

Senate Meeting Agenda

October 23, 2023 | 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm
DeRosa University Center 211

I. Preliminaries

a. Call to Order

Motion to call the meeting to order at 5:31PM

Motion: Senator Padilla

Second: Senator Tahir

Approved 9-0-0

b. Roll Call Attendance

Senator Kamran has an excused absence

c. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda for the meeting dated October 23, 2023

Motion: Senator Tahir

Second: Senator Reyes

Approved 9-0-0

d. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the meeting minutes for the meeting dated October 16, 2023 with the correction made by Senator Padilla

Motion: Senator Spaccarelli

Second: Senator Beck

Approved 9-0-0

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.

Students

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.

Maya, the Co-President of SAFD, is working with SSD to coordinate a student run panel about SSD in general and how it feels to be a student with disabilities

- Educating both students and staff about disabilities
- Making this a wide scale event so that everyone can join
- Goal: to make this event mandatory for staff and important faculty members, and overall avocation

Senator Spacarelli recommends Dr.Lomax-Ghirarduzzi and Dr. Edwalds-Gilbert to help promote to faculty and staff members.

- Resources from ASuop could be advertisement, funding if needed, and overall outreach.

Working with SSD for the confirmed date and time.

Maya states that their updated club meeting will be at 5:30PM on November 8th, and that it will be a more informational meeting

Zac Baker, a political science major, bringing an attention to a meeting held by the University about the situation happening in Gaza

- Forum was supposed to be in person, but turned it to be online because they believe that there would be disruption inflicted
- Wants ASuop to engage with administration on what is important to them and to the university.

Senator Spaccarelli: Professor Heraldez held the event; McGeorge School of Law had a similar event and there were opinions said that were discriminatory, and there was a struggle to have a productive dialogue in a space such as the university.

VP Manning: We will focus on the Stockton campus, but I would like opinions to be shared with Dr. Lomax-Ghirarduzzi; she will be able to address concerns to the faculty and the administration.

Chiana feels the event related to Gaza was poorly advertised, and would like to know if there are advertisement restrictions.

- Institutions marketing would be Pacific Communications
- In person publicity flier: image was changed due to bias.

Senator Spaccarelli asks Dr. Lomax-Ghiraduzzi about the issue going on.

Dr. Lomax-Ghiraduzzi says she was unaware about how the change from in person to online came about, but only knows about its occurrence.

III. Business Items

a. Discussion Item: *Vice President of DEI* [Dr. Lomax- Ghirarduzzi](#)

Dr. Lomax-Ghiraduzzi is leading a search for the Chief Communications Officer (Chief Storyteller)

- Wanting to take these questions to constituent groups
- Talking about the campus climate survey— uniquely a higher education survey.
- Trying to understand the term “climate”
- Overall trying to gauge the population's sense of belonging.

Senator Padilla asks if it would be a good idea to have it as a semester survey or yearly survey.

Dr. Lomax-Ghiraduzzi explains that the survey was done because of WASC: needed a campus climate survey done.

- Comprehensive survey once every 3 years.
- Senators can ask their constituents as well, and to survey them.

Senator Spaccarelli: Divestment, continuous communication with students, faculty, staff, prospective students as well.

Senator Reyes’ constituents are concerned about the climate survey itself, and its confidentiality.

Director Xu: Acting as Dr. Lomax-Ghiraduzzi’s research assistant, the survey is completely confidential and the survey goes through a third party, we get the statistics back, not the data provided.

b. Constituent Concerns

Senator Beck— Stripes Safety; concerned on how they drive and ADA compliance

Senator Spaccarelli— E sports lounge in the library; concerned that it will make the downstairs library area too loud.

Senator Mendoza Martinez— Lack of tutoring for courses here at Pacific

Senator Tahir— Quality and Quantity of food from Bon Appetit

- Desi Community was not being represented
- Athletics feels like they do not have enough support at their games
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Senator Rana— More consistency in library hours

Senator Gill— certain halls do not have accessibility for disabled individuals

Senator Padilla — quantity and quality and pricing of food

Senator Reyes— limiting the ability of departments to have academic discussion of what is going on in the world

Senator Lopez— main pharmacy building; installing more water bottle refill stations

c. Senate Restructuring — Senator Mendoza-Martinez

- Observations of the senate and utilizing the time, constituents.
- Believes the senate can be cut for the following year.
- Focusing on the needs of the students instead of ourselves bringing it up

Senator Mendoza-Martinez raises the question on what can we do to reconstruct ourselves to be a better body as a whole

Senator Padilla: having initiative is hard, but it's important to take the step in trying to reach out to your constituents and beyond.

Senator Spaccarelli: it is less of a problem with the number of senators, but more about how the senators show themselves in this space. Making sure that students are being served as much as possible.

Senator Reyes agrees with Senator Spaccarelli

Senator Spaccarelli states that it requires a constitutional amendment if needed to change.

Senator Mendoza-Martinez would like to do a transition meeting at the end of the year and train future senators when their time comes.

Students

Senator Beck agrees that learning on the job is very hard, so doing a transition meeting would be very helpful.

Senator Spacarelli would like to suggest that the old senators can summarize their position to the new senators who come in next year.

Senator Reyes: How do we maximize constituent outreach?

Senator Padilla: A concern is that students do not know what we do, so showing the website helps.

VP Manning states that the senate is quick to chop other peoples branches, but not the senate themselves. She also talks about the effectiveness of senators.

Senator Padilla raises the idea of voluntarily supporting new senators when they are termed out.

Senator Spacarelli says to communicate concerns to rules so we can make it a possibility.

Senator Padilla states that Benerd college will be online in a couple of years, so her position will not exist for much longer.

d. Student Fee Presentation — Director of Finance

Senator Reyes explains that the 29% given is tied to the tuition increase as well

Senator Spaccarelli: Great proposal, needs to happen in order to correct the budget. Student fee raise is a great idea, however senators need to talk to the president to talk to the regents. Automatic process will need to have a constitutional amendment written behind it.

Senator Beck: What does reallocating external funding mean?

Director Rossi explains that groups such as The Pacifican and Tiger Broadcasting will not get funding from ASuop, with them being external groups.

President Gomez: How can we show students what ASuop does? And where does their money go?

Senator Padilla : Highly encourage having conversations with admin and preparing for march.

President Gomez says that they will go to the regents next month to talk about changing the fees. And giving the final answer to this in march.

Senator Tahir reiterates a point that Dr. Blandizzi made during her visit; in an attempt to fight inflation, we might lose students as well.

IV. Announcements

a. Vice President

- Engagement — come into this space and engage with each other
- Office hours should be logged into the time sheet and into the office hour form.
- Senator Projects — submitting flier requests but have spoken about it.
- Bon appetit— please speak with me before Advisor Magaña if you want to place an order for your senator event
- Please wear your ASuop polo to future senate meetings

b. President

Pacific trick or treat

- Please dress up in a costume or wear your ASuop polo

c. Advisor

d. Officers

Sustainability event tomorrow

- Clothing Swap and Food Drive

V. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn today's meeting at 7:30PM

Motion: Senator Tahir

Second: Senator Gill

Approved 9-0-0