***Senate Meeting Agenda***

October 2, 2023 | 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

DeRosa University Center 211

1. **Preliminaries**
2. Call to Order

Rana

Reyes

Approved 8-0-0

1. Roll Call Attendance

Senator Lopez is absent

1. Approval of Agenda

Padilla

Senator Reyes

Approved 8-0-0

1. Approval of Minutes

Senator Kamran

Senator Beck

Approved 8-0-0

Senator Tahir has joined the meeting

1. **Public Comment**

401.4 Public Access to Senate Meetings

All ASuop members shall be guaranteed the right to address the Senate:

1. Any individual recognized by the Chair shall rise and state their name.
2. Any individual may have up to three (3) minutes to speak.

Speakers should sign up to speak by filling out their contact information (name, email) on a speaker [sign - up list](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSevIDqC832f4z1fC5EDue-nbz8dD2g98hiAj-PMjBbvxGoXwg/viewform). The Vice President will receive official responses and communications from ASuop within approximately 5 business days.

Viv: Speak upon an issue with Bon Appetit. I noticed that there is not much diversity in the food. As well as it being expensive. Basic nutrition and quality of food prep. I feel like it is poorly done. Food quality should be invested in more. Less frozen food and better prices.

Senator Tahir: Are you satisfied with the quantity of food

No

If there was a form where people could express their traditions would this be helpful

Senator Reyes: Is there a way we can see the photos?

VP: Sharing them with me and

Senator Padilla: We have been having this conversation about this issue, and creating a form in the past week where we can do Bon Appetit food complaints as well as recipe submissions.

1. **Business Items**
2. Discussion Item: Cabinet Reports
   1. Chief Justice of the Supreme Court

Court issued its first judicial proclamation involving the special election

Issues a memo forwarding forming non senate committees, and listing out everything in the judicial holder.

Still discussing the SAOR and hope to have a

* 1. Director of Finance

University financial aid committee—reviewed the SAT policy and we are in conversation about it

Internal budget allocation — brought the deficit of 60k to a surplus of 7.5k, work study positions are also took account for

Enrollment is not down, the primary reason is that the rollover funds were about half.

I made some charts about distribution of student orgs are

We have a thriving student body, but they are not getting enough funding, 95% of the student orfs are requesting funding for social events.

Senator Spaccarelli: What kind of cuts are we looking at in terms of the overall budget for this year?

Estimate is 26%

Spacarelli: graphs and data — can we see it.

VP: you can find them in the shared drive

Advisor Magaña: Grad enrollment is up, undergraduate is down. All undergrads pay our fee, and not all grad students pay the fee. It doesn't benefit us.

Senator Padilla: Can we make a list of all the rso’s who are receiving the funding of this year.

Director Rossi: I have the data ready, so i can update the rso list

Senator padilla: we can collaborate

* 1. Director of Strategic Marketing

Photographer and videographers have been shooting many of the

Graphic design has been working on all of the marketing

Photo video: senator events, oasis, brickyard

Graphic design: branding, tabling posters

* 1. Director of DEI

For the 10 year pride celebration, we funded the shuttle to and from the event. In collaboration with cii. Wrapped up interviews and I found a coordinator that is really passionate about her job, scaling the coordinators to 2 would be great. I attended the university dei meeting this week and any meeting minutes would be accessed through the Director of Academic Affairs.

Starting an rso about soviet heritage and directed towards those student

Pacific thrives committee — working on programming

Dining committee— will start this month at the end of the month.

Jasmine and I went to get acquainted with dr lomax and what to do for the semester.

* 1. Director of Academic Affairs

Meeting with the office of undergraduate research. Infographic from strat marketing about the matter. And how they can get involved. All committee assignments have been finalized. Met with the office of orientation on an event about advising and using tools such as degreeworks. University has put on many undergraduate events, but we want to get more publicity for them.

* 1. Director of Health and Wellness

Food accessibility on campus and initially met with matt camino who oversees the

Food truck hours and having meal plan for the vending machines

Working on accessibility and signage for ssd, over 10 buildings don't have wheelchair accessible doors, so I'm working with ssd and dr miller to have more inclusive and accessible seating for them. Center for teaching and learning. Blandizzi and having menstruation products more accessible.

