moved to vote, Miah seconded.
 - ii. Unanimous except Marissa. Marissa abstained.

VI. Announcements (6:56-6:59)

- a. Vice President
 - i. OER Reception 4/10 5-6pm, Senate 6-7pm
 - ii. Future resource: [ASuop event proposal/request form](#)
- b. President
 - i. [Pacific Thrives Abstract Writing Workshop for PURCC](#) - 3/29 @ 5-6:30pm
- c. Advisor
 - i. Event proposal form, sent out to everyone.
 - ii. Need to make sure everyone got everything straightened out, a lot of things to talk about.
 - iii. Please abide by deadlines.

- iv. Brooke has had to get people to stay off computers and phones. Need to make sure that everyone is paying attention. A lot of people look completely disinterested.
- v. Need to do your job, need to prove that you served students.
- d. Officers
 - i. Events.

VII. Adjournment (7:00)

- a. Next Senate Meeting: Apr 3, 2023 in DUC 211
- b. Marissa moved, Cynia seconded, unanimous.