

Senate Meeting Agenda

October 30th, 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 5:30PM

Motion: Senator Spaccarelli

Second: Senator Reyes

Approved 9-0-0

b. Roll Call Attendance

Senator Rana is absent

c. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda for today's meeting dated October 30, 2023

Motion: Senator Beck

Second: Senator Kamran

Approved 9-0-0

d. Approval of Minutes

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

Motion: Senator Padilla

Second: Senator Tahir

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.

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. Discussion Item: Vice President for Enrollment Strategy [Dr. Chris Ferguson](#)
- Overseeing undergraduate and graduate admission, as well as finances
 - Has worked at many universities doing very similar work that he does here
 - Tries to build community of recruitment on campus; he believe
 - Admissions pipeline: prospecting and yielding students to attend the university
 - Unfunded financial aid: discounting based on the value of a student's financial situation; Funded financial aid: comes from endowment that is given to the university
 - Focuses on work study and non work study funds
 - Large amount of pell eligible students and students with need based aid

VP Manning asks Dr. Ferguson if Financial Aid falls under his role, and he confirms

- Talks about eliminating the position Dean of Undergraduate Enrollment, and instead created an Undergraduate Admission and Transfer Admission role.
- Working with Lightcast: thinktank group that compares major data with workforce data.
- Never has been an overarching marketing strategy for the university; implemented a social marketing team.
- Slate: Communicating with prospective students and parents
- Mentions how the university has been “apologetic” about being located in Stockton, but instead should try to celebrate Stockton and make it more positive.

VP Manning talks about the External Affairs committee and how they can help Dr. Ferguson with the initiative to shed light on Stockton and our campus.

- Prospective student initiative
- Inviting high school counselors to the university so they can come and bring information back to their students
- Wants to hire students to help with the application reading process

Senator Padilla talks about how the liberal studies major was closed during 2021 and how online enrollment will work since more majors are transitioning to completely online.

Students

- Online recruitment is geared towards the working undergraduate student, more non traditional aged students.
- Online education is going to be more attractive to traditional students who enjoyed the transition to online during COVID.
- Says Benerd is trying to target subject teaching, and online recruitment is going to help further open the program to the rest of the country as well as international students.
- Lots of digital marketing will be involved

Senator Spacarelli asks about the declining number of undergraduate students and how we can improve this over time, and how the Senate can help with this.

- Undergraduate applications have risen this year by 280% compared to last year
- Yield needs to be about 18-20%
- Common application rate is 50%
- Slate application rate is 400%
- Direct admission program is a new process that the university is trying out.

b. Informative Item: Committee Reports

i. Senate Sustainability

- Bags in the Grove
- ASuop addition to the website about eco clams
- Pacific Chief Financial Officer: Divestment Dashboard
- Compost Bins in office spaces

ii. Senate Rules

- A number of bills have been made; Senate Bill 4 will be covered today
- Constitutional Amendment will be covered today as well
- Hiring process changes that we discussed are being worked out in order to make the process more equitable.

iii. Senate External Affairs

- Family Resource Center outreach and trying to partner with them about a hotline that will allow students to be more aware of the resources that they can receive
- Interested in tabling as well
- Providing more outreach for the commuter student lounge
- Meetings this Friday, Nov 17, Nov 29th: 5PM-6PM

iv. RSO Outreach

- Reached out to RSO's that requested FBARS
- One club asked us to help make their constitution; they will join us at our next RSO Outreach meeting

c. Action Item: [FBAR 23244.docx](#)

Multi-Faith, Meditation, and Relaxation Private Space

Senator Padilla asks where this space will be

- Space will be located in the First Gen Hub

Senator Spacarelli asks how will there be reservations for the space

- There will be a button light reservation with different colors to state if the space is open, or reserved

Motion to amend the line item to say "ear plugs" instead of "earbuds"

Motion: Spaccarelli

Second: Reyes

Approved 9-0-0

Spacarelli asks who will be providing maintenance to the space

- Sawsan Muthana, who is apart of CIPs ProStaff, will be taking care of the space, but it is also the responsibility of the user to take care of the space as well

Motion to Approve FBAR 23244 with the amended line item

Motion: Senator Spacarelli

Second: Senator Tahir

Approved 9-0-0

d. Discussion Item: [SB:04 President Pro-Tempore Act](#)

Senator Spacarelli explains that this bill will allow the president pro tempore to be present at cabinet meetings.

- Believes there is transparency, however has reasons as to why this bill should be approved
- If the vice president is not there, then the president pro tempore will still be present
- Diversity of voices

- Explains that if we are not being represented by the president pro tempore, then we can recall them as well

Senator Padilla explains that her schedule was not considered for cabinet, so if she were to fill in, she would not be able, so with having the President Pro tempore there as a permanent member, her schedule would be considered, even if she is needed to fill in.

