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**SENATE MEETING AGENDA**

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*\*Note that the Zoom meeting timed out after 40 minutes and was reset, therefore, about 3 minutes in between was not recorded, yielding missing documentation in the minutes for the agenda items covered during that time\**

**I. Call to Order - 1:05 PM**

**a. Roll Call**

- i. Absent: Whitney Gassmann Mennes, Nicole Drew

**b. Approval of Minutes**

- i. Motion: Adi Takei
  1. Second: Mo Hijazi
    - a. Unanimous

**c. Approval of Agenda**

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

**d. Welcome Guests**

**II. Public Forum**

- a. None

**III. Old Business**

- a. None

**IV. Committee Reports**

- a. Allocations



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- i. Tiffany Le: Have had two meetings and over those approved 3 graduate funding requests, 4 appeals; 1 approve, 2 denied and 1 tabled, 29 funding requests; 19 approve, 9 denied, and 1 to present to senate
- b. University & Academic Affairs
  - i. Daneilla Benabou: met this week and discussed the survey and will have a more solidified date this next coming week.
- c. Diversity Affairs
  - i. Riya Belani: met this week and are currently working with Alexis and Sodexo on an initiative that works with cultural organizations on campus getting more cultural recipes out so these organizations are able to use sodexo. Working with Dr. Reg on DEI reports as well as PR for more DEI posts.
- d. Community Outreach
  - i. Adi Takei: met yesterday and went over Chapman Day at the farmers market on the 17th, looking for senators to table. Discussed a potential Chapman and Orange area community event.
- e. Executive Council
  - i. Alexis Reekie: Working on an initiative surrounding Chapmans campus, if there are any specific areas you think should be improved upon please send an email. We have been working on a DEI asset inventory and should see the results of that within the next week.
    - 1. On Behalf of Whitney Gassmann Mennes: In the academic line there is about \$65,435.70, student organizations about \$102,407.24, conference line \$38,250, co-sponsorship \$25,650, career and graduate \$21,248. Every senator should have access to the current budget if they would like to see any of these. Remember that the new conference site is [chapman.submittables.com/submit](http://chapman.submittables.com/submit). This is for both individual and group applications and still must be submitted 6 weeks before the event in order to review. There is now a universal



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application for conference funding for funding from either their college or SGA. Streamlining funding applications, the content is the same but it is all on one form instead of three. This should be up next week. Next week after senate there will also be allocations training and please reach out to Whitney for questions on initiatives, ordering food from sodexo or anything else with funding.

- ii. Mac Francini: No Senate training after meeting today, office hours schedules have been finalized and the schedule will be sent out via Slack. Tabling supplies will be available in AF303 and will have a sign in and out sheet to keep track of materials. We are going to be moving forward with some initiatives with our facilities. Alexis is working on new ideas and improvements while I will focus on fixing things and addressing areas of campus we know to be concerns.
- iii. Elyse Crimmins: Working with Anya to do PR work for the election at the end of the month. One part is doing an airpods giveaway and something we want to advertise in order to get a lot more voters on campus. Also will be giving away free Contra in order to get more SGA information and turnout. Committee chairs to remember to send your minutes we will be doing updates every week. If anyone has ideas for resources for the week, like places on campus to be highlighted or any resources that are being underutilized, we will highlight them. The PR assistant was hired and will mainly be helping with flyers and will be sharing her contact information to help streamline the processes. The big PR order is in the works, new tote bags, lanyards, tumblrs and more.
- iv. Anya Nguyenkhoa: Today is the end of the filing period for the elections and tonight are the candidate meetings.

**V. New Business**



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- a. Mohamad Hijazi Conference Funding Request
  - i. Tiffany Le: We have one funding request for the American Chemical Society for the amount of \$600 and turning questions over to Mo in order to describe the request.
  - ii. Mo Hijazi: This funding request has to go to the senate since I am a senator but the funding request is for a research conference to present my research. I have done this a couple of times in the past and got feedback from professionals on my work and generally networking. I will be going with other people from Chapman who have already had their funding request approved.
    1. Motion to approve the funding request in full for the amount of \$600 for Mohamad Hijazi's Conference Funding: Riya Belani
      - a. Second: Sydney Peifer-Picard
        - i. Unanimous
- b. Values and Ethics Code Proposal
  - i. Laney Logue: Along with the DEI committee, we decided it was important to add a value to do with diversity and a minor change to the preamble stating eleven values instead of ten.
  - ii. Riya Belani: This code discusses the 10, now 11, values we as SGA senators hold and we added another values based off of a previous initiative from the former diversity committee chair. The committee also thinks that adding diversity is important to add since we are leaders on campus that serve the general student population.
  - iii. Daniella Benabou: I just was curious or if there was a reason for why it is only diversity instead of including the whole DEI statement?
  - iv. Riya Belani: I used the phrasing that was made up by the former diversity committee chair since I thought it worked out really well and that diversity encompasses everything.



