

Senate Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 22, 2025 | 8:00 pm
Location: DeRosa University Center 211

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
- 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 3:37 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 (zoom)
 6. Senator Shivam
 7. Senator Meneses
 8. Senator Hua
 9. Senator Bansal

II. Motion to approve agenda by Senator Shivam, seconded by Senator Deng. Approved by all.

II. Reports

- a. From the Vice President, all senators please ensure that they are attending VP office hours and sending their biweekly reports on or before the deadline.
- b. From the President, the tiger fair went well and there is an increase in students who want to participate in student government. Director Mumtaz is tabling with health services on January 22 to distribute information for the student health plan.
- c. From the cabinet, Director Kaur completed her RSO training and that went well. There is increased interest in utilizing the campus improvement funds, Director Kaur will be forwarding information to any senators who wish to participate.
- d. No updates from the advisors.

III. Business Items

- a. President Pro Tempore
 - i. Senator Le resigned, so a new president pro tempore needs to be elected.
 - 1. Will retain the position for the remainder of the academic year, will also assist the executive branch with interviews for the temporary senate seat positions.
 - ii. Senator Meneses nominates Senator Deng for the position, which he accepts.
 - 1. Senators Meneses, Naim, Shaikh, Wade, Shivam, Hua and Bansal vote in favor. Senator Deng abstains.
 - iii. Senator Deng is President Pro Tempore
- b. Committee Chair positions
 - i. The chair positions for sustainability and external affairs are open.
 - ii. Senator Hua nominates Senator Shivam, who accepts.
 - 1. Senators Meneses, Naim, Shaikh, Wade, Deng, Hua and Bansal vote in favor. Senator Shivam abstains.
 - 2. Senator Shivam is elected as Sustainability Committee Chair
 - iii. Senator Wade nominates Senator Hua for the External Affairs Committee chair, which he accepts.
 - 1. Senators Meneses, Naim, Shaikh, Wade, Deng, Shivam and Bansal vote in favor. Senator Hua abstains.
 - 2. Senator Hua is elected as External Affairs Committee Chair.
- c. SB 24-25
 - i. Senator Deng and Senator Naim worked on a bill together to improve elections by clarifying election code language. The proposed changes remove or add language to simplify and clarify election outlines.
 - 1. Within the bill, green is to add and red is to remove.
 - a. Additionally, there is a proposed stipulation that any write-ins under 15 votes would not be counted in order to encourage students to officially run.
 - 2. Today is the first read, so it can not be officially voted on yet.

- ii. Mr Bryant reminds senators to please read documents prior to the beginning of senate to reduce the likelihood of confusion during the meetings.
- iii. Senator Meneses asks for clarification about the removal of verbiage in 709.3
 - 1. Per the current version of 709.3 *'Campaign materials are defined as all items that are used to promote, encourage and/or support a candidate. This includes flyers, buttons, banners, t-shirts, pamphlets, a-frames, graphics and videos that promote, encourage and/or support a candidate.'* The proposed changes are to remove the terms 'buttons, t-shirts and a-frames' as those are no longer products provided by ASUOP.
 - a. May provide additional verbiage/guidelines on the purchasing limit for tape/thumbtacks
 - 2. Candidates are allowed to make their own campaign materials as long as they are within the ASUOP size guidelines.
 - a. No larger than 8.5 x 11.
 - 3. Senator Shivam asks about the wording on 703.3 and the reason for it's removal.
 - a. Per the current version of 703.3 (3), *'No campaigning, including but not limited to events and tabling, may take place the weekend between the conclusion of the campaign period and the beginning of the voting period.'*
 - i. Senator Deng states the proposed reason for removal is that the language is redundant.
- iv. ASUOP Budget Rollover
 - 1. \$50,000 rolled over, Director Kaur will send out a new budget.
 - 2. Requesting a \$200 increase for presidential salary because the presidential position requires working over the summer to ensure a smooth transition.
 - 3. Requesting an increase in the vice chair of A&E due to the unforeseen demands of the job.
 - 4. Wording around campus improvement funds may be changed in order to open up new opportunities to utilize them around campus.
 - 5. One goal is to place more female sanitation products around campus. Senators Deng and Shaikh have volunteered to help, along with Director Mumtaz.
 - a. Next step is to put together a budget and a plan to present to the advisors and then to the administration.
- v. Resolution Retraction
 - 1. Memo released by senators Deng, Hua, Meneses, Shivam and Wade retracting the public allegations made against President Moreno, Vice President Moreno, Vice President Hinmon, Director Kaur and Ms Hagler.

- a. The following corrections were made to the resolution by Senator Deng, seconded by Senator Naim and approved by Senators Hua, Meneses, Naim, Shivam, Deng and Wade. Abstained by Senator Shaikh and Bainsal: correct the year to 2024-2025, correct ‘former Padilla’ to ‘former Senator Padilla’.
2. Proactive Work
 - a. Vice President Hinmon would like to see more senator involvement in unknown student programs, to include tabling.
 - i. Ideas include extra tabling for general elections, tabling within the senators respective schools and spreading more information about programs such as SSD and Title IX.

vi. Announcements

1. Black History Month is coming up and there are several exciting events, including Giancarlo Esposito, who will be giving a speech.
2. Due to her busy schedule, Director Kaur will not be able to attend many senate meetings. If there is something important that you need from her, please reach out to her via email or teams.

vii. Adjournment

1. Motion to adjourn today’s meeting by Senator Shivam, seconded by Senator Hua. Approved by all
 - a. Meeting adjourned at 9:35 pm.