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**SENATE MEETING AGENDA**

Friday, September 24, 2021

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**I. Call to Order**

**a. Roll Call**

- i. Late: Jonathan Vergonio

**b. Approval of Minutes**

- i. Motion: Sarah Band
  1. Second: Rachel Berns
    - a. Unanimous

**c. Approval of Agenda**

- i. Motion: Kyle Tanimura
  1. Second: Victoria Mas
    - a. Unanimous

**d. Welcome Guests**

- i. Tyler Macon - Graduate Student
- ii. Ando - Student

**II. Public Forum**

- a. None

**III. Old Business**

**a. Yearbook**

- i. Philip Goodrich: Explained vote to amend bylaws to remove Yearbook.
- ii. Motion: Kyle Tanimura
  1. Second: Victoria Mas
    - a. Unanimous

**IV. Committee Reports**

**a. Allocations**

- i. Hannah Welsh: Committee reviewed career and graduate test fund applications, approved 1, reviewed 8 requests: approved 4, denied 1, have 3 before you today.



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**b. University & Academic Affairs**

- i. Sarah Band: No info.

**c. Diversity Affairs**

- i. Victoria Mas: Working on diversity workshop and social media graphics.

**d. Community Outreach**

- i. Brady Francisco: Working on a business spotlight initiative, and trick or treating community event.

**e. Executive Council**

- i. Philip Goodrich: Student representation is now on the COVID taskforce. Lunch with Sodexo management is next week. Met with Dr. Reg who will want to meet with the Diversity Committee. VP and President attended the Provost Advisory Board. Many attended the student life dinner at the Board of Trustees. Will present Climate Action Plan today.
- ii. Danny Goodrich: New senators will be trained this next week. Fowler Senator resigned.
- iii. Christian Grevin: Will be holding a special election for the Fowler seat.
- iv. Coury Hawks: Presents budget. Approved 16 or so requests, numbers not updated. \$11,000 have been used. Hope to use 20% of cosponsorship budget. Quarterly report presented next week. Working on fellowships.
- v. Avery Davidson: No updates.

**V. New Business**

**a. Climate Action Plan Update**

- i. Philip Goodrich: Presented Climate Action Plan Update.
  1. Cristina Molina: When will subcommittees meet?
    - a. Philip Goodrich: Pending President Struppa's approval, hopefully early October.
  2. Cristina Molina: Who would subcommittees work with?



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- a. Philip Goodrich: We have people assigned to the committee for that.
  3. Elyse Crimmins: How will all of SGA be involved?
    - a. Philip Goodrich: Everyone should stay updated and provide feedback to representatives.
  4. Kyle Tanimura: Are all of SGA representatives in subcommittees for the creation of the climate plan?
    - a. Philip Goodrich: Yes, work will happen from October through Summer 2022.
  5. Kyle Tanimura: How would SGA support the plan after the summer?
    - a. Philip Goodrich: Will be discussed, but accountability and continuing the discussion.
  6. Cristina Molina: Divesting from fossil fuels: will this be a conflict of interest?
    - a. Philip Goodrich: Conversation is happening about including divestment in our plan, tricky advocacy area.
- ii. Dr. Smoller: Presented about the 2023 Sustainability Decathlon.**
1. Adi Takei: How else can students get involved other than building?
    - a. Dr. Smoller: It will be through the team, to be determined.
  2. Kyle Tanimura: As SGA, what resolution would you like us to pass?
    - a. Dr. Smoller: As part of your Climate Plan, I'd like your support for the 2023 Sustainability Decathlon.
  3. Kyle Tanimura: Do you want SGA to play a promotional role?
    - a. Dr. Smoller: Yes, I'd like you to advocate for the Provost and President.
  4. Kyle Tanimura: How many students are usually involved per University or per group?
    - a. Dr. Smoller: 20-30, but many come to visit.
  5. Mo Hijazi: Where do we go after building the house?
    - a. Dr. Smoller: Would hope that Chapman would take the house and display it here.



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6. Kayla Weichert: I saw the first house, it was amazing.
  - a. Dr. Smoller: Thank you for your support.

