



CHAPMAN UNIVERSITY
SENATE MEETING AGENDA
Friday, November 4th, 2022

I. Call to Order - 1:04 PM

a. Roll Call

- i. Absent: Whitney Gassmann Mennes, Amanda Dornsife, Anya Nguyenkhoa

b. Approval of Minutes

- i. Motion: Sydney Pfeifer Picard
 - 1. Second: Mo Hijazi
 - a. Unanimous

c. Approval of Agenda

- i. Motion: Daniella Benabou
 - 1. Second: Mo Hijazi
 - a. Unanimous

d. Welcome Guests

II. Public Forum

- a. None

III. Committee Reports

a. Allocations

- i. Tiffany Le: Reviewed 26 requests, approved 13, 5 in partial, tabled 2, denied 3, and have 3 before senate.

b. University & Academic Affairs

- i. Daniella Benabou: created a document with all possible initiatives that were received from the survey and people are able to add onto it.

c. Diversity Affairs



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- i. Riya Belani: met with Dr.Reg and the Sodexo Team to go over updates and talk about Ramadan takeout options. Talked about expansion of hallel options as well as meeting with faculty to talk about professor reports.
- d. Community Outreach
 - i. Adi Takei: talk about the first aid kit distribution and partnering with local orange organizations.
- e. Executive Council
 - i. Alexis Reekie: met with library Dean to talk about complaining about a list of test option rooms without a busy background or galleries in them.
 - ii. Mac Francini: Interview with Chapman News about safety and drug use on campus.
 - iii. Elyse Crimmins: Sweatshirts should be handed out next senate, and adding on PR resources like the career and graduate fund, newspapers and YOU at Chapman
- f. External Committee Updates
 - i. None

IV. Old Business

- a. None

V. New Business

a. Budget Reallocation Proposal

- i. Tiffany Le: We are requesting to move \$4,000 from the conference sponsorships and \$4,000 from the career and graduate testing fund to add \$8,000 to student organizations. As well as take \$2,900 from internal development to put it into elections fund.
- ii. Riya Belani: What was the reasoning in putting more money into the elections fund?



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- iii. Elyse Crimmins: The spring constitutional election we really want to promote and get people to vote since we haven't been able to pass the constitution in a couple years so a lot of this will be going into incentives and PR.
- iv. David Bryant: The goal is to get this passed and just to make sure that this happens which will also need a lot of senator help.

- 1. Motion to approve the budget reallocation: Mo Hijazi

- a. Second: Riya Belani

- i. Unanimous

b. The Player's Society Funding Request

- i. Tiffany Le: They are requesting \$1000 for their Xtra files musical. Allocations at the time of meeting did not have enough information in order to make a solid decision on whether to approve this request or not.
 - ii. Representative: we are a theater and musical group on campus. One of their main priorities is to keep costs down for students and all the ticketing money they do get goes right back into the club though this is a very small cost. They are asking for \$1000 and the rest of the \$900 will come from the individuals. The funding they are asking for is Tap Mats, set pieces like chairs and tape, and costumes.
 - iii. Mo Hijazi: The reason we recommended to deny, from Allocations stand point, was because we didn't know specifically what the \$1000 would be funding on the spreadsheet if it would be everything or if things were missing. Some of the things we can't fund, like what is listed as "porn magazines" and the weapons need to be checked and approved by fire and safety.
 - iv. Representatives: The magazines will not have actual porn in them, they'll just be called that for the show and we are getting the other things approved by fire and safety.



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- v. Lauren Bramlett: For the tap mats, if you would be willing to share them in the future with other organizations and productions, CDA would be willing to split the price with you all.
- vi. Representative: I would be willing to discuss with other board members and can let you know.
- vii. Bailey Pradhan: Have you reached out to the theater department to potentially use some of their equipment like for the couch prop?
- viii. Representative: our current couch prop are three chairs and a sheet over it but for future things we can reach out to them.
- ix. Riya Belani: If CDA were to be able to split the cost of the tap mats with them, would we table this request?
- x. Rachel Berns: I believe this event is next weekend so I do not think it would be able to be delayed.
- xi. Mo Hijazi: How would you be planning on storing the equipment if we choose to fund it so other and for future use it is kept in good condition?
- xii. Representative: it is all handed down from President to President.

- 1. Motion to fund the Player's Society Request in full for \$1000: Mo Hijazi

- a. Second: Cristina Iboden

- i. 1 abstention, 15 approve

c. Dance Collective Collaborative Conference Funding Request

- i. Tiffany Le: They are asking for \$2,788.64 from the cosponsorship line and this was recommended to fund in full.
- ii. Representative: This helps many of the students the ability to get professional insight and experience in the professional and pre-professional dance industry. It also helps other dancers be aware of the dance program that Chapman has and lets the student show off how they have been able to grow.



