

# *Senate Meeting Minutes*

Monday, February 24, 2025 | 6:00 pm  
Location: DeRosa University Center 211

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## **Invited Members:**

- Simon Hinmon, Vice President
- Amy Hagler, ASUOP Clerk
- Jaden Deng, Senator at Large
- Husna Naim, Senator at Large
- Farheen Shaikh, Senator at Large
- Quan Vu, Senator at Large
- Ria Bansal, Senator, College of the Pacific
- Alenda Wade, Senator, Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy
- Shivam Lnu, Senator, School of Computer Engineering
- Juliana Meneses, Senator, Conservatory of Music
- Gavin Hua, Senator, Eberhardt School of Business

## **I. Preliminaries**

- a. Call to Order at 6:12 pm.
- b. Roll Call (highlighted in orange if not present)
  - I. Presiding Officer: Vice President Simon Hinmon
    1. Ms. Hagler
    2. Senator Deng
    3. Senator Naim
    4. Senator Shaikh
    5. Senator Wade
    6. Senator Shivam
    7. Senator Meneses
    8. Senator Hua
    9. Senator Bansal
    10. Senator Vu

- I. Motion by Senator Deng to approve agenda, seconded by Senator Bansal. Approved by all.
- II. Motion to approve last week's minutes by Senator Meneses, seconded by Senator Shivam. Approved by Senators Shivam, Deng, Meneses, Vu, Hua and Bansal. Opposed by none. Abstained by Senator Wade.

## **II. Public Comment**

- a. Multiple students are in attendance to bring alert to the upcoming Turning Point USA event and the fear that this may open the doors to more hate groups on campus. What can the senate do as elected officials to support the concerned student body. The announcement of the event has already been detrimental to the LGBT community on campus, so it is very important that the student gov speaks out against TPUSA. Many people already believe that the school does not support them with the announcement of this event.

## **III. Reports**

- a. From the Vice President, all senators need to schedule recurring one on one meetings with the vice president, per the bylaws. The senator transition binder is currently at 37 pages, requesting each school specific senator send contributions to help the next senators. When discussing item E, would like to have a productive conversation. Give a complaint, give a solution.
- b. From the President, met with President Callahan regarding the Pacifican, finalizing a deal between local businesses and the Pacifican to offer alternate funding opportunities and allow all staff of the Pacifican to be paid. Working on transition materials for the executive branch.
- c. From the cabinet, from Director Mumtaz, working on the response to the article on the IDF, as it is presented as a glorification of the IDF. Director Adubofour met with members of the administration regarding the town hall and re-communicate the lack of action and lack of response from the administration. Cancellation is not possible but alternative solutions have been offered. Director Haight is looking for volunteers to help at Tigerlands on April 11, 2025. Elections timeline has been moved up by one week. Director Kaur has the authority to distribute up to \$250 to RSOs without senate approval.
- d. From the committee chairs, pacific card project is still in progress. Sustainability is working towards getting a garbage bin along the Calaveras bridge and ewaste bins. Academic affairs needs a proxy to attend the monthly meeting on the first tuesday of the month at 5 pm.

- e. From the advisors, please provide a reason behind their decision to oppose or abstain from a motion to encourage further conversation and debate.

#### **IV. Business Items**

- a. FBAR
  - i. Motion to approve FBAR by Senator Hua, seconded by Senator Vu. Approved by all.
- b. International Student Assistance Ad Hoc Committee Chair Nominations
  - i. Motion to table by Senator Shivam, seconded by Senator Deng. Approved by all.
- c. Hourly vs Stipend Wage Discussion
  - i. Would be enacted in the 25-26 academic year. Elected positions would be placed on a stipend, rather than an hourly wage, so elected officials could be able to speak their minds to the administration without fear of being fired.
  - ii. Pay would still be the same, but students should not be running for elected positions for the money, but to improve the life of students on campus.
- d. Pedestrian Infrastructure Senate Resolution
  - i. Looking for potential crosswalk locations around campus to improve student safety.
  - ii. Potential locations include Kensington and Brubeck and B parking going through Larry Heller.
  - iii. Will send a screenshot of the Google map of the area, circle where crosswalks could be implemented.
- e. Turning Point USA presence on campus.
  - i. From the students, TPUSA is not here to educate, they are here to fearmonger and spread harmful disinformation about the LGBTQ community and the sooner ASUOP releases a statement, the better. Would it be possible for Senate to release a clear definition on freedom of speech, the policies on doxxing and clarifying the language on what can be done to ensure TPUSA follows the rules while they are here. Additional fears include TPUSA's doxxing students and that this event may open the door for more hateful topics and groups to find a place on campus.
  - ii. Dr Blandeezi will be reviewing all content prior to the event. The poster for the event has been approved by SLIC as is posted around campus. The only poster currently up is taped onto the spirit rock, which is currently painted in the colors of the trans flag.
  - iii. Senators Deng and Meneses volunteer to write a senate resolution calling for the event to be cancelled and would also like to connect with community organizers after the conclusion of senate.
  - iv. Further issues with the social media app Fizz, which requires a student email address to join. There has been an uptick in anti trans sentiments on the app, which is moderated

by students who are paid by the app. Fizz is a third party app, so that creates further legal issues, but the administration is looking into it.

- v. For constituents to connect with their senators, use their school issued emails.
- vi. How can students feel reassured that the senators are dedicated to finding a solution and properly serving their constituents so that students are not solely responsible for stopping this event?
- vii. There is nothing within the ASUOP bylaws about how senators can contribute to social issues such as this or where the line is drawn between ASUOP senator and student.
  - 1. From Vice President Hinmon, Senators Deng and Meneses have volunteered to write a resolution, with support from Senator Wade.
    - a. No senators attended the student town hall on 2/21.
- viii. Issue has gone beyond Pacific and has now caught the attention of the city and the surrounding communities.

#### **IV. Open Forum**

- a. Cannot enact elections code until after this election, as candidates agreed to run prior to the approval of the election code changes.
- b. Working on senate training and a contact book for elected officials.

#### **V. Announcements**

- a. Vice President Hinmon will be presenting the senate training binder next week.

#### **VI. Adjournment**

- a. Motion to adjourn by Senator Shivam, seconded by Senator Wade. Approved by all at 7:44 pm.