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- v. Mac Francini: Just a formality to remember as we keep updating operating documents like this that the dates as well should be kept up to date.
  - 1. Motion to Add an additional value regarding diversity to the Values and Ethics Code: Mo Hijazi
    - a. Second: Bailey Pradhan
      - i. Unanimous

**VI. Open Forum**

- a. Lauren Bramlett: On behalf of myself and Nicole Drew, we have had individuals reach out to us about the administrative leave of Prexy Nesbitt and The Panther enabling it. I know with confidentiality, legally there is not a ton that can be done or we can say but is there a way we can still support the college and the students with their concerns while balancing the need for confidentiality?
  - i. Alexis Reekie: I think that's a great point and had a conversation with advisors about this earlier. I think this is great for senators to reach out to your constituents if they do have questions you have the power to reach out to administrators and get those answers. So setting up meetings with anyone relevant to the conversation is a great idea. Try not to speculate but instead reach out and look for answers.
  - ii. Adi Takei: There is a student petition related to this issue and I can send it to you if you are interested and making the students feel heard.
  - iii. Elyse Crimmins: Going back, there is a reason PR has not made a statement on this issue, it's tricky because of the relationship between us and the university and the legality of it, no matter all of our individual thoughts. We are able to make a statement after the fact and you are welcome to do whatever you would like regarding this but from the official PR I wanted to explain why nothing has been said or posted.



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- iv. Adi Takei: That's understandable with the legality, I was thinking, though we can't make a post saying anything explicitly about what the university should do, that if we wanted to still do something we could create a post that direct students to resources surrounding the issue. For example, the peer and health education coordinator and places similar that campus offer. Also offering resources for off campus places to go to, we could potentially still be able to help students while not directly speaking on the situation.
- v. Alexis Reekie: I think that is a really great idea and if anyone else has other ideas and/or resources to please send them to Elyse.
- b. Adi Takei: When someone gets covid and then others are in close contact, they are getting their tracing emails about 5 days later which does not accomplish much safety wise and I wanted to bring it up.
  - i. Daniella Benaobu: I think right now they're pretty swamped with the amount that are coming in but I can ask and see what is going on.
  - ii. Rachel Berns: Alexis, are you still working with the COVID task force?
  - iii. Alexis Reekie: Yeah, I am still working on the task force and we meet every week, if anyone has any questions I can bring that to them and let you know what they say.
- c. Adi Takei: I remember Alexis and Mac saying they would be bringing up parking last week to Dean Price and I wanted to know if there is any update on that? Even at Grand there were only two spots left on the roof parking and still more people coming in and even past midnight.
  - i. Alexis Reekie: We haven't met yet with public safety or any other contacts yet, but we talked about potentially doing assigned parking but it just might not be feasible right now. My assumption is that many residents' friends are coming in and taking a lot of the parking. We are working on the situation and I will give you all updates as you have them. I do know that Dean Price said



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- to park in the West Campus lot in his announcement email since it is the most empty throughout the day.
- ii. Mac Francini: also would like specific ideas and recommendations for anything surrounding parking so if you have them please reach out. One that is floating around is updating the parking app to show spots filled.
  - iii. Tiffany Le: With that update would we also be able to include Jim Miller and other lots?
  - iv. Mac Francini: I completely agree, the app is not up to par so that is something we know we want to work on, with that update getting other lots and structures included would be included.
  - v. Alexis Reekie: the app is not great and does not include the west campus lot. I will say when you look at the webpage and not the app, it is more accurate, but it does list even reserved spots as open which is misleading.
- d. Rachel Berns: Are there numbers available for YOU at Chapman this week?
- i. Alexis Reekie: For the usage, there have been 61 total logins and 31 new student registrations since September 6th. The average time on site is 3 minutes and 14 seconds, which is similar to what it was around the launch of the service which was around 4 minutes and 39 seconds. There were significantly higher registrations in the first two weeks of launching, about 790 registrations in a 15 day period. At this time we were posting about it heavily as well as tabling to push the service. If there are any ideas on how to market this better to students since the usage has dropped off let us know.
  - ii. Adi Takei: in resident life they have magnets with panthers on them but we wanted to add QR codes on them and last semester we were thinking of updating that to include YOU at Chapman. I tried to get this moving but did not hear responses but can send out the contacts to try and have other influences help out.