Meditation events , planner events, mental health care

Idea of a health and wellness week

Chair of the pacific thrives committee

Showed interest in the OER committee

Senator Spacarelli: Reach out to the library, it would be good to reach out to them.

Senator Tahir: In your conversation with Bon appetit, have you been talking about the diversity of food.

If there is enough student voice, there would be a greater impact.

* 1. Director of Communications

Serves on the academic grievance board, they are doing a makeup information with jarred, and you will have that. She has been updating the website. A&E is collaborating with Pacific alumni to have vouchers for homecoming. She attended many events in hopes of collaboration. Been trying to repost all rso events. Continues to update our website, and is making a carousel area for elections and committee members

* 1. Chair of Arts & Entertainment

2 brickyards

A million miles away outdoor screening

Alumni

October 10th, hispanic heritage month event and collab with MeCHA

Thrift pop up

Storage implementory form

Tigerlands planning is happening

DJ masterclass

Senator Padilla: Friday 13th — there are two movies

1. Informative Item: Presentation from Provost Edwalds-Gilbert *time certain 5:40 pm*

What do students want from the provost?

Senator Spacarelli: How I perceive the provost is the point person who we come to when we have general concerns about academic matters of the university. Are you able to support

Padilla: I would like to see engaging the deans and specifically our leaders and encouraging events and the college in of itself. Building the connection between the dean and students would be very nice to see.

Hand Hall, Second Floor, Candice Bradley does my scheduling so please contact her.

Director Ajifu-Santos: Who does the provost work directly with?

I sit in the cabinet with Dr. Lomax giradussi, and we are working on a project to have Pacific become a hispanic serving student university. Mary and I are working on preparing the campus for this and how we can serve more students than that.

Spacarelli: When do you see yourself coming to ASUOP to discuss matters?

I would hope to have regular touchpoints and think about how to best discuss the relationship between students and faculty. Early grading is an impact of this. Another view of this is how to find resources for each school.

1. Discussion Item: First Read of [SB:02 Defining Honorary Life Member](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1F6Dg-I0LGSH8yIKGSNkHYDBrk2zXTOQToEUTeIz7Fxk/edit)

Defining what an honorary life member meaning that we recognise them and their service to ASuop

Senator

Senator: Senators with precedent can do this, all officers within asuop, in terms of who can be nominated is everyone. Nominating has to be a president or a senator.

Senator Kamran: how long would someone have to be in service

Senator Spacareli: Anyone can

1. Discussion Item: First Read of [SB:03 Article IV Modification Act](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1nTCh-fPHjh9hnpLbPoYheD6YXZ88esZfKXh6UlkQPE0/edit)

WE can nominate anyone to be the clerk for the day. When you are a clerk, you cannot vote.

Ensure the consistency of language.

IB: We won't know when an emergency would pop up? Is there leniency?

SPaccarelli: Yes

HALM— nominating someone for their service, putting this in the bylaws for consistency

Beck: Why is it only that the president or the senators can do this?

Spaccarelli: it is a form of legislation.

Advisor Magaña: Other institutions have done this, but only the president could do that.

Making the change about excused and unexcused absences,

Senator Beck: Chairs discussed that the excused absence needs to be communicated with the VP.

Spaccarelli: 12 hours is fair, and we can make it clear that this also applies to committees and they should notify both the chair and the vice president.

VP: is this excluding ad hoc committees?

PAdilla: at the minimum, ad hoc committees should be held accountable. At least one committee meeting per month. They should communicate that theme to the rest of us.

Spaccarelli: if someone is signing up to an ad hoc committee, beyond their typical standing committee.

PAdilla: What's your opinion on it senator tahir as the chair of the Ad Hoc committee

Tahir: I would still follow the one month committee time, but as well as using the fbar submissions as meeting as well.

1. Discussion Item: First Read of [CA 23-24:01 Justice Reappointment Act](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1sJ97yycHvMz4uRyp7UzvrictfXhzOoXkXg5diyJux64/edit)

A constitutional amendment is an amendment of the bylaws, we change the foundational nature of asuop constitution, they have to approve the senate, the president, and get passed by the student body.

