

Senate Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 17, 2025 | 6:00 pm
Location: DeRosa University Center 211

Invited Members:

- Jaden Deng, Vice President
- Amy Hagler, ASUOP Clerk
- 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 6:06 pm.
- b. Roll Call (highlighted in orange if not present)
 - I. Presiding Officer: Vice President Jaden Deng

1. Ms. Hagler

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 Hua to approve agenda, seconded by Senator Bansal. Approved by all.

II. Motion to approve last week's minutes by Senator Shivam, seconded by Senator Naim.
Approved by all.

II. Public Comment

- a. Aleksei Macatuno, representing the Pacific Solar Car Club/Pacific Solar Car Project
 - i. Aware that conference funding is not allowed for the summer, but their competition is in the summer and there are 30 members that are going to attend and they have been working on the car for 3 years. Their team has grown and requires additional funding and support, which they have not received from the Schools of Engineering and Computer Science, even though their club represents all engineering majors with the SOECS and majors outside of engineering. Majority of funding has come from resources outside of the school, such as family funding or students using their own personal funds. The goal is to attend the Formula Sun Grand Prix, hosted at the National Corvette Museum in Bowling Green, KY from June 28- July 5, 2025. There are many networking opportunities at this event and could be beneficial to the students if they attend. Total cost to attend the event would be \$58,000, although other universities have put in upwards of \$250,000.

III. Reports

- a. From the Vice President, there will be more accountability moving forward via senator reports. Would like to find a way to see more connection and collaboration between branches moving forward.
- b. From the President, working on senate binders for future reference.
- c. No reports from the cabinet.
- d. From the committee chairs, sustainability is having issues with creating a share/sell/exchange page on mypacific for electronic goods due to the long approval process. Attempted to set up a trash bin next to the Calaveras Bridge, but was told they could not do so because that area is not university property.
- e. No reports from the Advisors.

IV. Business Items

- a. AC Chair Justin Low Common Questions
 - i. Chair of the Academic Council for the University and chair of the Psychology program. University is considering a new system for course evaluations, with the goal to implement in Fall 2025- currently being tested within the Pharmacy School. There

are representatives from each school that have collected feedback, selected a final set of items for the University to review, which are on the agenda.

- ii. Goal is to limit biases, due to female professors often being more harshly evaluated than their male counterparts.
- iii. Open to both undergraduate and graduate students.
- iv. Motion by Senator Hua to table all items besides summer conference funding to the end of senate, seconded by Senator Shivam. Approved by Senators Naim, Bansal, Shivam, Hua and Wade. Abstained by Senator Meneses.

b. Summer Conference Funding

- i. No student fee for the months of June and July, so funding is limited.
- ii. There are many conferences that could benefit pharmacy and conservatory students that take place over the summer.
- iii. In order to approve summer conference funding, senators would need to author a bill that would need to go through the rules committee, then read twice during senate before it could be approved.
- iv. Fiscal year ends June 30 and begins on July 1. Additionally, conference funding requires senate approval, so senate would have to work over the summer.
- v. Pharmacy students could be an exception as they are on a trimester period, but the student fee is only paid for the spring and fall semesters.
- vi. Summer students do not pay the ASUOP fee, so they could not apply for funding.
- vii. Pertaining to the solar car club, the summer conference could be very influential on their future careers.
- viii. A bylaw change could be implemented, but that could complicate existing reimbursements that still need to be completed by June 30.

c. Proposed Budget 25-26

- i. Proposed budget was decreased by 5% due to declining enrollment.
- ii. Office of the President:
 - 1. Professional Development – conference for people who work for the President
 - 2. President salary increase
- iii. Cabinet
 - 1. A&E Changes
 - a. Added On-Campus Events and Off-Campus Events lines
 - b. A&E combined Block Party and Homecoming which is why there was an increase
 - i. For homecoming, A&E can utilize funds from On-Campus events if needed.

- c. Tiger Lands budget decreased due to less students
 - 2. CASE was decreased due to not utilizing the full funds.
 - 3. Department of Creative Services
 - a. Communications: Social Media Specialist added to keep social media up to date.
 - b. Printing for RSOs – decreased to reflect RSO usage
 - 4. ASUOP budget is used for training at the beginning of the school year.
 - 5. General Expenditures
 - a. Decreasing Contingency, Campus Improvement due to usage
 - 6. Elections Committee
 - a. Elections coordinator salary decreased
 - b. Elections materials decreased
 - 7. Professional staff
 - a. There will be a big rollover
 - 8. Office operations
 - a. Uniforms increase
 - b. FAMIS: every time a table is set up on the lawn, we are charged for it as a department – line item added
 - c. Subscriptions like Canva and Adobe
 - 9. Typo: first column should say FY 24-25, second column should use 25-26
- iv. David/Salaries
 - 1. Based on timesheet hours
- d. President Pro-Tempore Nominations
 - i. Job of President Pro-Tempore is to fulfill duties of Vice President/Clerk when either is absent during senate proceedings.
 - ii. Motion by Senator Shivam to nominate Senator Hua.
 - 1. Approved by Senators Naim, Bansal, Vu, Wade and Meneses. Abstained by Senator Hua.
- e. Senator Reports
 - i. Due by the first senate meeting of each month, if there are issues, contact Vice President Deng.
 - ii. Please include longer descriptions of senator activities in the future.
 - 1. Add at least two initiatives, but include a place to upload files.
 - iii. For questions or suggestions, contact Vice President Deng.
 - 1. Will email the form to senators.

2. Reports are due by Wednesday, March 19.
- f. Senator Training
- i. Open to suggestions for training for the incoming senators to ensure a smooth transition of knowledge.
 1. Invite new senators to meetings.
 2. More hands on training, discussions, etc.

IV. Open Forum

- a. Summer conference funding:
 - i. Could the senate make a bill to assist students with financial aid during the summer?
 1. Option could be to add a line item to the proposed budget.
 - a. Connect with the Director of Finance for assistance.
 2. Credits are offered through independent study or senior projects.
 3. Students cite their work with the solar car when applying for jobs.
 - ii. Students have fundraised \$30,000 in materials and are continuing to fundraise independently.
 - iii. The Solar Car Club has a trailer to transport the car to KY, still need to cover gas.
 - iv. Senator Shivam will connect with the students and schedule a meeting for Wednesday to discuss possible funding opportunities.

V. Announcements

- a. Congratulations to Vice President Deng on being elected to the Vice Presidency for the upcoming year.

VI. Adjournment

- a. Motion to adjourn by Senator Hua, seconded by Senator Bansal. Approved by all at 7:30 pm.