

Special Senate Meeting 01 Agenda

Date: Jun 13, 2022

Location: [Zoom](#)

Invited Members:

- *Guiying (Angel) Zhong; ASuop President
- **Presidential Nominees**
 - *Daneli Santillan, Chief of Staff
 - *Alice Zhang, Director of Finance
 - *Jose Flores-Jimenez, Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (D.E.I.)
 - *Margarita Kuranova, Director of Arts and Entertainment (A&E)
 - *Salma Zaman, Director of Strategic Marketing
 - *Jami McClenahan, Director of Communications
 - *Karina Patel, Clerk
 - *Namorrah Ward, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court
- *Dr. Maria Blandizzi; VP for the Division of Student Life
- Allison Dumas; Associate Vice President of Student Life, Student Involvement and Equity
- Tracy Patton; Executive Director of Community Involvement and Education Equity

* = in attendance

'Motioning' Procedures:

- To offer a motion that is called by the chair, type “**so moved**” in the chatbox.
- To offer a new motion, type “I move to _____” in the chatbox.
- To offer a ‘second’ type ‘**second**’ in the chatbox.
- To vote, type either **Yea**, **Nay**, or **Abstain** in the chatbox.

I. Preliminaries (5:00-5:10)

- a. Call to Order

The Special Senate Meeting of Monday, 6/13 was called to order at 5:02 pm PDT.

b. Roll Call (*highlighted in yellow if not present*):

i. Presiding Officer: Vice President Brooke Tran

1. Senator Chan
2. Senator Daher
3. Senator Gandolfo-Gillaspy
4. Senator Hussein
5. Senator Madill
6. Senator Manning
7. Senator Martinez
8. Senator Muthana
9. Senator Padilla
10. Senator Pearson
11. Senator Spaccarelli
12. Senator Tahir
13. Senator Torres

c. Agenda Changes

President Zhong shared the agenda on her screen for approval. VP Tran asked if anyone had any amendments to the agenda. If so, they were to call for a motion to make an amendment.

VP Tran explained voting procedures and sent in the Zoom chat: “Yay” for yes, “nay” for no, or “abstain” to indicate your ambivalence about the measure or mild disapproval that does not rise to the level of active opposition.

d. Approval of Agenda

VP Tran called for a motion to approve the agenda. Senator Spaccarelli motioned to approve the agenda. Senator Gandolfo-Gillaspy seconded the motion.

VP Tran sent in the chat “Voting for: Approval of Agenda”
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II. Discussion Items (5:15-5:45)

a. ASuop Summer Training

i. [Training Schedule](#)

President Zhong went over the structure of asynchronous summer training.

Senator Spaccarelli asked a clarifying question on the timeline of position-specific training. President Zhong showed that it was Module 5, towards the end of the summer.

b. ASuop Mandatory In-Person Retreat

i. [Alternative Dates Preference Form](#)

VP Tran explained the different retreat options for ASuop mandatory summer/fall training. She said that she reached out to returning senators Spaccarelli, Torres, and Gandolfo-Gillaspy about helping plan retreat as they have a better understanding of ASuop officer needs. The committee will be advised by interim advisor VP of Student Life Maria Blandizzi.

III. Action Items (5:45-6:45)

a. PN 22-23:01

VP Tran turned the floor over to President Zhong to outline the structure of nominations and Senate questioning.

First, President Zhong introduced the Chief of Staff nominee Daneli Santillan.

Daneli introduced herself as the previous Clerk and went over her responsibilities and outside extracurriculars.

Senator Martinez asked Daneli what projects she had in mind for the following year. Daneli responded that she'd love to continue helping with the tradition of Pacific Fridays amongst other things.

At the conclusion of questioning, President Zhong removed the nominee from the Zoom room for voting.

Senator Spaccarelli motioned to vote on PN 22-23:01. Senator Padilla seconded the motion. VP Tran sent in the chat "Voting for: PN 22-23:01"

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b. PN 22-23:02

President Zhong introduced the Director of Finance nominee Alice Zhang. Alice had the floor to introduce herself. Alice talked about how she wants to return to the department as she had a great time serving students last year.

