

Senate Meeting 21 Minutes

Mar 6, 2023 | 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

DeRosa University Center (DUC), Conference RM 211

I. Preliminaries (5:03-5:06)

a. Call to Order

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

The Monday, March 6th, Senate Meeting was called to order at 5:03 pm PDT.

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

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b. Roll Call and Establishment of Quorum

Not Present: Senator Tahir

c. Agenda Changes (*if applicable*)

VP Tran entertained a motion to move items e, f, and g up on the agenda.

Senator Padilla motioned to approve the agenda change. Senator Torres seconded the motion.

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d. Approval of Agenda

VP Tran entertained a motion to approve the agenda.

Senator Spaccarelli motioned to approve the agenda. Senator Chan seconded the motion.

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II. Public Comment (5:06-5:11)

Mario Enriques -

- Working on Women's History Month Conference
 - The department is trying to bring back the idea of an in-person conference and the benefits that students can receive from it
 - The conference is free for all Pacific students → Saturday (check date)
 - RSVP as soon as possible
 - The Annual Women's Distinction Awards will also be presented

III. Cabinet Reports (5:11-5:20)

- a. Daneli Santillan, Chief of Staff (2-3 minutes each)
 - i. Working on organizing Pacific Friday events
 - 1. National Reading Month is something that they're working on this month
 - ii. She has also been checking in with the other departments and making sure that they are on track and getting prepared for transitions coming up
- b. Alice Zhang, Director of Finance
 - i. Working on funding requests such as campus improvement, conference, etc.
 - ii. An email went out about semi-annual funding
 - iii. Working on the rough draft for annual budget
 - iv. Since there is leftover budget, they are thinking about putting on an event in collaboration with the Senators.
 - 1. Focussed on the budget talks
- c. Jose Flores-Jimenez, Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (D.E.I.)
 - i. Worked on the DEI movie series throughout Black History Month
 - ii. Had their first meeting with the SOAR council
 - 1. Thinking about how ASuop can support affinity groups better
 - 2. Talking about the cultural fair that is coming up soon
 - iii. More consistent meeting with the
 - iv. Conversations about a Queer Prom and Holi celebration that are happening
 - v. Supporting a poetry night on March 31st in the Library
 - 1. Encompass story-telling from the students
 - vi. Continuing the movie series in regards to Women's History Month
 - 1. They will be doing raffle prizes as well

- vii. They would like to work on an alumni collaboration as well as a DEI training series
- d. Margarita Kuranova, Director of Arts and Entertainment (A&E)
 - i. Working on the Spring event calendar as well as the movie series calendar
 - ii. Financed transportation for the Alcatraz trip
 - iii. They had a few events such as Valentines Day event, Karaoke in the DUC, roller skating event, etc
 - iv. They will continue working on the the student art showcase, Brickyard, Pacific Thrives, and Tigerlands
- e. Salma Zaman, Director of Strategic Marketing
- f. Jami McClenahan, Director of Communications
 - i. There have been a couple posts and story as well as templates for future events regarding Pacific Thrives
 - ii. Worked on a marketing plan for the New York Times subscription
 - iii. Elections posts and infographics have been going out such as fliers, stickers, and promotional videos
- g. Reese Romero, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court
 - i. Issued a few judicial proclamations, 9 and 10

IV. Discussion Items (5:25-7:10)

- a. ASuop to Support Student Athletes' Mental Health (15 minutes)
 - i. Breaking Barriers advisor (on behalf of Breaking Barriers' President Hania)

Hunter - Advisor for Breaking Barriers

(add in contact information)

- Coordinator for Student Athlete Development

Breaking Barriers holds meetings every week and they talk about the things that are going on during that week. They acknowledge that there is a gap between regular students and student athletes on campus.

- They want to try to have a tabling event and start with Beach Volleyball. The idea is to bring out beach volleyball athletes and help them connect with the students on campus
 - One of the things they want to bring to ASuop is how student athletes can connect more with regular students and get more connected to them.

April 15th, 2023 @ 5PM – Beach Volleyball Game

- It is also their senior night and will also have other activities for students

Senator Manning asked what days work best for athletes and whether they would be able to do something like a Day-of-Play. Hunter responded and said that it depends on the sport. They all have different schedules so it just depends. Furthermore, he mentioned that an event like Day-of-Play just depends on compliance and that's something that can be talked about.

b. Reading of [EO 22-23:03](#) (10 minutes)

The executive order was written after conversation of the organizational structures and how they can steer away from being value-oriented. It talked about how the Cabinet should be an advisory board to the President.

The Chief of Staff position is going to be removed as a way to told the President more accountable and have the directors connect directly with the President instead of the Chief of Staff.

