



CHAPMAN UNIVERSITY
SENATE MEETING AGENDA

Friday, October 15, 2021

I. Call to Order

a. Roll Call

- i. Absent: Daniella Benabou, Talia Israel

b. Approval of Minutes

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

c. Approval of Agenda

- i. Motion to add the Greek Life Arts and Justice Workshop to Old Business:
Hannah Welsh
 1. Second: Rachel Berns
 - a. Unanimous
- ii. Motion to Table Treats in the Streets to Old Business of next week's
business: Brady Francisco
 1. Second: Victoria Mas
 - a. Unanimous
- iii. Motion to Table Provost List Inflation under New Business next week:
Lexi Reekie
 1. Second: Rachel Berns
 - a. Unanimous
- iv. Motion to Approve: Hannah Welsh
 1. Second: Victoria Mas
 - a. Unanimous

d. Welcome Guests

II. Public Forum

- a. None



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III. Old Business

a. Greek Life Arts and Justice Workshop

- i. Hannah Welsh: \$8,500 being requested from the co-sponsorship line.
- ii. Zoe Panhellenic VP of Community Advancement: Requesting funds for speaker Lawrence Ross to speak to students both in the Greek community and in the larger Chapman community.
- iii. Hannah Welsh: The Allocations Committee has made the recommendation to fund this in full, but the event is approaching very quickly and that's why we are speaking today.
 1. Elyse Crimmins: Our main concern was the timeframe, why was this date chosen?
 - a. Zoe: It was the date that Lawrence Ross could attend.
 2. Hannah Welsh: What are your advertising plans?
 - a. Zoe: We have posters to distribute and will advertise over social media, as well as visiting every chapter meeting to encourage people to come. Diversity representatives from each chapter on campus will also speak about it.
 3. Elyse Crimmins: Are all attendees required to go to the entire workshop?
 - a. Zoe: No, they can come for periods of time, not required to be there for any amount of time.
- iv. Motion: Rachel Berns
 1. Second: Kyle Tanimura
 - a. Unanimous

b. School of Communication Trailblazer Program

- i. Kyle Tanimura: We will not be moving forward with the word "endorsement" because it could cause issues in the future. We are having a conversation about adding verbiage to our bylaws or Constitution to clear things up.

IV. Committee Reports

a. Allocations



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- i. Hannah Welsh: No Graduate Entrance Exam applications to review this week, so please promote this to your constituents. We approved three requests, tabled one, and have three before you all today.

b. University & Academic Affairs

- i. Sarah Band: Reviewing details of Cocoa and Conversation to present to you next week. Talked about outdoor seating options and promoting charging stations around campus and putting them outside. Considering a mental health initiative, and mask and smoking initiatives for the committee.

c. Diversity Affairs

- i. Victoria Mas: We have not made contact with Dr. Reg, meeting with Chris for a follow up on the Transformative Justice Workshop, and want to hear an update about the Graphic Design Assistant since we need to post graphics.

d. Community Outreach

- i. Brady Francisco: We will have pumpkins for Treats on the Streets on Thursday the 28th from 4-7pm. There will be a shift spreadsheet posted to Facebook this weekend, please sign up to attend.

e. Executive Council

- i. Danny Gaitan: On Philip's behalf, there has been a hold on the Climate Action Awareness Plan that has been proposed to President Struppa who came back with feedback and guidance for how to approach the plan with an emphasis on the framework of sustainability and resilience. Undergraduate Research has slowed, a third party is coming in to review previous research studies. If you're experiencing delays, that is why. Lastly, the Executive VP of University Advancement has departed and is being replaced with the Dean of the Law School.
- ii. Christian Grevin: Fowler election has closed, welcome Tiffany, Senate is now complete.



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- iii. Avery Davidson: Town Hall is happening next Wednesday, students can have an open conversation with SGA. We will have flyers to post around campus.

V. New Business

a. The Player's Society-Rocky Horror

- i. Hannah Welsh: This is a yearly event, TPS is requesting \$1,000 for the rights for the show from the Student Org Funding line, we have made the recommendation to fund this in full.
- ii. Motion: Rachel Berns
 - 1. Second: Victoria Mas
 - a. Unanimous

b. Calliope Art & Literacy Magazine Printing

- i. Hannah Welsh: Calliope is requesting \$4,600 from the Academic Organization Funding line for printing the magazine. Calliope is produced by students, would like to print Fall 2020 and Fall 2021 issues.
 - 1. Tara Editor in Chief of Calliope: We are requesting to print the Fall 2020 version because we did not print them while online, as well as the upcoming Fall 2021 magazine. The cost for Fall 2021 is a rough estimate because the magazine is not finalized yet.
 - a. Brady Francisco: Why are you printing last year's edition?
 - i. Tara: So the writers and artists can have printed versions of their work to boost confidence and add to their portfolios.
 - b. Rachel Berns: Why is the Spring 2020 version not being printed as well?
 - i. Tara: We'll be requesting the printing next semester with Spring 2021.
 - c. Rachel Berns: Do you have an estimate of how many authors or artists are involved in each magazine?
 - i. Tara: Spring 2020 we had 10-11 writers and about 20 artists, but it varies year to year.