Senator Padilla complimented Alice on her dissemination of information to RSO's last academic year and asked which program she used. Alice replied with "Excel."

At the conclusion of questioning, President Zhong removed the nominee from the Zoom room for voting.

Senator Martinez motioned to vote on PN 22-23:02. Senator Manning seconded the motion. VP Tran sent in the chat "Voting for: PN 22-23:02"

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c. PN 22-23:03

President Zhong introduced the Director of D.E.I. nominee Jose Flores-Jimenez. Jose had the floor to introduce himself. Jose introduced himself as the Creative Coordinator of DEI alongside Senator Martinez and President Zhong last year. He talked about the tremendous amount of knowledge and frameworks he learned.

Senator Martinez asked a question about how the D.E.I. department was viewed and what he plans to prioritize. He said he wants to focus on RSOs. There were technical difficulties on Jose's end, so his response was choppy and we had to revert to chat for his response.

Jose typed, "I would like to help all RSO's access funds by streamlining the process for them to access ASuop funds set aside for them. With specific outreach on DEI's part for cultural RSO's, I want our department to assist in helping out other student leaders achieve their goals."

Senator Padilla asked, "Can you share with us some background to if you have dei involvement in high school? Are you open to collaborating with colleges?"

Jose responded with, "I am always more than open to collaboration. My previous experience has mostly been in social justice oriented work as a writer and filmmaker, hence my role as Creative Coordinator last year. My experience has greatly expanded after last year as well. Would you like me to answer to that experience too?"

Emily: “insight to your creative works for those who may not have known”

Jose: “Last year, I was able to develop an understanding of how we serve our students, particularly in how we put together events that bring our Pacific community together for

meaningful discussion, namely through the DEI Cinema Series. To expand on "social justice oriented creative work from highschool", I was recognized in High School for writing scripts and poetry particularly highlighting the issues of Mexican-American and Mexican-Immigrant communities during the pandemic, and before then I wrote about gun violence and worked to open up these conversations outside of the classroom.”

At the conclusion of questioning, President Zhong removed the nominee from the Zoom room for voting.

Senator Martinez asked whether or not she should abstain from voting. President Zhong responded that the decision was up to her and what she felt comfortable with.

Senator Gandolfo-Gillaspy motioned to vote on PN 22-23:03. Senator Torres seconded the motion.

VP Tran sent in the chat “Voting for: PN 22-23:03”

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d. PN 22-23:04

President Zhong introduced the Director of A&E nominee Margarita Kuranova. Margarita had the floor to introduce herself.

Margarita said she was a programmer last year and wants to serve as director this year. She wants students to feel heard, included, and represented. She plans on making sure specific forms are sent out, there’s more outreach on social media and even cultural events as she’s an international student herself. She wants to bring music back.

Senator Martinez commented that she likes that Margarita brings up more communication between students and A&E and the catering of events to students.

At the conclusion of questioning, President Zhong removed the nominee from the Zoom room for voting.

Senator Martinez motioned to vote on PN 22-23:04. Senator Spaccarelli seconded the motion.

VP Tran sent in the chat “Voting for: PN 22-23:04”

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e. PN 22-23:05

President Zhong introduced the Director of Strategic Marketing nominee Salma Zaman. Salma had the floor to introduce herself.

Salma previously worked as a graphic designer. Because of that position, she wanted to take on this position. She is a graphic design major and worked a lot on branding; UOP is strict on their brand guidelines. Strategic Marketing (SM) works on logos and branding, and she wants to make that consistent throughout ASuop. She worked closely with the previous Strategic Marketing supervisor, Chelsea Skinner, on changing up logos and making sure they’re consistent. As Daneli mentioned, she wants to highlight student services. As Margarita said, many work orders are from ASuop and A&E, so making smoother communication between these departments would be a goal of hers.

Senator Martinez framed her question around not knowing SM’s turnaround time as a D.E.I. Coordinator and Salma would plan to disperse that information to students. Salma said designers would create a flier for that information and make it visible to students. Salma also mentioned that she created an email to send out to all students about SM resources but it never got sent out. She’d work to recreate that project.