The attorney general position is also going to be removed. The Chief Justice will review all the official acts.

The President Pro Tempore will no longer be an ex-officio member of the Cabinet. It makes the role of the President Pro Tempore position more streamlined.

There will be a newly added position for the Director of Health and Wellness such as communication for Pacific Thrive initiatives. Another newly added position will be the Director of Academic Affairs. This position will allow for student voices to be heard to the university in regards to academics.

These changes will allow for the structure to be less traditional and more value based.

Senator Padilla agreed with the changes the most and that Section 2 made the most sense out of all the changes that are outlined in the Order.

Senator Torres asked if the President Pro Tempore was taken out of the Senate but would still step in if the Vice President couldn't make it. President Zhong agreed they would be able to step in if the Vice President couldn't be there.

Senator Spaccarelli mentioned that there is concern with President Pro Tempore being taken out of the Cabinet meetings due to the fact that they are the only position that would be able to sit in on those meetings that are elected and not employed by the President and/or Vice President. Furthermore, he mentioned that maybe the role should be renamed or changed from being President Pro Tempore. President Zhong mentioned that the Vice President already serves as a speaker for the Senate and already has the one-on-one connection with the Senators that the President Pro Tempore doesn't have.

Senator Manning mentioned that it feels more comfortable to have someone elected by the Senate to represent them in Cabinet meetings, especially because the President and Vice President run together. It also minimizes the opportunity for the Senate to engage with the Cabinet.

Senator Padilla mentioned that the President Pro Tempore position is one of the only ways for Senators to figure out what happened during Cabinet meetings. President Zhong mentioned that there are unredacted notes for the Cabinet meetings on Google Drive.

ASuop Advisor Jesse mentioned that these arguments can be applied to other situations as well. For example, resolutions are conversations between a few people before it hits the Senate floor. Sometimes it doesn't even go to the advisor before that happens.

President Zhong mentioned that there is a lack of collaboration and a conversation that is happening is having Cabinet members attend at least half of the meetings for the Senate. The same will go for the President and this something that could bridge the gap between Senate and Cabinet members. Furthermore, the new director positions will also fully be collaborating with Senate members.

Senator Chan asked for the position of the Director of Academic Affairs. President Zhong mentioned that they would advocate for things like the New York Times or other programs that students might need.

Senator Pearson mentioned that it might be a good idea to clear up or add descriptions for some of the roles in order to clear up any confusions that people might have.

VP Tran entertained a motion to add 5 minutes to this discussion item.

Senator Torres motion to approve the change. Senator Spaccarelli seconded the motion.

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President Zhong and VP Tran explained each of the positions that are being added and shared the brainstorming document that they've been working on.

- c. [PN 22-23:11](#) Nomination of Esteban Hernandez to Senator for Eberhardt School of Business (7 minutes)

Estaban Hernandez introduced himself and mentioned that he would like to be more involved and get to know the Senators.

- d. [FBAR 22-23:16](#) (5 minutes)

Alice Zhang went through and explained the FBAR.

- e. Second read of [SB 22-23:09](#) (5 minutes)

Senator Pearson explained that they further clarified the aspect of public access. The speaking order is determined by electronic form submission and all speakers must provide their contact information.

- f. Senate Responsibilities (20 minutes)
 - i. Review of Job Description/Tasks (focus: Semesterly Constituent Events)
 - ii. Advocacy & Social and Academic Experiences – what role does programming play and how is our programming different from A&E's

Senator Spaccarelli mentioned that Senate Events are a good thing and they are helpful. It is possible to get into the realm of entertaining and policy-oriented should be the goal. There is definitely a place for Senator Events.

VP Tran asked if there should be a requirement for Senators to put on events that are explicitly related to their constituent groups.

Senator Hussein asked if it's okay to serve constituents that aren't your constituent groups. VP Tran mentioned that this is something for the Senate to discuss.

Senator Manning mentioned that they should be able to serve students aren't explicitly for their own constituent groups. It should be able to serve all students.

Senator Pearson agreed and said that we should be able to expand our constituent groups as long as it is serving students. Senator Perez also agreed and said that target groups can be expanded upon and constituent groups can change.

Senator Spaccarelli mentioned that it is easier for some Senators to find it harder to reach everyone in their school so flexibility would be nice.

Senator Torres mentioned that it might be a matter of which Senators put on which events.

Advisor Jesse asked how Senators will be getting engagement from their specific constituent groups.

Senator Spaccarelli mentioned that this where outreach can be really important and there is a big opportunity for school-specific Senators to connect with their constituent groups. Senator Gandolfo-Gillaspy mentioned it is easy to find constituent outreach by looking at all the clubs on campus.