**iii. Discussion**

1. Victoria Mas: I think this should be included after the Climate Action Plan is in place, and that the people heading subcommittees should be at the front. I think we should support this.
  - a. Mo Hijazi: I don't see how this fits into plans.
    - i. Brady Francisco: I don't think it requires more effort than telling the Provost it should happen.
2. Talia Israel: I would like to support staff since they support us.
  - a. Kyle Tanimura: I think this should be included in the Climate Action Plan, good representation of the institution moving towards the Plan and combating climate change.
    - i. Cristina Molina: I agree.
3. Brady Francisco: We should advocate for this generally.
  - a. Kyle Tanimura: Could be the job for the Climate Action Committee and having this as part of their goals as well.

**b. Lunch with a Professor**

- i. Hannah Welsh: Free lunch for up to 150 students, take your professor to lunch, sponsored by the Dean of Students, Center for Undergraduate Excellence, Office of Residence Life and First Year Experience, and hopefully us. We recommend supporting this request of \$1000 in full.
  1. Mo Hijazi: Is this with Sodexo?
    - a. Hannah Welsh: Yes.
  2. Cristina Molina: Do students invite the professor themselves?
    - a. Hannah Welsh: Yes.
  3. Motion: Victoria Mas
    - a. Second: Rachel Berns
      - i. Unanimous

**c. Fraternity & Sorority Life New Member Education**



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- i. Hannah Welsh: This request is another cosponsorship for the amount of \$6,500 for the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life. This is for a new education program for Greek new members. 3 part membership program: Alcohol EDU, Sexual Assault PRevention, and DEI. This could also be mandatory for leadership. We recommend to fund this in full but it is online, so we would like to hear your thoughts.
  1. Speaker: Question, is this different from Healthy Panther?
    - a. Hannah Welsh: Yes, since it's for Greek Life specific.
  2. Kayla Wiechert: I can address questions, this is separate from first year student training, should be geared towards students entering sorority and fraternity life. Online is not ideal for some, but it can provide a baseline to get everyone on the same page and it can be supplemented by training from sororities and fraternities that exist already in organizations.
  3. Kyle Tanimura: Why are we giving them \$6,500?
    - a. Hannah Welsh: They have \$1000 saved, so the total \$7,500 would subtract 1000, we would give them \$6500.
  4. Brady Francisco: Will this be mandatory?
    - a. Hannah Welsh: I would assume so.
      - i. Talia Israel: A certain number of people could be there to be sure everyone attends.
  5. Adi Takei: Do we approve this and then they decide if it's online or in person?
    - a. Rachel Berns: No, it will be online. Hopefully an in person component can be included.
  6. Kayla Wiechert: EverFi, this company, is used by Chapman. This program itself has good feedback, other institutions have enjoyed the programming. This is the tried and true material available: the best of what is out there.
  7. Cristina Molina: If we already have these programs, why is Greek Life asking for it again? It seems costly.
    - a. Kyle Tanimura: This is a different environment, can put it in context of Greek Life. Trainings at the beginning of the



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year is through RESLife. I believe this program should happen. We should get numbers about how successful things were once it happens.

- i. Richard Rodriguez: This is important, a lot more catered to Greek Life.
  - b. Coury Hawks: We have money for cosponsorships, this is something we can fund. With COVID, we should not expect things to be in person, virtual is a viable option. We as SGA should support Greek Life having diversity programming.
8. Talia Israel: Can we hear from someone from the Office on this? So we don't just hand out money?
  - a. Hannah Welsh: We can table this request and wait for a visitor.
    - i. Brady Francisco: It is our responsibility to approve this so a percentage of people can be educated.
      1. Elyse Crimmins: We discussed this in the committee, we as SGA can recommend and in person component after funding it also.
      2. Rachel Berns: If it's a decision between having this and not, we should have it.
      3. Sarah Band: We're here to support students, we need to support this.
9. Victoria Mas: It sounds like we need people to hear this info either way, we can recommend an in person component.
  - a. Cristina Molina: I think Diversity training and sexual assault prevention are needed. I think cultural fraternities being introduced to the campus is something that should be considered as well.
10. Kyle Tanimura: We should fund in full and recommend through Elyse that presidents continue to get feedback from the programming.
11. Motion: Hannah Welsh