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iii. Mo Hijazi: This is not for academic credit or associated with any class correct?

iv. Representative: No, this is just for the company.

1. Motion to fund the Dance Collective Collaborative Conference
Funding Request for the full amount of \$2,788.64: Riya Belani

a. Second: Nicole Drew

i. Unanimous

d. Wilkinson Winterfest Funding Request

i. Nicole Drew: I am requesting \$650 from the Co-Sponsorship line. This would go to fund the Wilkinson winterfest which helps create a sense of community between Wilkinson students and helps them unwind before finals. It will be Friday December 2nd from 4-6 in AF119 and the funding amount covers food, decorations, and craft supplies.

1. Motion to approve the Wilkinson Winterfest Funding request for \$650: Cintya Felix

a. Second: Riche Amarillsa

i. 1 abstention, 15 approve

VI. Open Forum

a. Daniella Benabou: We'll be doing the sodexo starbucks coffee tasting on Wednesday November 16th. I posted the sign up in the slack and please wear your name tag if you will be going

b. Mo Hijazi: I wanted to talk about a funding cap per event for the future and have a discussion about this since it might help alleviate some of the financial issues we keep running into.

i. Riya Belani: Would it be a cap like no more than \$10,000 per event or per org in the entire year?

ii. Mo Hijazi: I think it would be for a particular event.



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- iii. Sydney Pfeifer Picard: how would we introduce that for things that we have funded in the past? Just so everyone knows and that they can plan accordingly far enough in advance if we implement this change.
- iv. Mo Hijazi: we could implement it the next year while planning things to hopefully give them enough of a heads up in advance.
- v. Rachel Berns: I wonder how this would work for larger scale events and if there is a large amount past the cap we pick. We don't want to deeply hinder them.
- vi. Alexis Reekie: we are still meant to support student organizations and the greater student body so this cap could come with some big problems later on. Especially since we want to promote events that involve a large amount of the student body if it has a long reach.
- vii. Nicole Drew: we could have a cap based on how many students are going to be participating in each event so it could be adjusted.
- viii. Adi Takei: I think if we did caps it shouldn't be a flat rate since it is up to the orgs to decide how much they think they need and then through discussions we would be able to fund if partial if we see fit.
- ix. Mo Hijazi: I think the attendance idea is a good choice and it pushes for growth and more student involvement to create a bigger impact for the Chapman community.
- x. Adi Takei: If there were a cap based on attendance it would be hard to decide what orgs that applies to. Like if it's a private event for that club to benefit or if it impacts beyond that.
- xi. Mac Francini: I would say if you are interested or passionate about those kinds of ideas bring that up with allocations, finance and Laney as they are all going through an audit right now.
- xii. Kayla Weichert: I think we have a lot of great large high quality scale events that either are or could become traditional and it's hard to give them less



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- money. I think approaching the student org's and their senators doing so letting them know the issues and changes that are being made so you are preparing them. You don't have to wait for them to come in to request and if we know they will be coming in, starting those conversations now is good.
- xiii. Tiffany Le: We also want to make sure that whoever is coming in for funding has truly exhausted all of their options. And communicating that as a factor for their funding request.
- xiv. Sydney Pfeifer Picard: is there a way to prove that they have reached out to other sources for funding?
- xv. Tiffany Le: typically it would just be asking them what they have done and in their budget sheet how they have been getting funding. Or also screenshots of them reaching out and getting denied.
- xvi. Elyse Crimmins: I think even adding a section onto the application for next year asking if they have reached out to other Chapman or otherwise orgs for funding help would be good.
- xvii. Riya Belani; I think even connecting clubs to other resources on campus so we aren't funding the same thing over and over that people can be sharing.
- xviii. Lauren Bramlett: It feels like part of the issue isn't that we are funding unreasonable amounts or requests, I think it is just that we are a growing community with more student engagement and people wanting to do more. I think we are going to run into the problem over and over again.
- xix. Alexis Reekie: The only way our budget would increase is if the student activities fees increased.
- c. Sydney Pfeifer Picard: I was thinking of starting doing a peer advising/ mentor and mentee program and wanted to hear back on what people have.
- i. Mo Hijazi: it didn't work great since most people find those connections outside, like in orgs like greek life or otherwise. They could be paired with professors and this might be better.



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- ii. Adi Takei: If anything, have it put on by the college so the mentors can get credit since the mentees are the ones gaining a lot.
- iii. Tiffany Le: The thing that's hard with this is getting professors to be involved and having them spearhead this. If no one is willing to then it won't happen.

VII. Announcements

- a. Daniella Benabou: Please add to the initiatives sheet and reach out to people on the ones you are interested in working on.

VIII. Adjournment - 2:05 PM

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