

Senate Meeting 11 Minutes

Date: Oct 31, 2022

Location: DUC, RM 211

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 5:33 pm PDT.

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

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- b. Roll Call
- c. Agenda Changes (*if applicable*)
- d. Approval of Agenda

VP Tran entertained a motion to approve the agenda.

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

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II. Public Comment (5:35-5:40)

1. ASuop member Emma Garber was given the floor.
 - a. She talked about what psychology students are doing on campus. Furthermore, she mentioned participation in a study that the students are doing.
 - i. There will be a 1 hour interview as well as further questions and activities about memories.
 - ii. There are 3 forms of compensation: 2 SONA credits, entry for a raffles (\$20 Amazon gift card), and \$5 Amazon gift card.

III. Committee Reports (5:40-5:55)

- a. Finance Committee (2 minutes each)
 - i. Started working on the semi-annual hearing this coming week, there will be FBAR coming soon
- b. Rules Committee
 - i. Changing the conference funding language and worked on the Finance Code
 - ii. Working with Alice about the paid fee for entry into an event in regards to funding
 - iii. Focussing on Career and Graduate funding wording
- c. Senate Selection Committee
 - i. Starting interviews for the Graduate School senate position
- d. Ethics Committee
 - i. Reached out to the Supreme Court about the new bill that they are trying to write
 - ii. Collaborating with the Commuter Committee for their event
- e. Sustainability Committee
 - i. Focusing on the details for the Divestment Forum
 1. The graphics were posted
 2. Collecting speakers and panelists
 - ii. Currently reaching out to people about Sustaining Pacific
- f. Stockton Outreach Committee
 - i. Reached out to more RSOs for Adopt-a-Park on November 29th
 1. Added Environment Conservation Club
- g. Commuter Committee
 - i. Working on getting the graphic in collaboration with the Stockton Outreach Committee

IV. Discussion Items (5:55-)

- a. Winter Break Housing Agreements Overview with [Dr. Josh O'Connor](#) (#310-405-1916) (15 minutes)

The process for Winter Break Housing has changed and Dr. O'Connor came in to talk about the details.

In the past there was inequity in the costs of staying over winter break between the students in the resident halls and the apartments. There will now be a flat rate rather than daily pricing for residing on campus over Winter Break.

The pricing was brought down immensely.

- a. \$200 for Pharmacy students or graduate students with similar academic calendars because their break is a lot shorter than the rest of campus.
- b. \$300 for the rest of the students until December 1st.
- c. After December 1st, the cost goes up to \$400.
- d. These numbers are based on the staffing as well as resources that are provided over the break.

Anyone in the foster care system will still need to be able to fill out the residential form but they will get their housing paid for.

Everyone needs to fill out the application by December 1st.

- a. Every form is reviewed and pricing is determined case-by-case

RAs will be assigned for certain buildings over the break and they will be distributed based on the amount that sign-up.

- a. RAs will have housing covered but they will have to cover at least one shift.

The billing will go out in December and the resident won't be billed until the spring semester.

They are working on the housing application for those that need to stay over the summer break as well.

- e. [FBAR 22-23:04](#) (5 minutes)
- f. Second read of [SB 22-23:03 Senate Visitor Speaking Act](#) (5 minutes)
- g. Career and Graduate Testing Fund clarification (15 minutes)

There was discussion about the gray area regarding the testing fund and what licenses, exams, etc. should be funded and where the line should be drawn in relation to the distinction supporting educational career goals vs. the career itself.

The establishment of the fund was meant to kickstart a career rather than support an already established career.

Senator Manning echoed this thought and clarified that in the last discussion it was established that the fund should be used to support students that are looking to kickstart a career rather than find someone that is already in their career. They also mentioned that license and certification should be defined to avoid confusions. They also mentioned that the loose definition could lead to judgment calls and Senate should work to solidify a definition to ensure the Fund's sustainability throughout the years.

Senator Madill asked if we should be going off of the title of the fund that is being asked for.

- a. We're supposed to be asking clarifying questions for each fund that is being applied for.

Senator Padilla suggested that Senators that have the knowledge of the exams in each area should work together to create a list in collaboration with the Rules Committee.

