

# Senate Meeting Agenda

Monday March 25th, 2024 | 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm  
DeRosa University Center 211

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## I. Preliminaries

### a. Call to Order

Motion to call the meeting to order at 6:00PM

Motion: Senator Gill

Second: Senator Reyes

Approved 8-0-0

### b. Roll Call Attendance

Senator Rana and Senator Padilla have excused absences

### c. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve today's agenda

Motion: Senator Monarez-Hernandez

Second: Senator Reyes

Approved 8-0-0

### d. Approval of Minutes: 3.18.24 Senate Agenda

Motion to approve the meeting minutes dated March 18, 2024

Motion: Senator Reyes

Second: Senator Gill

Approved 8-0-0

## 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.

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.

### III. Business Items

- a. Informative Item: Disability Awareness Month — SAFD Presentation (15 mins)

Mia — President of SAFD

- Comes to Senate to talk about Inclusivity, Support, and Equity

#### Inclusivity

- Meaning having active acceptance to everyone
- Wants to be connected with all affinity groups in order to make sure that all students needs are being satisfied
- Tolerance is the basis here at UOP, Mia wants to expand that

#### Equity

- Meaning fairness; making sure everyone has what they need to thrive
- There are barriers for students with disabilities
  - Housing barriers
  - Academic barriers
- Suggests senators talk with constituents about their barriers
- Having understanding with each other
  - Working with the club to help reach their goals!
- Promotion of student panel
  - Disability Education and Awareness Student Panel
  - Student led; moderator present as well
  - Goal: Decrease of stigma of students with disabilities
  - Thinking before you speak
  - Comprehensive resource list for multiple kinds of disabilities

Save the Dates for SAFD Disability Education Panel

- March 28th — 1:30PM - 3:30PM
- April 5th — 1:30PM - 3:30PM

Senator Sigle asks about the reject/accept for accommodations

- SSD Advocates are very strong and supportive

- Professors are still able to reject accommodations, but they would have to go through a lengthy process to defend why they rejected the accommodation

Senator Ado is curious about how students with mobility disabilities are able to come into the second floor of the DUC

- There is an elevator located in the DUC
- More signage could be helpful as well to locate the elevator since it is in an enclosed space in the DUC

b. Discussion Item: Menstruation Product Distribution (10 mins)

Senator Beck will start the discussion

- There is no menstrual product dispenser in the upstairs DUC bathroom
- Certain bathrooms in south campus and around campus in general have little to no menstrual products
- ASUOP needs to hold themselves accountable for refilling the products around campus
- Trans inclusion — putting menstrual products in the men's product as well
  - Topic for discussion

VP Manning says that external bathrooms are not supposed to be funded and stocked by ASUOP as informed by VP Blandizzi

- Us focusing on the DUC could have a great impact since our office is located in that area, and it hold great foot traffic
- Having a greater conversation about the other locations on campus

Advisor Magaña asks if Senator Beck is talking about refilling dispensers or baskets?

- ASUOP had an initiative to have menstrual products in women's and gender inclusive restrooms
- The dispensers belong to the university

Senator Beck: Library has dispensers

- No dispenser in the women's bathroom, only the gender inclusive bathrooms

Advisor Magaña: encountering issues with refilling menstrual products

- Not always students using the products; strangers who come onto campus take them, as well as staff
- People taking handfuls of products and then leaving

Senator Monarez-Hernandez talks about her Feminist Theory class assignment

- They had to see how accessible bathrooms are on campus
- Lack of menstruation products in the bathroom
  - Menstrual products are a need, not a want

Senator Sigle: If products are being run out that bad, it shows us that there is a need for products

- Short term solution: signage, “be cautious of how many you are taking”
- Long term solution: Working with other departments to plan out how we can maintain restocking the baskets

For University measures: Contact Assistant VP for Student Health & Wellness

- Regina Viney
- 209.946.7473
- [rviney@pacific.edu](mailto:rviney@pacific.edu)

Advisor Magaña: says that they have products in the health center

- They buy them from Costco and keep them in the health center so students who need them can go there
- Having conversations with VP Blandizzi about solutions would be beneficial

VP Manning says to schedule a conversation with VP Blandizzi, and come with solutions

Senator Sigle asks if she can start working on signage

- VP Manning says its dependent of where its located
- Asking permission first from the heads of each building would be helpful

Advisor Magaña: Regarding the products in men’s bathrooms:

- This campus is not in a place where this can be taken seriously
- Keeping inclusive bathrooms filled
- Didn't want people to feel unsafe

Mia says she can start asking identifying female faculty on campus to voluntarily check and refill the products in their building

- Senators can join in this as well

Senator Le has solutions as well

- Education building and biology building, she can start refilling those buildings since she has class in them
- ASUOP can target main areas where there is a high population of students
- talking to higher ups about trying to add more dispensers around campus

Advisor Magaña says that we exhausted most of our resources and do not have space in the budget to repurchase this year

c. Discussion Item: Senator Training Feedback (20 mins)

VP Manning will lead the discussion

- She says that she did her best for trying to train all senators
- She wants feedback to give to the new VP on how to better prepare senators for the new year

Senator Reyes: Tried his best to keep up after missing an entire week of training

- Having an end of training recap for senators just in case they are in a unique situation such as his.

