

Senate Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 27, 2025 | 6:00 pm
Location: DeRosa University Center 211

Invited Members:

- Simon Hinmon, Vice President
- Amy Hagler, ASUOP Clerk
- Jaden Deng, Senator at Large
- Husna Naim, Senator at Large
- Farheen Shaikh, 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 6:08 pm.
- b. Roll Call (highlighted in orange if not present)
 - I. Presiding Officer: Vice President Simon Hinmon
 1. Ms. Hagler
 2. Senator Deng
 3. Senator Naim
 4. Senator Shaikh
 5. Senator Wade
 6. Senator Shivam
 7. Senator Meneses
 8. Senator Hua
 9. Senator Bansal

I. Motion by Senator Menses to amend agenda to include the IBR as item b, seconded by Senator Shivam. Approved by all.

II. Motion by Deng to approve agenda, seconded by Naim. Approved by all.

III. Motion to approve last week's minutes by Senator Meneses, seconded by Senator Bansal. Approved by all.

II. Reports

- a. From the Vice President, school senators need to set up meetings with the vice president and to continue to have meetings with your respective deans, as it is a requirement. By the end of the week, send the vice president a message that you are in a committee and if this is not completed, next week's senate will not continue until all senators are on at least one committee.
- b. From the President, Executive Order Three passed, a judicial apprentice was hired so the court is now full. Sent out a presidential memo to all senators about a proposed bylaw change. Please fill out personnel forms.
- c. From the cabinet, from Chief Justice Santallan, she will be releasing a bylaw change that will no longer require the court to discuss complaints with the parties present to allow the justices to properly train and learn and speak freely without fear of confusing the parties involved.
- d. No updates from the committee chairs.
- e. From the advisors, still in the process of hiring a SLIC director. Please ensure all senators are wearing their polos and name tags during official ASUOP business and are showing up to meetings before they start to respect everyone's time.

III. Business Items

- a. Dr Donte Miller
 - i. Executive director of retention on campus. Priority is first year, first time student retention, with a goal of 92% retention. How can the two departments work together to ensure this goal is reached?
 1. The quality of the classrooms and learning environments, especially the WPC and HESS. Issues with mold and asbestos in housing. Lack of campus life and campus culture.
 2. Ultimate goal is to be the #1 student centered campus in the nation.
 3. International students face increased issues such as increased fees, language barriers and difficulty finding jobs after graduation.
 4. Many of the industries students are hoping to enter upon graduation are quickly evolving and the curriculum offered here does not keep up.

5. The professor to student ratio is supposed to be 11:1 or 16:1, but is 30:1 in reality. There are also limited classes offered in all majors. Classes are often cancelled without notification or a reason.
 6. Increase the TA opportunities.
 7. Campus is not always accessible.
 8. The university's first priority seems to be how can we entertain students, rather than meeting students' basic needs first.
- b. IBR
- i. Senator Wade motions to approve, seconded by Senator Hua. Approved by Senators Deng, Bansal, Wade, Naim, Shaikh and Hua. Opposed by Senator Meneses. Abstained by Senator Shivam.
- c. IBR (2)
- i. Motion by Senator Meneses to table IBR, seconded by Deng. Approved by all.
- d. FBAR
- i. Motion to approve item a (UNICEF) by Senator Wade, seconded by Senator Bansal. Approved by all.
 - ii. Motion to approve item b (Society for Personality and Special Psychology 25th Annual Convention) by Senator Wade, seconded by Senator Meneses. Approved by all.
 - iii. Motion to approve item c (National Society for Black Engineers Conference) by Senator Shaikh, seconded by Senator Wade. Approved by all.
- e. SB 24-25
- i. Motion to approve by Senator Deng, seconded by Senator Naim. Approved by all.
- f. Quorum Revision Act
- i. Motion to approve by Senator Deng, seconded by Senator Hua. Approved by Senators Deng, Bansal, Shivam, Shaikh and Hua. Opposed by none. Abstained by Naim, Meneses and Wade.

IV. Open Forum

- a. Senator Meneses had an idea to engage the RAs in election participation. Residents can show proof to their RA that they voted and be entered into an opportunity draw.

V. Announcements

- a. Sign up for the ASUOP Basketball Tournament
- b. Winds Concert on Saturday to celebrate Black History Month, begins at 7:30 pm

VI. Adjournment

- a. Motion to adjourn by Senator Shivam, seconded by Senator Naim. Approved by all at 7:37 pm.

