

Senate Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 3, 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
- Quan Vu, 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 6:03 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
 10. Senator Vu

- I. Motion by Senator Deng to approve agenda, seconded by Senator Vu. Approved by all.
- II. Motion to approve last week's minutes by Senator Meneses, seconded by Senator Wade. Approved by Senators Shivam, Deng, Meneses, Vu, Shaikh, Hua and Wade. Opposed by none. Abstained by Senator Naim.

II. Public Comment

- a. None.

III. Reports

- a. From the Vice President, still working on the senator training binders, needs bullet points from the school senators.
- b. No reports from the President.
- c. No reports from the cabinet.
- d. From the committee chairs, external affairs has another meeting with Pacific card on Thursday regarding the potential student discounts at local businesses. Sustainability is working on creating a virtual marketplace on MyPacific
- e. From the advisors, David is always available to talk, just come to his office.

IV. Business Items

- a. Presidential Nomination of Jaden Deng
 - i. Due to the resignation of President Moreno, Vice President Hinmon is now President as stated in the line of succession. The nomination of Senator Deng to the office of Vice President is due to his current position as President Pro-Tempore.
 - ii. Senator Deng is very organized, alert and responsive and has maintained positive relationships with many RSOs on campus.
 - iii. Motion by Senator Vu to approve the election of Senator Deng, seconded by Senator Shivam. Approved by all.
- b. Turning Point USA Senate Resolution
 - i. Senators Deng and Meneses authored a senate resolution in alliance with the student body's reaction to the presence of Turning Point USA on campus, as well as the upcoming event entitled 'The Truth About Transgenderism'.
 - 1. Officially, the university must remain neutral on all campus and RSO sponsored events to allow all voices and interests to be heard and represented.
 - 2. The resolution goes on record and potential consequences include upset students, lawsuits and violation of the first amendment right if the event were to be cancelled.

- ii. Motion by Senator Deng to table until the end of senate, seconded by Senator Wade. Approved by all.
- c. Hourly vs Stipend Wage Discussion
 - i. Current stipend proposed would be \$14,000 for president, \$12,000 for Vice President and \$3000 for each senator, which is approximately what the positions already make.
 - ii. Senators would need to hold one another accountable, which they should be doing anyway.
 - iii. What about students who were hired to the senator position versus those who were elected. Hourly pay may incentivize the students to work more.
 - iv. There has been an issue in the past with those who have lied on timesheets, David cannot verify if they are actually working so it makes it easier. David would feel more confident when approving timesheets because he doesn't have to verify every single thing they do.
 - v. Want to pay the senators what they are worth. The students will know if you are doing the work and want higher quality work from the senators. If they are not doing their jobs, the other senators need to hold them accountable.
 - vi. Having the stipend style of pay will ensure the checks and balances system is being properly utilized. There is a degree of trust in the situation that can reinforce that trust for everyone else. Would benefit those who are more involved with work.
 - vii. Senators are an advocate for the students and, within the current standing as employees, can be fired at any time, which would not happen. Being on a stipend removes that risk which allows students to speak more freely and advocate more freely for the student body.
 - viii. Senator Shivam motions to table discussion for the next meeting, seconded by Senator Hua. All approve.
- d. FBAR
 - i. Motion by Senator Shivam to approve the FBAR, seconded by Senator Hua. Approved by all.
- e. International Students Senate Committee
 - i. International students do not have adequate resources to support them, leading to the formation of the senate committee
 - ii. Senator Shivam nominates Senator Shaikh, seconded by Senator Hua. Approved by all.
- f. Turning Point USA Senate Resolution (cont.)
 - i. Adjustments were made to the resolution, which now states 'Resolution Regarding "The Truth About Transgenderism, whereas Section added about what turning point

is as an organization, whereas section added about how conservative students feel backlash from the announcement of the turning point event, Whereas sectioned added recognizing universities inability to remove event, resolved section added to recommend that SLIC employees will discuss event marketing with RSOs in case that there are offensive language, elaborated on the section that ASUOP students should seek support from CII, CAPS, and other university organizations

- ii. Senator Deng motions to approve the resolution, seconded by Senator Wade. approved by Senators Shaikh, Meneses, Deng and Wade. Abstained by Senators Hua, Vu and Shivam.

IV. Open Forum

- a. The senate still needs to elect a new pro-tempore.

V. Announcements

- a. Everyone please vote in the upcoming election.

VI. Adjournment

- a. Motion to adjourn by Senator Wade, seconded by Senator Hua. Approved by all at 8:06 pm.