At the conclusion of questioning, President Zhong removed the nominee from the Zoom room for voting.

Senator Martinez motioned to vote on PN 22-23:05. Senator Gandolfo-Gillaspy seconded the motion.

VP Tran sent in the chat “Voting for: PN 22-23:05”

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f. PN 22-23:06

President Zhong introduced the Director of Communications nominee Jami McClenahan. Jami had the floor to introduce herself.

Jami said she doesn't have direct experience with ASuop in particular, but at her community college, she was a senator, on club affairs, and sat on other committees. In terms of communications experience, she has around 5 years of social media experience for clubs, programs, student government, an internship at the Alumni House, and her sister's flower business. As Salma said, she believes social media will be a great way to connect with students.

Senator Padilla said, “Welcome! How do you plan to regulate posts would it be certain days of the week ? Or ideas”

Jami replied that it depends on when she gets the Instagram account and seeing information about the the audience and when they're the most active. In terms of ideas of posts, she'd create Senator or Cabinet spotlights. She wants to highlight our roles and responsibilities – how we can serve students. She'd create more interactive posts like reels and stories.

Senator Martinez asked how Jami plans to make sure she balances her responsibilities and not burn herself out since social media is such a constant thing.

Jami responded that she has less work now because she doesn't work for her sister during the school year. She uses a social media calendar and also reiterated what she told President Zhong during the interview. She has a philosophy of “here and now.” She's focused on the task at hand and that's how she compartmentalizes.

At the conclusion of questioning, President Zhong removed the nominee from the Zoom room for voting.

Senator Padilla motioned to vote on PN 22-23:06. Senator Spaccarelli seconded the motion.

VP Tran sent in the chat “Voting for: PN 22-23:06”

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Senator Tahir joined the Zoom meeting in the middle of Jami’s nomination. After voting on Jami, VP Tran addressed Senator Tahir and recapped what had happened. She then sent him voting procedures and language through Zoom’s direct message feature. He could begin voting on the next nomination.

g. PN 22-23:07

President Zhong introduced the Clerk nominee Karina Patel. Karina had the floor to introduce herself.

Karina had wanted to be part of ASuop for a while but didn’t know where to start until she saw the Clerk position. She wants to learn about the role and be as supportive to the Pacific community as she can. She believes this will be a good stepping stone into different ASuop roles.

At the conclusion of questioning, President Zhong removed the nominee from the Zoom room for voting.

Senator Spaccarelli motioned to vote on PN 22-23:07. Senator Padilla seconded the motion.

VP Tran sent in the chat “Voting for: PN 22-23:07”

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h. PN 22-23:08

President Zhong introduced one of the Associate Justice nominees Namorrah Ward. Namorrah had the floor to introduce herself.

Namorrah said she wants to be more involved with the school community. She has seen more of the culture and how everything works and wants to be part of it. She’s a Legal Scholar and is

interested in making things fair – not just within ASuop but her career as well. She wants to connect more with the greater student body.

Senator Martinez asked about tension and mistrust amongst the student body and Supreme Court.

Namorrah responded that honesty is the best policy. She'd step back and she'd also communicate any friendships and relationships with people coming in front of The Court. If people called her decisions into questions, she's comfortable taking criticism even if she doesn't like it necessarily.

Senator Manning asked Namorrah to come up with an example (referencing elections) where she had to stand her ground even if she got criticism.

Namorrah talked about her previous experience in high school Drama Club and Black Student Union where she even got criticism on smaller things like dates of events. She had to think about the longer term, big picture even if people were upset.

At the conclusion of questioning, President Zhong removed the nominee from the Zoom room for voting.

Senator Manning motioned to vote on PN 22-23:08. Senator Torres seconded the motion.

VP Tran sent in the chat "Voting for: PN 22-23:08"

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At the conclusion of presidential nomination confirmations, President Zhong led the swearing-in.

Namorrah, as a Justice of the Supreme Court, went first and recited the oath to President Zhong and VP Tran.