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- iii. Mo Hijazi: I think YOU at Chapman is a great resource for students but it costs so much and isn't being used much and it feels like that money is going to waste. Instead we could use that for helping with psychological services which are always overbooked and students have voiced many complaints about.
- iv. Rachel Berns: I also have concerns about the underutilization for it and am curious to see how it will play out throughout the year. Is there a way at the end of the contract to talk about whether this is something that we want to continue?
- v. Alexis Reekie: I don't know the exact dates on the contract but I do think it is a conversation to be had and to track engagement this next year for its use. If we are able to promote it this semester then next we can see and discuss wanting to continue to fund this or not. Since it has been so successful at other universities and this is only the beginning of the second year, I think if we continue to market it, it can be successful again.
- vi. Mac Francini: In terms of our renewal contract, it ends on May 31st, 2023 so it has already been paid for this year, so that decision would go into effect the next year.
- vii. Riya Belani: I think last year there was a committee promoting the service and mental health surrounding initiatives. I would be happy to work with other senators who want to help promote mental health service. Also, mental health goes within DEI as well so we can create engagement with YOU at Chapman and create a discussion with higher ups. I talked with Dean Price in the past about boosting and potentially hiring more help with the psychological services.
- viii. Elyse Crimmins: Reach out as well if you'd like to work on a PR initiative.





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- ix. Alexis Reekie: An idea that came out of the mental health and wellness subcommittee last year was to implement a one credit class on wellness. That has been an ongoing conversation with Dean Price and something we can revisit with the committee. It's a long process for that to really see movement but the conversation has already been going on.
- x. Mo Hijazi: It seems like the biggest takeaway on this is that we are allocating a lot of different funding on resources like you at Chapman and need to see constant promotion of it to be successful in coming years rather than just getting a thousand sign ups in the first week and moving on. Longevity is what's important.
- e. Rachel Berns: I have a question about the campus enhancement that Alexis was working on, in terms of campus enhancement are we looking at exclusively physical space on campus, departments or other things?
  - i. Alexis Reekie: We are specifically looking at physical spaces on campus. For the ideas on the list right now are things like creating more study spaces, refurbishing the student union stage area, anything similar please send ideas over.
  - ii. Sydney Peifer-Picard: There is a mosquito problem in Hashinger so that is something that should be added to the list.
- f. Sydney Peifer-Picard: I had an initiative idea that I wanted to run by everyone. The wait times for all the food spots on campus are incredibly long. Even if the line is short, the wait time is long. My idea is to create an app or add to an existing one where you can see the wait times and students are able to plan accordingly.
  - i. Mac Francini: Even have been talking about long lines and campus wait times as an issue with our sodexo partners. I would suggest reaching out to sodexo to start with. Dean Price is well aware of them and scheduling becomes difficult when the busy times are in short bursts between classes and not for hours. Were you able to attend the sodexo meeting with us?



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- ii. Sydney Peifer-Picard: No, I did not, I do understand the staffing issue, I think more of an app is helpful for at least students to be able to plan around since the issue is obviously bigger than hiring more staff or kicking out students.
- iii. Mac Francini: I don't have all of the sodexo contact information but I know Alexis does and have specific info on managers of certain spots on campus you can reach out to.
- iv. Rachel Berns: I believe Olga is the one who heads many of the eateries on campus so she's a great first point of contact.
- g. Mac Francini: First, we will be voting next week so please make sure you have a laptop next week. It will track who voted what way if your constituents want to see that information, but it will only display it after the vote has been cast. Second, I am sending a link to the proposed statement between us and campus facilities for voting on a green fund. The purpose statement has been finalized and we would like to move forward with formalizing that relationship but wanted to give everyone a chance to look at it and make suggestions or comments.

**VII. Announcements**

- a. Sydney Peifer-Picard: there is a wellness challenge going on right now with Wellness and Rec, Elyse if you want to do a PR spotlight on that I can send you the contact.
- b. David Bryant: I wanted to mention that you should start reaching out to me first from now on about initiatives since I will be the primary advisor to the senate from now on.
- c. Adi Takei: Am I allowed to take the table supplies for next Saturday, SGA/ Chapman day at the farmers market, since we have a table?
  - i. Alexis Reekie: yes
  - ii. Adi Takei: great, also senators please sign up to table then.
- d. Rachel Berns: please make sure to raise your hand if you want to speak in meetings so I can call on you. Also, please be attentive and minimize the use of devices and



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only use them if you are making notes or want to keep track of documents. Thank you to Nicole who sent me the average class sizes, and if other senators have that information on hand please send it over as I work on this advocacy piece.

- e. Mac Francini: Please bring up the laminated name tags in front of your seat after senate, not your metal ones.

**VIII. Adjournment - 1:51 PM**

- a. Motion: Mo Hijazi
  - i. Second: Tiffany Le
    - 1. Unanimous