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2. Motion: Hannah Welsh
 - a. Second: Brady Francisco
 - i. Unanimous

- c. **Motion to add Provost List Inflation back to the Agenda:** Richard Rodriguez
 - i. Second: Mo Hijazi
 1. Unanimous

- d. **Provost List Inflation**
 - i. Richard Rodriguez: The Undergraduate Academic Council is having a conversation about raising the minimum GPA requirement for the Provost List higher than a 3.6 GPA. About 40% of the student body is on this list.
 1. Rachel Berns: What's the average GPA requirement for other university's lists? Are we low or do we have a really high average?
 - a. Richard Rodriguez: Usually it's a 3.8 but it varies.
 2. Cristina Molina: I don't necessarily agree with raising the GPA, why was 3.6 decided on originally?
 - a. Richard Rodriguez: Unsure. But most people aren't aware of the Provost List even though most people are on it.
 3. Lexi Reekie: Is part of this initiative to send emails to those on the List?
 - a. Richard Rodriguez: Outreach after determining the GPA.
 4. Hannah Welsh: Increasing the GPA makes it more selective and more of an honor. With that, maybe physical letters can be sent.
 - a. Victoria Mas: I disagree, raising the GPA for prestige decreases inclusivity.
 - i. Richard Rodriguez: To clarify, this change would happen in likely a year or more.
 5. Lexi Reekie: Could a Dean's List also be added for a lower GPA requirement in addition to the Provost List?
 - a. Richard Rodriguez: Yes, we could consider that.



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6. Rachel Berns: Dean's List would be a good option. Once so many people get the honor of being on the List, it loses meaning. Making it more selective would increase its meaning.
7. Brady Francisco: I don't think this would impact anyone other than Chapman students comparing each other. Your resume wouldn't really be impacted with or without it.
 - a. Rachel Berns: The List likely won't get you a job anyway.
 - i. Mo Hijazi: Agree with Rachel, this is about self gratification.
8. Kyle Tanimura: Two sides: are we trying to make the Provost List more well known honor, and that it needs to be recognized if it's a higher prestige. But I agree we want it to be inclusive, and a Dean's List in addition would help that, there are many schools that do this.
9. Victoria Mas: People use this honor on applications, for scholarships, and more than just jobs. Taking it away would not benefit those people.
 - a. Cristina Molina: I agree with Victoria. I don't want to take the honor away from students.
 - i. Sarah Band: The Provost List is on a semester basis, it wouldn't be taken away from anyone. If you don't make the requirement, you aren't awarded for that semester.
10. Kyle Tanimura: We need to speak to our constituencies about this issue.
11. Lexi Reekie: Did you want our thoughts or an answer?
 - a. Richard Rodriguez: We just want feedback.

VI. Open Forum

- a. Rachel Berns: Issues with Room Bookings are happening, specifically with rooms being locked and PSafe not responding to calls.
 - i. Kyle Tanimura: I've had issues as well.
 1. Sarah Band: I will be emailing PSafe and can speak to them.



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- a. Rachel Berns: How can we clarify how the rooms can be opened is the biggest issue.
 - i. Sarah Band: If a student org senator could help with the Event Scheduling side? Thank you Lexi.

- b. Victoria Mas: Are there updates with the PR assistant?
 - i. Avery Davidson: Still working on finding an assistant.

- c. Kyle Tanimura: Tabling spreadsheet will be posted for the SOC Trailblazer program, would love for you to support and be there.

- d. Sarah Band: Do you have any thoughts for the survey for Cocoa and Conversations?
 - i. Danny Gaitan: What is the event?
 - 1. Sarah Band: Event consists of a survey of students so we can utilize data, if they take the survey they can come and get a reusable cup and hot cocoa.

VII. Announcements

- a. Danny Gaitan: Finalizing retreat timing, please fill out the Google Form with your availability. New Senators please confirm your office hours with Mary Ren.

VIII. Adjournment

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