VP Manning asks about the overall timeline of training

- Trying to figure out if the current timeline was beneficial to senators training in
- Asks that each senator shares their experience with training

Senator Lopez: different academic calendar helped with fitting in training

- Agrees with Senator Reyes about having an end of training recap, but instead having it for all senators

Senator Le: Agrees; Fall semester last senate meeting dedicated to recap training

- Public comment section and attending meetings for training to being a senator
- Getting a handle of the agenda and preparing for the meetings

Senator Monarez-Hernandez: suggests more committee specific training

- To understand how the committee runs
- Navigating how the committee works

Senator Lopez adds that the senator training overall was great

Senator Le suggests as an alternative is to go through a mock senate meeting, and making an agenda dedicated to learning about the kinds of terminology and processes that senate works through

VP Manning says that we can record a senate meeting as well

Senator Reyes: agrees, and making the senate meeting shorter so more students are inclined to watch the recording

Senator Gill mentions the idea of roleplaying a senate meeting

VP Manning asks senators in Rules about how their experience was while being in that committee

Senator Reyes: Specific time dedicated for them to read the bylaws together

Senator Le: Summary of the bylaws; making a slideshow for each section to summarize it.

VP Manning will reach out to Chief Justice Berryhill about simplifications of the bylaws

- Rules to make training material specifically for this

Senator Beck says they would love to provide transition material for standing committees

Senator Le: Starting a document for the simplification of the bylaws

Senator Lopez asks when does the committee work start

- committee work starts in September and back again during the start of the spring semester
- All officers train during August and September

Senator Parker: How unique was our situation joining so late in the year?

- VP Manning says that the administrative part of the training was what she was more focused on with the newer senators because they all had some kind of prior experience in leaderships as well
- Senator Parker suggests shadowing people with past experience
  - shadowing during office hours

- Wants to further learn on how to spend their time the most effectively

VP Manning says that newly related senators can shadow the more experienced senators

Senator Beck: Senator Handbook is very essential

- Tips and tricks added to the handbook would be helpful
- Adding a section on how to further communicate with RSO's
- Encouraging future VP to keep the handbook because it is such a reliable resource

Advisor Magaña says that university summer leadership training will not be occurring any longer

Senator Gill says that a section on how to locate RSO's would be helpful to add in the senator handbook

Senator Lopez says that adding a section on how to navigate the Google Drive would also be helpful

- Says VP Mannings recording on how to fill out a timesheet Timesheet was effective

VP Manning will be filling out work order for videography for the recorded senate meeting

**d. Action Item: New York Times Subscription (5 mins)**

Senator Sigle: Is this vote to vote no on signing the contract?

VP Manning states that this vote is if you agree, you want to reknew the contract

Motion to vote on the New York Times Subscriptions

Motion: Senator Gill

Second: Senator Sigle

Approved 5-4-0

**e. Informative Item: University Committee Updates (10 mins)**

VP Manning wants to hear any experiences that senators have sitting on these University Commitees

Senator Beck sits on Sustainability and Students with Disabilities

*Students*

- Plans for Sustainability: April 5th kickoff, Green fashion show, clothing swap, sustainability superstars
- Sustainability meeting: May 6th

#### Senator Monarez-Hernandez sits on HSI

- Plans to visit different HSI's to see how they work and allocate their efforts
- Cultural centers being more geared towards tutoring
- Conversations on how to best allocate funding and resources
- HSI Meeting: April 2nd

#### VP Manning sits on Academic Council

- Working on suggestive language in syllabi for religious and spiritual initiative
- Keeping this initiative housed within the office of DEI
- Academic council meeting: March 28th 3-5PM

## **IV. Announcements**

### a. Vice President

- SAFD Meeting dates (located above)
- Senator 1 on 1's
  - You have until this Friday to send in your form
  - If you are planning an event this month, you should have already had your meeting with me
  - Come to your meeting with a shopping cart
  - Senator Lopez event is this week
  - Senator Rana and Reyes: Next week; llama petting and distress
  - Senator Beck: event coming soon; collaboration with Health and Wellness, SAFD, and hopefully SSD
- Be on the lookout for tigerland volunteer sheet
- May 2nd is the End of Year Banquet

### b. President

### c. Officers

### d. Advisors

- Interviews for Advisor start tomorrow
- Senators should be wrapping up projects for the year



## **V. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:23PM

Motion: Senator Beck

Second: Senator Le

Approved 9-0-0