Senator Mendoza Martinez explains that this is an additional resource for the senate; an additional voice.

Senator Spacarelli clarifies that if this bill is passed, it will take effect during the spring semester.

Director Rossi ask if this bill is trying to modify a process that doesn't need to be modified

Senator Spacarelli explains that this is more of an addition instead of a modification.

VP Manning explains that the cabinet is the President's team. She says that she represents the senate instead of herself during cabinet, which underrepresents the work that she does as Vice President.

Senator Reyes would like to suggest a Vice President report instead

Advisor Magaña says the court has noted that the president is the only one who can invite other officers to cabinet meetings, so this bill may be struck down by the court

Senator Spacarelli says that the intention of the bill is to be striked down

Senator Padilla says that the vice president is supposed to show up to every meeting, to which Advisor Magaña asks where that statement is located in the Bylaws.

Advisor Magaña thinks that the bill seems more targeted than anything, and that we need to be more intentional with how we make statements.

VP Manning asks that all senators speak on their opinion regarding the senate bill

Senator Spaccarelli explains that with the bill being struck down, it provides useful context that can be addressed; a test case.

VP Manning asks how does this bill represent the student body

Senator Kamran believes it is fair if VP Manning would pick any senator to represent the VP rather than only electing the President Pro Temp for the position

Senator Beck asks why didn't they just invite the court to the rules committee instead of submitting a senate bill

Senator Spaccarelli responds by saying that this way, it is more of a binding conversation

Senator Mendoza Martinez believes that this should be tabled because it does not represent what senate wants as a whole

Director Rossi asks if Senator Spaccarelli agrees with the senate bill

Senator Spaccarelli response in saying that he agrees with the bill and wants to try with submission even though he feels it will be struck down by the supreme court

Senator Gill agrees with Senator Mendoza Martinez with why this is a topic of discussion at the moment

Motion to table the discussion and Senate Bill 4 indefinitely

Motion: Senator Spacarelli

Second: Senator Reyes

Approved 8-1-0

- e. Action Item: [CA 23-24:01 Justice Appointment Act](#)
 - Judicial hiring committee will be composed of two senators as well as the president

Senator Mendoza Martinez adds that we all (Rules) came to a middle ground on making the committee in order to add less bias.

VP Manning asks if this is specifically for the judicial branch

Senator Spacarelli responds is that this is specifically for the judicial branch

Students

Senator Mendoza Martinez suggests that if senators feel this should go for other branches as well, please let Rules know.

Advisor Magaña says that this will be voted by the student body, so it will be present on the ballot during election time

Director Rossi ask the rules committee if there is bias in the court

Senator Beck asks how the balance worked between two senators and the president

Senator Padilla says that they didn't want to make this a huge committee, and made this an odd number. She also says that there will be communication between all three members of the committee.

Senator Spacarelli says that these committees should be unanimous, or that the president is apart of the majority

Senator Mendoza Martinez: I would like to further discuss with rules committee, so if we could please table the discussion

Senator Kamran: let's table it and come back with the changes another time

Senator Reyes agrees

Motion to table the amendment

Motion: Senator Tahir

Second: Senator Reyes

Approved 8-1-0

- f. Discussion Item: [Presidential Succession.pptx](#)
- States that the cabinet should be able to choose their own representative if the president were to step down
 - Current structure : President > Vice President > Pro Tempore > Senate selects among themselves

Senator Spacarelli explains the role of the president is to direct the entire executive branch; The vice president is to facilitate the senate and encourage discussion

Senator Kamran asks how the process works

Senator Tahir asks if it would be possible for the president to be reelected instead of going through this new process

Senator Mendoza Martinez says that the VP position does great and to not put the work that they do down, because they do more than facilitate.

IV. Announcements

a. Vice President

- Emailed every senator about the constituent concerns
- Wants to frame moving forward is updates and solutions
- November agenda: External groups are required to come to senate and present their budget to us; small ceremonial piece for Judy Chambers
- Nov:9,16,17, December 4th: senator events.
- Senator 1 on 1's are open as well
- Please wear your polo each meeting

b. President

- University website was created for students who are not at Pacific
- We can include our social media on the university website, and hopefully they look through our social media which will lead them to our ASuop website

c. Advisor

- Time cards will be due on Fridays instead, any time!
- We have had a table missing, closing the SLIC office at 5PM
- Jen Rossi: 12-1 lunch time; do not go into her office during that time.
- Izzi, Jen, and I will be looking at the candidates for the Advisor Position
- Comparing schools to us and looking at these other schools for ideas

Senator Padilla asks Advisor Magaña about when staff meetings will be.

d. Officers

None

V. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:34PM

Motion: Senator Beck

Second: Senator Reyes



Students

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Approved 8-1-0