The goal is to ensure the senate has a voice. Attempts to protect the courts from political influence as soon as possible. Changes the way that justices are chosen. The Supreme Court is nominated and the senate votes on them.

Tries to ensure that there isn't as much political influence kept. All of these responsibilities will be held by the president.

Advisor Magaña: How does this work again?

Vp: they are allowed to get renominated again, but the president would

Those who run for the president posi

IB: my understanding is that the associate justices are able to come back and apply as the chief justice. The president can veto if they do not want the associate justice in the

Kamran: giving a change for the associate justices but as well as the students

IB: would this give more opportunity to returning associate justices.

Lorenzo: Yes, the advantage is given because it ensures that the justices who are on the court have the experiences, so there is that type of leiway. However, there is also the opportunity for students to apply for the position if an associate justices do not want to come back and work in asuop.

VP Manning: does the hiring process begin the same for everyone?

Advisor Magaña: it is nepotistic behavior. Continuing to look at the standing of students who are in the position, and the overall equity standpoint of the matter. We need to get better with the application process

Spaccarelli: I agree, but this gives preferentials to experience. It enables consistency within the supreme court and making sure that the court remains a functional and sustainable body.

Advisor Magaña: this is an experience, and to truly learn what asuop is, you need to be careful in which the body only thrives

Senator Beck: Would the application process be better if we went through the interview process again, but told them it was highly likely that they would get the position?

AM: I made sure that everyone was reapplied and interviewed.

We have a lot of conversations to see what we should see next year financially, such as how many positions we need to fill and who still needs to be employed based on rules.

We employ 54 people on the team, and for us to continue to add people is concerning

Tahir: I agree with this but then again if I vote in favor of this, I will be taken away from the student body.

Spaccarelli: Regards to Advisor M— 3 really important positions that are ideally separate, and the elections are ideally a popularity contest. Candidates that are most qualified for the role, just making sure that

VP: You need to establish an equitable way of hiring, unbiased.

I want to debunk the stigma that the hiring committee is not just the president.

Spaccarelli: Regards to Beck — if they did their job last year, they are able to choose if they want to come back next year. The president has the authority to say no, and bring a diverse hiring pool. There is no binding nature to this.

VP: what is more sustainable and equitable: creating a hiring solution, or creating a constitutional amendment? I don't want to limit the opportunity for students.

How do you feel about creating a hiring system that will make the process more equitable?

Reyes: WHo is the hiring body?

Spaccarelli: The Senate is making the decision overall.

Mendoza- Martinez: there was a lack of discussion with the last hiring of chief justice, what would make next year any different? With this, your taking away the

Beck: The purpose of this is to bypass the senate floor.

Spaccarelli: there is still a possibility of bias, but it gives the bias being 1/14 instead of 1/1

The student body will vote on this, and think of this themselves during the general election.

Will the general population be able to

CB: there is a clarifying statement that comes with this

Regarding judicial apprentice: the court can have more members, and we can choose this as a year to year basis and flexibility.

AM: opening this up for interpretation worries me.

VP: pPlease reread this and bring your questions to the senate . thank you rules and I hope you all

1. Action Item: Senate Meeting Monday, October 9th

Motion to cancel the senate meeting on monday october 9th

Motion: Padilla

Second: Senator Gill

Approved 6-1-2

1. **Announcements**
2. Vice President

1 on 1 with constituent outreach and senator reports are getting it, if you do not do this outreach i will take a note of it. If you want to have a senator event in october, let me know, and please have your senator report done before our 1 on 1

If you would like to be in the promotional video for the public comment form, please show interest

Senator padillas is coming

Ad hoc committee: please join if you are interested

1. President

Archived on the drive for old minutes

Pacific trick or treat october 25th, asuop involvement in this. 5-7pm, and Delaney will send a signup form.

1. Advisor

thursday , friday, monday i will not be out

Board of regents came and asked if they wanted the student fee to be increased, and we asked the student body if they wanted an increase or not. The Senate can do it 2/3rds as well. Please consider this

I want you to be cognizant of your position in the senate and what we are doing for the student body. What are we putting forward and how can we support the student body? Critical conversation about potentially looking at how funding will work.

1. Officers
2. **Adjournment**

**7:35**

**Spacarelli**

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