

# *Senate Meeting 08 Minutes*

Date: Oct 10, 2022

Location: DUC, RM 211

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## **I. Preliminaries (5:40-5:45)**

- a. Call to Order

VP Tran entertained a motion to call the meeting to order.

The Monday, October 10, Senate Meeting was called to order at 5:40pm.

Senator Torres motioned to start. Senator Gandolfo-Gillaspy seconded the motion.

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- b. Roll Call

Not Present: Senator Manning, Senator Martinez, Senator Daher, Senator Hussein

- c. Agenda Changes (*if applicable*)
- d. Approval of Agenda

VP Tran entertained a motion to approve the agenda.

Senator Torres motioned to approve. Senator Gandolfo-Gillaspy seconded the motion.

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## **II. Committee Reports**

- a. Finance Committee
- b. Rules Committee
- c. Senate Selection Committee
- d. Ethics Committee
- e. Sustainability Committee

- f. Stockton Outreach Committee
- g. Commuter Committee
  - i. Director Zhang met with some commuter students. She had heard about temporary lockers but not enough information was released yet.

### **III. Discussion Items (5:45-6:45)**

- a. OER Library Presentation (15 minutes)
  - i. Contact Information: Nicole Mountjoy, [ngrady@pacific.edu](mailto:ngrady@pacific.edu)
  - ii. **OER infographic.pdf**
    - 1. Nicole Mountjoy is an academic support librarian and came in to talk about what that is and the event that will be happening in the library.
    - 2. Open Education Resources are free resources that help assist students in the classroom. They have been proven to improve retention and we have been able to save students \$1M at Pacific. These resources increase opportunities for creativity, collaboration, and innovative teaching. Professors are able to replace their textbooks with OER resources or replace a high-costing textbook with one that is free and this can happen through stipends. They are also able to create their own materials to reduce the cost of current materials. Stipends are usually given in the Spring for Summer, and they're hoping that they can be changed to be given all year.
  - iii. **\$1M Library Celebration Bookmark.pdf**
    - 1. They are hoping to get students and professors to come talk about their experience with OER resources. This is in hopes that more professors can become aware of these resources and use them.
    - 2. ASuop members or students who have positive experiences with OERS are encouraged to come out and speak about them.
- b. Cabinet Reports (30 minutes; 5 minutes each)
  - i. Director of Arts & Entertainment (A&E)
    - 1. [asuopae@pacific.edu](mailto:asuopae@pacific.edu)
    - 2. Debriefed Block Party and Oasis.
    - 3. There were updates given on Homecoming and there was mention of rehearsals that will be happening tomorrow.
    - 4. Talked about plans for Brickyard as well De-Stress Fest and Tigerlands.

- ii. Director of Strategic Marketing (SM)
  - iii. Director of Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion (DEI)
  - iv. Director of Finance
    - 1. Training for RSO's, presidents who were newly appointed (went over event registration, funding/reimbursements).
    - 2. The Career and Graduate fund was approved and the graphic was just put up on Instagram.
    - 3. Working on getting candy for RSOs so that candy can be passed out during the Pacific Trick or Treat event.
  - v. Director of Communications
    - 1. The main project for this semester has been the website.
    - 2. Working with different departments to get stuff on the website.
  - vi. Chief Justice of the Supreme Court
    - 1. Working on revising the judicial bylaws.
    - 2. Two main changes were made. The goal was to avoid conflicts of interest and change the recusal process. They also changed what you do if you do think that there has been a conflict of interest. They also discussed changing the endorsements for justices when elections come by.
    - 3. There was also discussion about collaborations with other departments such as Legal Scholars.
- c. [Social Media Guidelines](#) (8 minutes)
- i. Topic was tabled to the next meeting due to technical issues.
- d. Proposed COP Advising Model Feedback (12 minutes)
- i. Senator Spaccarelli talked about the imbalance of advisors in the College of the Pacific. This brings in concerns about the quality of advising and there were mentions of specific departments.
    - 1. The talk is centered around the quality of the advising and what needs to be prioritized when it comes to advising with those departments. In addition, talking about how to make sure that professors aren't being overloaded.
      - a. Senator Chan suggested a peer advising model. Upperclassmen in their third or fourth year would be assigned to a lowerclassmen to help advise. They would be familiar with the classes and advice can be given about professors and how to get through the classes themselves. Students would be able to give a different perspective that a professor may not be able to. They also talked about their

experience and the lack of information that was given to them regarding degreeworks and other programs.