After she was sworn in, Associate Justice Ward called upon the rest of the presidential nominations to recite the oath to her. In order: Daneli, Alice, Jose, Margarita, Salma, Jami, and Karina.

IV. General Interests (6:45-7:00pm)

- a. VP Dr. Maria Blandizzi

Dr. Blandizzi introduced herself and told everyone to call her Maria. She said that she supports student leadership, student goals, etc. She is currently meeting with VP Tran and President Zhong behind the scenes every week.

- b. Timesheets

President Zhong reminded everyone to put this on their timesheets.

V. Adjournment

VP Tran called more a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Senator Martinez motioned to adjourn the meeting. Senator Spaccarelli seconded the motion.

APPROVED 10 - 0 - 0 and the meeting was adjourned at 6:13 pm PDT.

VI. Next Senate Meeting

- a. TBD

Voting Record

Topic: Approval of Agenda (06/13/2022)

F: Senator Spaccarelli

S: Senator Gandolfo-Gillapsy

Senator	Yea	Nay	Abstain
<i>Senator Chan</i>			
<i>Senator Daher</i>	✓		
<i>Senator Gandolfo-Gillapsy</i>	✓		
<i>Senator Hussein</i>	✓		

<i>Senator Madill</i>	
<i>Senator Manning</i>	✓
<i>Senator Martinez</i>	✓
<i>Senator Muthana</i>	
<i>Senator Padilla</i>	✓
<i>Senator Pearson</i>	✓
<i>Senator Spaccarelli</i>	✓
<i>Senator Tahir</i>	
<i>Senator Torres</i>	✓

Vote: 9 - 0 - 0

Topic: Motion to vote on PN 22-23:01| Daneli Santillan to Chief of Staff

F: Senator Spaccarelli

S: Senator Padilla

Senator	Yea	Nay	Abstain
<i>Senator Chan</i>			
<i>Senator Daher</i>	✓		
<i>Senator Gandolfo-Gillapsy</i>	✓		
<i>Senator Hussein</i>	✓		

Senator Madill

Senator Manning

Senator Martinez

Senator Muthana

Senator Padilla

Senator Pearson

Senator Spaccarelli

Senator Tahir

Senator Torres

✓

✓

✓

✓

✓

✓

Vote: 9 - 0 - 0

Topic: Motion to vote on PN 22-23:02| Alice Zhang to Director of Finance

F: Senator Martinez

S: Senator Manning

Senator	Yea	Nay	Abstain
<i>Senator Chan</i>			
<i>Senator Daher</i>	✓		
<i>Senator Gandolfo-Gillapsy</i>	✓		
<i>Senator Hussein</i>	✓		
<i>Senator Madill</i>			
<i>Senator Manning</i>	✓		
<i>Senator Martinez</i>	✓		
<i>Senator Muthana</i>			
<i>Senator Padilla</i>	✓		
<i>Senator Pearson</i>	✓		
<i>Senator Spaccarelli</i>	✓		
<i>Senator Tahir</i>			
<i>Senator Torres</i>	✓		

Vote: 9 - 0 - 0

Topic: Motion to vote on PN 22-23:03| Jose Flores-Jimenez to Director of D.E.I.

F: Senator Gandolfo-Gillapsy

S: Senator Torres

Senator	Yea	Nay	Abstain
<i>Senator Chan</i>			
<i>Senator Daher</i>	✓		
<i>Senator Gandolfo-Gillapsy</i>	✓		
<i>Senator Hussein</i>	✓		
<i>Senator Madill</i>			
<i>Senator Manning</i>	✓		
<i>Senator Martinez</i>			✓
<i>Senator Muthana</i>			
<i>Senator Padilla</i>			✓
<i>Senator Pearson</i>	✓		
<i>Senator Spaccarelli</i>	✓		
<i>Senator Tahir</i>	✓		
<i>Senator Torres</i>	✓		

