

# *Senate Meeting 09 Minutes*

Date: Oct 17, 2022

Location: DUC, RM 211

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## **I. Preliminaries (5:30-5:35)**

### a. Call to Order

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

The Monday, October 17, Senate Meeting was called to order at 5:32pm.

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

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### b. Roll Call

Not Present (at the start): Senator Padilla

### c. Agenda Changes (*if applicable*)

Senator Spaccarelli motioned to add the Clerk Absence Act to the agenda. Senator Pearson seconded the motion.

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### d. Approval of Agenda

VP Tran entertained a motion to approve the agenda.

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## **II. Committee Reports (5:35-5:40)**

- a. Finance Committee (3 minutes each)
  - i. Working on the FBAR's
  - ii. The time and date for their meetings may change due to consistent scheduling conflicts
- b. Rules Committee
  - i. Added the President Zhong's EO to the Bylaws
  - ii. Clerk Absence Act
- c. Senate Selection Committee
  - i. Discussed the interview questions for Graduate School Senator nominations/applications
  - ii. Working on fliers and spreading awareness about the open seat
- d. Ethics Committee
  - i. Collected more information on Enforcement Accountability Bill
  - ii. Meeting with Chief Justice Romero and Associate Chief Justice Berryhill for the next meeting
- e. Sustainability Committee
  - i. Putting together a Divestment Forum event
  - ii. Working on student engagement and finalizing speaker candidates
  - iii. Working with Physical Plant
- f. Stockton Outreach Committee
  - i. Finalized date for Adopt-a-Park
    1. Partnering with CIP, MSA, ECC
    2. November 29th (tentative) @ Caldwell Park
- g. Commuter Committee
  - i. Working on finalizing a date for the social

## **III. Discussion Items (5:40-6:00)**

- a. [Social Media Guidelines](#) (5 minutes)
- b. Public Comments Structure Discussion (10 minutes)

We'll be adding a public comments section where students will be able to bring up any grievances or comments at the beginning of the Senate meeting.

Senator Martinez mentioned that at the city council meeting she attended they allotted 3 minutes, and it allowed people to be concise.

Senator Pearson also mentioned that constituents can yield their time as well and asked whether or not we should add time at the end.

VP Tran explained that we could keep Public Comments at the beginning and the public gallery can ask questions throughout rather than having a section at the end for comments as well.

VP Tran summarized the discussion. Each person would be allotted 3 minutes for a total of 12 minutes at the beginning in the Public Comments section. This would have to be formalized through a SB.

- c. Faculty Handbook University Search Committee Student Representative (10 minutes)
  - i. [Faculty Handbook AY 22-23](#) (p. 108, 4.6.1 Search Committee Membership)

The Rules Committee will be taking the lead on the amendments and President Zhong will be sitting in for some of those meetings. Anyone else who has sat on university search committees or is interested in welcome.

- d. Clerk Absent Act

The President Pro-Tempore would take over in case the Clerk can't be present for the Senate meeting. If the President Pro Tempore is absent then the Senate would elect someone.

The number for quorum is reflecting half of the number of senators, plus one (this is also defined as a Majority in the Bylaws)

VP Tran mentioned that we could change the language of the Act in order to clarify how the quorum is chosen.

Senator Martinez mentioned that it would be worth adding the definition of simple majority for the future, in case there is a change.

Senator Spaccarelli stated that the number of senators will not be changing until the Constitution is changed.

Senator Manning mentioned that regardless of what the wording the majority isn't going to change but it would be easier to define the majority.

Senator Chan mentioned that we could use a definitive number as well as add the definition of simple majority.

The Rules Committee noted the feedback and would consider it prior to the 2nd read of the Act.

#### **IV. Action Items (6:00-6:34)**

a. [FBAR 22-23:03](#) (8 minutes)

Senators had questions about the funding for the DSA Mock Wedding budget. The Finance Committee justified that it was enough based on comparison between other RSOs like MSA.

Jesse mentioned that the organization, DSA, is asking for funding from both DEI, A&E, as well as Senate. There was further discussion on the topic.

Senator Spaccarelli mentioned that it might not be an issue as long as we know how the funds are being used and the organizations involved are informed.

Senator Manning mentioned that it might take away the opportunities from other organizations receiving funding.

VP Tran mentioned that ASuop uses a collective fund rather than separate budgets for each department, so it doesn't matter which department provides funding as long as we review the holistic amount.

Jose, Director of DEI, mentioned that they're trying to reach out to all different branches of ASuop. A&E shouldn't have to be involved since there are large events that are currently planned.

Senator Martinez said that they can be allowed to ask as many sources as they need. They might be worried about where they are getting their funding for their event.

Senator Torres mentioned that in the future we should ask who the organization is collaborating with so they can work together for funding. This led to conversations about ASuop Finance Board, DEI, and A&E changing their policies to clarify the process.

Senator Madill asked whether the funding that we're looking at is the complete funding that they need or if they're asking for two separate amounts from different sources.

Senator Manning suggested that we table the voting because there is a lot of gray area on exactly how much funding the organization is asking for from ASuop. We should figure out how much they want in total so that the different departments in ASuop can work together for the funding. The time frame wouldn't change as much even if we were to table the voting for now.

Jose, Director of DEI, wanted to know if the contingency fund would provide a set amount of money and the DEI department provides the difference or vice versa. They are in favor of approving the current funding.

VP Tran motioned to approve voting on the DSA funding.

### **APPROVED 9-2-1**

Senators still wanted to vote on the FBAR. More people raised their hands to speak and then it was mentioned that the FBAR should be more clear about where the funding is going and the details on how much is being spent on each. Additionally, those applying for Career and Graduate Funding are required to show proof that they purchased the exam or license renewal. At the end of discussion, it was concluded that Senators would like to see the justifications for the FBAR as well as the funding.

VP Tran motioned to approve voting at a later date.

### **APPROVED 8-5-0**

FBAR 22-23:03 was tabled for the following meeting, giving officers time to gather more information.

## **V. Announcements (6:48-6:50)**

### **b. Vice President Updates**

Please schedule your 1:1 meetings.

### **c. President Updates**

The Board of Regents is meeting November 9th. If there are certain things that Senators want to highlight, please reach out.

d. Advisor Updates

Please think about the practicality and ways how the Bylaws or Constitution can be changed in order to better serve the students.

**VI. Adjournment (6:51)**

- a. Next Senate Meeting: Oct 24, 2022 in DUC 211

VP Tran entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Senator Hussein motioned to adjourn the meeting. Senator Torres seconded the motion.

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Meeting was adjourned at 6:51pm PDT.