

Senate Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 14, 2024 | 6:00-7:30 pm

Location: DeRosa University Center 211

Invited Members:

- Simon Hinmon, Vice President
- Amy Hagler, ASUOP Clerk
- Jaden Deng, Senator at Large
- Sal Reyes, Senator at Large
- Ethan Do, Senator at Large
- Vivian Le, Senator at Large
- 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 Simon Hinmon
 1. Ms. Hagler
 2. Senator Deng
 3. Senator Reyes
 4. Senator Do
 5. Senator Le
 6. Senator Wade
 7. Senator Lnu
 8. Senator Meneses
 9. Senator Hua
- c. Motion to approve agenda by Senator Hua, seconded by Senator Lnu.

II. Public Comment

- a. Representative from Athletics attended, discussed how ASUOP can better support the athletics department and encouraged student attendance and school spirit.

- i. Suggestion to assist athletics with further social media use/presence. May use the ASUOP social media pages to increase student connections.
- ii. Senator Lnu asks about promoting the individual players, as opposed to the team as a whole, to create a personal connection with the student body.
- iii. Idea for offering more free stuff (food, merch, etc.) to the student body. Cost could be split between ASUOP and the athletics department.

III. Reports

- a. From the Vice President, progress is being made on the farmer's market. Meetings are currently at a standstill due to midterms, will pick back up after that. Still trying to coordinate with Bon Appetit on how students can use meal plans to pay vendors.
- b. From the President, the Bon Appetit survey from last year was released, overall results were negative with the highest score being Starbucks with a 3%.
- c. From Mr. Bryant and Mr. Magana, reminds senate to prioritize their mental health during midterms, drink water, take breaks.

IV. Business Items

- a. Elections Coordinator Confirmation
 - i. Candidate: Julie Kim
 - 1. Motion to approve by Senator Do, seconded by Senator Reyes. Approved by all.
- b. Finance Bill Approval
 - i. Director Kaur introduced a bill at the last senate with proposed changes to bylaws that would allow her to approve conference funding without having to go to senate. Additionally, a second proposal would cut off conference funding for the summer, as ASUOP does not receive funding during the summer. Additionally, due to fewer people working during the summer, there is no checks and balances system to ensure that money is being spent correctly.
 - ii. Senators Reyes, Do, Wade and Meneses expressed concern for placing that much power with the Director of Finance, as well as cutting off conference funding for the summer.
 - iii. Motion to approve changes by Senator Deng, seconded by Senator Reyes. Senators Deng, Do, Le, Hua, Meneses and Lnu vote to approve. Senators Reyes and Wade vote to oppose. No votes to abstain. Bylaws changes approved.

V. Open Forum

- a. Senator Deng attended the GE meeting and asked about ways to improve CORE classes. Suggestions include broadening topics, introducing standards for professors to teach by.
- b. Talks to change the name of Media X. No current suggestions.
- c. Senator Le asks about how to request guest speakers. All that is needed is to inform the Vice President ahead of time.

VI. Announcements

- a. None.

VII. Adjournment

- a. Motion to adjourn meeting by Senator Wade, seconded by Senator Do. Approved by all at 7:23 pm.
- b. Next meeting will be October 21, 2024.