



CHAPMAN UNIVERSITY  
**SENATE MEETING AGENDA**

Sunday, July 24th, 2022

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**I. Call to Order - 12:03 PM**

**a. Roll Call**

- i. Absent: Tiffany Le

**b. Approval of Minutes**

- i. Motion: Riya Belani
  1. Second: Sydney Peifer-Picard
    - a. Unanimous

**c. Approval of Agenda**

- i. Motion to remove Music Business and Technology Club Funding Request from New Business: Riya Belani
  1. Second: Nicole Drew
    - a. Unanimous

**d. Welcome Guests**

**II. Public Forum**

- a. None

**III. Old Business**

- a. None

**IV. Committee Reports**

- a. Allocations
  - i. Whitney Gassmann Mennes: Approved conference funding requests and one small student organization request
- b. University and Academic Affairs



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- i. Daniella Benabou: No updates
- c. Diversity Affairs
  - i. Riya Belani: Diversity committee Met on June 25th and July 8th and met with Dr. Reg, the Vice President of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, and created three action items with more updates for the next meeting.
- d. Community Outreach
  - i. Adi: No updates. Waiting on email responses from faculty.
- e. Executive Council
  - i. Lexi Reekie: COVID task force is meeting again with SGA representation and staying up to date on COVID policies per the university coming up to the fall semester.
  - ii. Mac Francini: Reshared all transition manuals about committee and senator roles. Also created a less formal Slack channel for communication which was sent out in an email.
  - iii. Whitney Gassmann Mennes: CUE has a new universal conference application. Now Wilkinson and Fowler Funding will be under the same application.
  - iv. Anya Nguyenkhoa: No updates other than voting to approve the elections committee within the meeting.
  - v. Elyse Crimmins: If there are any ideas for the Fall or things SGA should be representing online to please share with Elyse or during open forum.

**V. New Business**

- a. Elections Committee Approval
  - i. Anya Nguyenkhoa: Three individuals for next year's senate elections committee. Brianna Hester: has had professional experience, working in different kinds of offices, and many good ideas. Amala Rajagopal: heavily involved in other campus organizations and has a good feel of the campus and



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what can help increase voter turnout. Aliyah Ramirez: extroverted, strong work ethic and great ideas for the upcoming election.

1. Motion to approve all committee members onto the election committee: Sydney Peifer-Picard
  - a. Second: Riya Belani
    - i. Unanimous

**VI. Open Forum**

- a. Riya Belani: A previous initiative was to add/ amend the By-Laws and if that is something feasibly able to be done or if it is more in correlation with the election?
  - i. Rachel Berns: It may have to go through standard election with the constitution
  - ii. Elyse Crimmins: we had created amendments for more gender neutral terms but it needed to pass the 20% of student body voting to approve.
- b. Riya Belani: Would it be possible to get updates on how much money SGA has in each line/channel for funding so we're able to keep track of what is available? Something to think about that might be helpful when making decisions.
- c. Sydney: Why did we take off the Music Business and Technology Club Funding Request from New Business?
  - i. Whitney Gassmann Mennes: Some additional questions on legality and University policy from advisors and Allocations as far as copyright and contracts from their request. It wasn't a denial but more information needed to be provided to make sure it was something SGA was allowed to fund.
- d. Riya Belani: If the planning for 'Coco and Conversations' has gone into place for next semester and if so I was wondering if that was something that is able to be moved forward and earlier in the semester to senators could have access to that survey information?



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- i. Daniella Benabou: working on dates and information on how the surveys should be put together and proposed dates should be available next meeting. The event should happen earlier than last semester but just waiting on some more meetings.
- e. Rachel Berns: Previous senators hosted biweekly senate initiative brainstorming workshops and had a space to work with each other. I wanted to gauge potential interest if senators would like to have that kind of space. And sounds like there is some interest and can work to put together something that works.
- f. Rachel Berns: Wanted to echo Lexi Reekie on staying up to date on potential COVID policy changes with Orange County moving into the high risk tier. So to be aware and keep up with the CU Safely Back for Fall semester coming up. Last year Dean Price came and discussed some of the reasons behind some of the decisions that were made so we can see if that is something we can put together again.

**VII. Announcements**

- a. Rachel Berns: Only one more zoom senate meeting. Please wear your polos in order to look cohesive.

**VIII. Adjournment - 12:25 PM**

- a. Motion: Mo Hijazi
  - i. Second: Riya Belani
    - 1. Unanimous