From the gallery, Associate Justice Berryhill suggested that maybe the language should be whether the funding is required for their current schooling or graduate school or if the funding is being used for a career requirement.

Director of Finance Zhang suggested that keeping it broad would be a good idea rather than having a definitive list of exams or certifications. They also suggested having requirements that loosely mirrored the conference funding where as long as the funding is loosely related to their higher education and education at the university, it should be funded.

ASuop Advisor Magana suggested focusing on the educational aspect of the funding rather than the career part (ex: should we as a higher education institution fund licensing for real estate or a barber- aka businesses?).

VP Tran summarized everyone's thoughts. The topic would be further discussed within the Rules Committee with Advisor Magana, VP Tran, and Director Zhang.

- h. *November theme: San Joaquin County Community Building & First-Generation Students*
(10 minutes)
 - i. 11/14 Guests: Stockton Mayor and Vice Mayor
 - ii. What has come up with constituents regarding these topics? Are there any issues we want to highlight as a team? Is there room for collaboration anywhere on campus?

Senator Manning asked that questions for the guests be geared towards Stockton. They asked about coming up with questions that highlight Stockton outside of the Mile and branching out to different parts of the city. They suggested working with Pacific Votes! as well as the Sustainability Committee, CIP or ASuop to go to college fairs.

Senator Madill noticed the downfall in the activity of the residents given recent news and focused on highlighting the positives rather than the negatives that could happen anywhere.

Senator Torres recalled that the Mile Crawl received a lot of positivity and doing that for other parts of Stockton would be a good way to get students involved in other parts of the city. VP Tran provided an update about an internal shuttle project led by President Callahan.

Senator Padilla talked about working with the career counselors. They suggested speaking more on FAFSA or other programs that might help first-generation students coming into higher education. They also suggested trying to work with the city or a local high school to help seniors in that regard.

Senator Chan suggested that it would be nice to compile a list of places to eat or visit in order to branch out into the city. They touched upon outreach and mentioned the Red Ribbon week. It would be a good idea to teach people about financial support going to college.

VP Tran offered to reach out to Admissions to gather more information about officers potentially helping with college fairs.

- i. Senate Duties and Morale Check-In (15 minutes)
 - i. Office Hours
 1. Constituent engagement (wins, concerns, etc.)
 - a. Senators talked about their experiences in ASuop thus far.
 2. Proposal to change hours
 - a. VP Tran proposed a change from 2 hours/week to 4/month.
 - ii. Committees and equitable distribution of work

V. Action Items (7:05-7:10)

- a. Voting for [FBAR 22-23:04](#)

VP Tran motioned to approve the FBAR 22-23:04.

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- b. Voting for [SB 22-23:03 Senate Visitor Speaking Act](#)

VP Tran motioned to approve the SB 22-23:03 Senate Visitor Speaking Act.

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VI. Announcements (7:10-7:33)

- a. Vice President
 - i. Regular timelines:
 1. Committee Reports (biweekly) → 10/31, 11/14, 11/28
 2. Monthly Theme debrief (last mtg. of the previous month/1st mtg. of the month) → 10/31, 11/7
 3. Cabinet Reports (2nd mtg. of the month) → 11/14
 4. SOTM (3rd mtg. of the month) → 11/21
- b. President
- c. Advisor
 - i. Authoring legislation or documents of any sort
 1. Loop in Jesse (and Brooke if it relates to Senate)
 2. Communicate with the respective campus partners/departments to get accurate information
 3. Consider setting up meetings and speaking with the students/community members it affects
 - ii. Senator events and procedures for purchasing food, prizes, etc.

VII. Adjournment (7:33)

- a. Next Senate Meeting: Nov 7, 2022 in DUC 211

VP Tran entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Senator Padilla motioned to adjourn the meeting. Senator Manning seconded the motion.

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Meeting was adjourned at 7:33 pm PDT.

Voting Record

Topic: FBAR 22-23:04

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: 11 - 0 - 1

Voting Record

Topic: SB 22-23:03 Senate Visitor Speaking Act

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: 11 - 0 - 0

Minutes Certified By:

Karina Patel, *ASuop Clerk of Senate*
October 31, 2022

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