Senator Daher mentioned that something that could help with this is engagement from the Senators because the more Senators that attend an event, the easier it is to engage with the students that are attending.

- g. Senate Compensation (20 minutes)
 - i. HR policies vs. Constitution and Bylaws – discrepancies?
 - ii. Pros and cons
 - iii. How to involve ASuop **members'** voices – not just **officers'**

Asuop Advisor Jesse explained the HR policies and procedures regarding Senator Compensation. There has been a struggle with holding people accountable because there is nothing in policies that holds people accountable.

Senators would be moved to a stipend based model rather than hourly based. There hasn't been a proper way to implement checks and balances and this model allows for that to happen. This would also ensure stability in life-work balance.

V. Action Items (7:05-7:11)

- a. Voting for [PN 22-23:11](#)

VP Tran entertained a motion to vote to approve PN 22-23:11

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- b. Voting for [CR 22-23:01](#)

VP Tran entertained a motion to vote to approve CR 22-23:01

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- c. Voting for [FBAR 22-23:16](#)

VP Tran entertained a motion to vote to approve FBAR 22-23:16

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- d. Voting for [SB 22-23:09](#)

VP Tran entertained a motion to vote to approve SB 22-23:09

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VI. Announcements (7:11-7:15)

- a. Vice President
 - i. Campus Prayer Spaces
 - ii. SOTM
 - 1. Senator Torres, Senator Bagwe
- b. President
 - i. Shuttle Service
 - 1. Piloted after spring break
- c. Advisor
- d. Officers

VII. Adjournment (7:16)

- a. Next Senate Meeting: **Mar 6, 2023** in DUC 211

VP Tran entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting.

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

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Meeting was adjourned at 7:16 pm PDT.

Voting Record

Topic: PN 22-23:11

Senator	Yea	Nay	Abstain
<i>Senator Bagwe</i>	✓		
<i>Senator Chan</i>	✓		
<i>Senator Daher</i>	✓		
<i>Senator Gandolfo-Gillapsy</i>	✓		
<i>Senator Hussein</i>	✓		
<i>Senator Manning</i>	✓		
<i>Senator Musharraf</i>	✓		
<i>Senator Padilla</i>	✓		
<i>Senator Pearson</i>	✓		
<i>Senator Perez</i>	✓		
<i>Senator Spaccarelli</i>	✓		
<i>Senator Tahir</i>			
<i>Senator Torres</i>	✓		

Vote: 12 - 0 - 0

Voting Record

Topic: CR 22-23:01

Senator	Yea	Nay	Abstain
<i>Senator Bagwe</i>	✓		
<i>Senator Chan</i>	✓		
<i>Senator Daher</i>	✓		
<i>Senator Gandolfo-Gillapsy</i>	✓		
<i>Senator Hussein</i>	✓		
<i>Senator Manning</i>	✓		
<i>Senator Musharraf</i>	✓		
<i>Senator Padilla</i>	✓		
<i>Senator Pearson</i>	✓		
<i>Senator Perez</i>	✓		
<i>Senator Spaccarelli</i>	✓		
<i>Senator Tahir</i>			
<i>Senator Torres</i>	✓		

Vote: 12 - 0 - 0

Voting Record

Topic: FBAR 22-23:16

Senator	Yea	Nay	Abstain
<i>Senator Bagwe</i>	✓		
<i>Senator Chan</i>	✓		
<i>Senator Daher</i>	✓		
<i>Senator Gandolfo-Gillapsy</i>	✓		
<i>Senator Hussein</i>	✓		
<i>Senator Manning</i>	✓		
<i>Senator Musharraf</i>	✓		
<i>Senator Padilla</i>	✓		
<i>Senator Pearson</i>	✓		
<i>Senator Perez</i>	✓		
<i>Senator Spaccarelli</i>	✓		
<i>Senator Tahir</i>			
<i>Senator Torres</i>	✓		

Vote: 12 - 0 - 0

Voting Record

Topic: SB 22-23:09

Senator	Yea	Nay	Abstain
<i>Senator Bagwe</i>	✓		
<i>Senator Chan</i>	✓		
<i>Senator Daher</i>	✓		
<i>Senator Gandolfo-Gillapsy</i>	✓		
<i>Senator Hussein</i>	✓		
<i>Senator Manning</i>	✓		
<i>Senator Musharraf</i>	✓		
<i>Senator Padilla</i>	✓		
<i>Senator Pearson</i>	✓		
<i>Senator Perez</i>	✓		
<i>Senator Spaccarelli</i>	✓		
<i>Senator Tahir</i>			
<i>Senator Torres</i>	✓		

Vote: 12 - 0 - 0

Minutes Certified By:

Karina Patel, *ASuop Clerk of Senate*
March 5, 2023

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