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- a. Second: Rachel Berns
  - i. Unanimous

**d. Greek Life Arts & Justice Workshop**

- i. Hannah Welsh: This request is for \$9,050 for an arts and justice workshop in the Piazza, set date was 10/8, 200-300 students attend, most funding would be for a speaker. Goal would be to develop better critical skills around justice. We recommend to table this request since the date is so soon.
  - 1. Kayla Wiechert: This request is from the IFC and Panhellenic DEI committee.
  - 2. Coury Hawks: Spoke to Kayla and DEI this morning, main conversation is needing to go through legal for the contract for the speaker: that and advertising would be rushed, they would like to have more time.
  - 3. Motion to Table: Victoria Mas
    - a. Second: Sarah Band
      - i. Unanimous

**VI. Open Forum**

- a. Kyle Tanimura: Photo release forms are needed for events for student orgs. Was considering working alongside other Student Org Senators to make a new release form to streamline this process.
- b. Rachel Berns: Email from public safety about the incident outside of Henley Hall. Does anyone have thoughts about supporting the students?
  - i. Victoria Mas: We need to say something, over not saying something. Maybe putting something on social media, on Instagram.
  - ii. Adi Takei: Some students don't know about the resources available to them. Psych services does not feel approachable.
    - 1. Richard Rodriguez: We should make a statement and post resources to our social media. Psych services are going to have a presence in the dorms.



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2. Kyle Tanimura: In what aspects do you find Psych services not accessible?
    - a. Adi Takei: People feel like they passively sit and listen, they don't do anything when you visit.
  3. Cristina Molina: We should focus on mental health as a larger issue.
  - iii. Brady Francisco: This is an approachability issue. We could work with the services themselves to promote them.
    1. Victoria Mas: Students need more ways to know how to go to services.
  - iv. Rachel Berns: Going back to the original point, we should focus on that.
    1. Avery Davidson: We're working on a response and promoting resources.
  - v. Hannah Welsh: Would love to learn about the Public Safety email process.
    1. Adi Takei: I agree.
    2. Mo Hijazi: We need more info for how the process works.
      - a. Victoria Mas: It takes time depending on the situation.
  - vi. Rachel Berns: Public Safety has received feedback, hopefully things can be more concise moving forward.
    1. Daniella Benabou: The emails for the armed assailant were quick but also delayed as someone who was there.
  - vii. Cristina Molina: We should make a statement on social media and promote resources. I think we should have a mental health week.
    1. Sarah Band: Students need more information about how the services work that is different from their preconceived notions.
  - viii. Kyle Tanimura: Exec working on PR is great, maybe Public Safety can come speak to us about their process, and we can relay that info.
- c. Elyse Crimmins: Rush update, spoke to the office, they have plans to implement virtual rush plans in the future.
  - d. Philip Goodrich: Discussion from COVID taskforce, orgs can require testing for off campus events only.





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- i. Elyse Crimmins: And they're planning that for rush too.
  - 1. Kyle Tanimura: How will student leaders know who is clear?
    - a. Philip Goodrich: Will be explained in the future.
- ii. Coury Hawks: If someone tested positive, do they have to get tested if it will still be positive?
  - 1. Philip Goodrich: Testing policy still stands.

**VII. Motion to extend meeting until 3:15pm**

- a. Motion: Rachel Berns
  - i. Second: Brady Francisco
    - 1. Unanimous

**VIII. Motion to extend meeting until 3:20pm**

- a. Motion: Hannah Welsh
  - i. Second: Rachel Berns

**IX. Announcements**

- a. Danny Gaitan: Please upload committee meeting minutes into the Sharepoint site. Mary Ren will reach out for one on ones with me.

**X. Adjournment**

- a. Motion: Evelyn Sakai
  - i. Second: Rachel Berns
    - 1. Unanimous / Adjournment 3:13pm.