- b. Senator Padilla talked about her experience as using her position to advise students. She suggested that school specific senators implement that into their office hours. She listed some of the ways that she's been able to assist students when it comes to their advising needs.
- c. Senator Pearson asked if there was a reason why students have advisors outside of their major for 2 years instead of 1.
  - i. This is because the first couple years being students would be taking GE classes. This would only apply to departments that have too many students to advisors.
- d. Director Zhang talked about the influx of new students and that doesn't include just the biology department. They suggested doing more outreach to the first-year programs, the clubs, and different societies. It is difficult to have an advisor who isn't related or experienced in your major. Major specific advisors can be helpful beyond just what classes to take.
- e. VP Tran brought up concerns of faculty complaining about students being confused about creating 4-year plans when they should advocate for it to be taught in Dean's Seminars or similar workshop/educational environments. New students are also getting peer mentorship from LEADS. Lastly, having an advisor in one's major early in their college career is pivotal for discipline/field specific connections (i.e. research).
- f. Senator Padilla talked about her experience in the first-year seminar and how everything was laid out for them. This can give students an idea of what classes they should be taking.
- g. Senator Tahir talked about how the international students have an info session in their orientation. They would be divided into their majors and school. Students are shown through InsidePacific, degreeworks, etc. They are also provided excel sheets on how things are organized. Students usually want specific professors to be their advisors so that could be one factor to consider. If COP isn't doing something that works and other departments are, then maybe it's useful to have them collaborate

#### **IV. Action Items (6:45-6:50)**

- a. Voting on [FBAR 22-23:02](#)

VP Tran entertained a motion to vote on the FBAR 22-23:02

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#### **V. Announcements (6:50-7:00)**

- a. Vice President Updates

- i. Electric cars/bikes on campus

1. President Callahan is working on getting electric cars and bikes on campus. It's used to serve as an accessible way to get around for students on campus.

- ii. Senators' thoughts on structuring Public Comments

1. Senator Torres and Senator Muthana mentioned that it would be nice to have some comments at the beginning in case they need to go.
2. VP Tran mentioned other schools allot time for public comments and acknowledge the comments but do not respond immediately. This is to avoid overly emotional responses and to avoid giving out misinformation or incomplete information. If ASuop hasn't given an update, it's likely because they are unprepared to give an appropriate one.
3. Senator Padilla talked about some of the things that we've done previously.
4. Senator Gandolfo-Gillaspy also mentioned that if they want feedback or a response from the senators, we can ask them to include that in the statement.
5. VP Tran asked how much time we should be allotting.
  - a. Senator Pearson mentioned that 5 minutes per person seemed to be a good time and it could also depend on the amount of people that are coming into the Senate; that's in line with the Bylaws.
  - b. The senators agreed that allotting 20 minutes in total for public comments at the beginning would be ideal.
6. Senator Padilla mentioned that it would be a good idea to have a specific time set out and to also push accessibility in regards to office hours. This can be mentioned in the meeting in case time does run out.
7. Senator Spaccarelli expressed concern about setting aside 20 minutes in terms of content for the senate meeting itself. It was also mentioned that senators can also facilitate the discussion outside of Senate meetings

where business does have to get discussed and/or voted on because it can be more productive in a casual conversation.

- a. Jesse mentioned that we can also extend the meeting if it comes to needing more time.
  - iii. [#PacificFriday Pacific Votes!](#) Tabling Friday, 12-1 (voter registration forms)
  - iv. [Faculty Handbook AY 22-23](#)
- b. President Updates
- i. Academic Council
    1. This Thursday, President Zhong will be attending a meeting with the academic council.
- c. Advisor Updates
- i. Reminder about time cards being turned in on Monday by 10am.
  - ii. Next week, we'll be having a conversation about what it means to be an employee.

## **VI. Adjournment (7:00)**

- a. Next Senate Meeting: Oct 17, 2022 in DUC 211

VP Tran entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Senator Gandolfo-Gillaspy motioned to adjourn the meeting. Senator Padilla seconded the motion.

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Meeting was adjourned at 7:00pm PDT

## Voting Record

Topic: **FBAR 22-23:02**

Senator	Yea	Nay	Abstain
<i>Senator Chan</i>	✓		
<i>Senator Daher</i>			
<i>Senator Gandolfo-Gillapsy</i>	✓		
<i>Senator Hussein</i>			
<i>Senator Madill</i>	✓		
<i>Senator Manning</i>			
<i>Senator Martinez</i>			
<i>Senator Muthana</i>	✓		
<i>Senator Padilla</i>	✓		
<i>Senator Pearson</i>	✓		
<i>Senator Spaccarelli</i>	✓		
<i>Senator Tahir</i>	✓		
<i>Senator Torres</i>	✓		

**Vote: 9 - 0 - 0**

Minutes Certified By:

Karina Patel, *ASuop Clerk of Senate*  
October 10, 2022

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'K. Patel', written in a cursive style.