Vote: 7 - 0 - 2

Topic: Motion to vote on PN 22-23:04| Margarita Kuranova to Director of A&E

F: Senator Martinez
S: Senator Spaccarelli

Senator	Yea	Nay	Abstain
Senator Chan			
Senator Daher	✓		
Senator Gandolfo-Gillapsy	✓		
Senator Hussein	✓		
Senator Madill			
Senator Manning	✓		
Senator Martinez	✓		
Senator Muthana			
Senator Padilla	✓		
Senator Pearson	✓		
Senator Spaccarelli	✓		

Senator Tahir

Senator Torres

	✓

Vote: 9 - 0 - 0

Topic: Motion to vote on PN 22-23:05| Salma Zaman to Director of Strategic Marketing

F: [Senator Martinez](#)

S: [Senator Gandolfo-Gillapsy](#)

Senator	Yea	Nay	Abstain
<i>Senator Chan</i>			
<i>Senator Daher</i>	✓		
<i>Senator Gandolfo-Gillapsy</i>	✓		
<i>Senator Hussein</i>	✓		
<i>Senator Madill</i>			
<i>Senator Manning</i>	✓		
<i>Senator Martinez</i>	✓		
<i>Senator Muthana</i>			

Senator Padilla

✓

Senator Pearson

✓

Senator Spaccarelli

✓

Senator Tahir

Senator Torres

✓

Vote: 9 - 0 - 0

Topic: Motion to vote on PN 22-23:06| Jami McClenahan to Director of Communications

F: Senator Padilla

S: Senator Spaccarelli

Senator	Yea	Nay	Abstain
<i>Senator Chan</i>			
<i>Senator Daher</i>	✓		
<i>Senator Gandolfo-Gillapsy</i>	✓		
<i>Senator Hussein</i>	✓		
<i>Senator Madill</i>			

Senator Manning

✓

Senator Martinez

✓

Senator Muthana

Senator Padilla

✓

Senator Pearson

✓

Senator Spaccarelli

✓

Senator Tahir

Senator Torres

✓

Vote: 9 - 0 - 0

Topic: Motion to vote on PN 22-23:07| Karina Patel to Clerk

F: Senator Spaccarelli

S: Senator Padilla

Senator	Yea	Nay	Abstain
<i>Senator Chan</i>			
<i>Senator Daher</i>	✓		

Senator Gandolfo-Gillapsy

✓

Senator Hussein

✓

Senator Madill

Senator Manning

✓

Senator Martinez

✓

Senator Muthana

Senator Padilla

✓

Senator Pearson

✓

Senator Spaccarelli

✓

Senator Tahir

✓

Senator Torres

✓

Vote: 10 - 0 - 0

Topic: Motion to vote on PN 22-23:02| Namorrah Ward to Associate Justice of the Supreme Court

F: Senator Manning

S: Senator Torres

Senator	Yea	Nay	Abstain
<i>Senator Chan</i>			
<i>Senator Daher</i>	✓		
<i>Senator Gandolfo-Gillapsy</i>	✓		
<i>Senator Hussein</i>	✓		
<i>Senator Madill</i>			
<i>Senator Manning</i>	✓		
<i>Senator Martinez</i>			✓
<i>Senator Muthana</i>			
<i>Senator Padilla</i>	✓		
<i>Senator Pearson</i>	✓		
<i>Senator Spaccarelli</i>	✓		
<i>Senator Tahir</i>	✓		
<i>Senator Torres</i>	✓		

Vote: 9 - 0 - 1

Topic: Motion to Adjourn (06/13/2022)

F: Senator Martinez

S: Senator Spaccarelli

Senator	Yea	Nay	Abstain
<i>Senator Chan</i>			
<i>Senator Daher</i>	✓		
<i>Senator Gandolfo-Gillapsy</i>	✓		
<i>Senator Hussein</i>	✓		
<i>Senator Madill</i>			
<i>Senator Manning</i>	✓		
<i>Senator Martinez</i>	✓		
<i>Senator Muthana</i>			
<i>Senator Padilla</i>	✓		
<i>Senator Pearson</i>	✓		
<i>Senator Spaccarelli</i>	✓		
<i>Senator Tahir</i>	✓		
<i>Senator Torres</i>	✓		

Vote: 10 - 0 - 0