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**SENATE MEETING AGENDA**  
ZOOM MEETING  
Monday, July 12, 2021

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- I. Call to Order**
  - a. Roll Call**
    - Absent: Kyle Tanimura, Hannah Welsh
  - b. Approval of Minutes**
    - Motion: Rachel Berns
    - Second: Victoria Mas
      - Unanimous
  - c. Approval of Agenda**
    - Motion: Sarah Band
    - Second: Victoria Mas
      - Unanimous
  - d. Welcome Guests**
    - None
- II. Public Forum**
  - a. None
- III. Old Business**
  - a. None
- IV. Committee Reports**
  - a. Allocations
    - Rachel Berns: I'll be reporting on behalf of Allocations, we had our first June meeting and we're in the process of scheduling our July meeting. We went over basic allocations processes, we reviewed and approved one request, and we have none before you all today. Thank you.
  - b. University & Academic Affairs**
    - Sarah Band: I'm reporting on behalf of the University & Academic Affairs Committee, I personally met with Michelle Suprendino with IS&T this past week. We decided where the new Quickie Boost portable chargers are going to go on campus. One will go in Keck, one will go in AF by student union stage or laptops to go, one will go in Crean, and one will go in Starbucks in Beckman.
  - c. Diversity Affairs**
    - Victoria Mas: We met in June and we discussed moving forward with the diversity infographics you may have seen on the SGA instagram. We've been in the works with PR and trying to move forward to decide



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what we're going to do for this year. If you have anything that you want to put on the Instagram, any ideas in regards to diversity, go ahead and send us an email and we will put that in the works.

**d. Community Outreach**

- Danny Gaitan: We will be putting through approval later this meeting for a committee chair, thank you.

**e. Executive Council**

- Philip Goodrich: A couple of things, you got a news briefing, or two now, from Greta. Going forward she's going to be sending those every Friday, those are just a way for everyone to stay up to date with things happening in higher ed at Chapman and in the world, so part of our responding to things happening and being in the know. Hopefully you find that valuable, she's going to be sending that every Friday. We had another meeting as part of our climate action plan discussion, so this is our climate change advocacy. I think it's moving in the right direction, we have some standing meetings scheduled for every six weeks, and we're making some progress so more updates hopefully to come. Danny and I went to a meeting this past Wednesday, so those are going well. And then, as far as other kind of initiative meetings, on August 2nd we now have a meeting for You At College, which is the mental health and well being service that we've been pursuing. And we're bringing together all the decision makers, hopefully this will be the day where we either decide to move forward, or we think of another option, so that's exciting that we finally have that on the calendar. And then another broader update on our transition back to in person and fall operations for SGA specifically will be coming out probably later this month. We're still fine tuning things, but again it's looking like it's going to be primarily in person with some hybrid options. Especially for office hours and whatnot so we'll keep you posted, but if you have any questions or input there, please let Danny and I know.
- Danny Gaitan: Thank you so much for everyone's flexibility to be able to make these meetings, especially during the summer break. I'm hoping to get ahead of the ball tomorrow and by me, I mean Mary Ren, she'll probably send out an email tomorrow to get availability to



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schedule that August senate meeting. But that will probably also have a dual connection, as we want to solidify office hours for each Senator and exact position for this upcoming semester so be on the lookout for that. Unfortunately we did have the College of Performing Arts Senator give her resignation due to personal reasons, so we will be having that position open for the fall elections. Reach out to anyone in the College of Performing Arts, since that will be an open position. And if you have any questions regarding that, feel free to come directly to me.

- Avery Davidson: I wanted to give an update, hopefully you all saw my email and if not, it's just to mention that I'm going to start, or rather continue senator spotlight posts on Instagram this year. I think it's a great way for senators for your constituency and members of your college, and everyone to get to know you and your platform. And also on a more personal level, to know a bit more of who you are. If you check my email that has all of the details for you as far as what to send me, and I have a due date for that, the 23rd of July. If you have any questions you can go ahead and email me back.

**V. New Business**

**a. Approval of Election Committee**

- Christian Grevin: I have the election committee to bring before all of you to get approved. I have chosen six members, the first member is Lizbeth. She is a sophomore with a major in accounting. My reasoning for picking her is that she has past experience in student government, in high school she spent a lot of time in it and she's also involved on campus and had amazing ideas for outreach. The next person is Cynthia, she is also a sophomore and she's a business administration major. My reasoning for selecting her is she has great community outreach experience as well, and has great ideas for increasing voter turnout, and she was overall very excited about being a member within SGA. The next person I've selected is Quinn, she is also a sophomore, she is a communication studies major. She's heavily involved on campus, passionate about being involved in SGA, and she has past experience with community outreach which is very important for this committee. Next member is Sabrina, she is a senior, a history and political science major, and I have chosen her because



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she has great ideas for increasing voter turnout, she's highly involved on campus in multiple organizations, and she's also very passionate about being a part of SGA. Next member is Erisa, she's a senior political science and history double major. She has graphic design experience, she's highly involved on campus, and she has great planning and organization skills, which is very important for the committee. And then finally we have Sabrina, she's also a senior and a business administration major. She's passionate about getting involved in SGA and has shown interest, and has great ideas for increasing voter turnout as well. Those are the six members that I have brought before you all to be approved.

- Motion: Brady Francisco
- Second: Rachel Berns

(1) Unanimous by chat

**b. Approval of Community Outreach Chair**

- Danny Gaitan: Hi everyone, I wanted to bring forward to Senate a candidate for the Community Outreach Committee Chair. After a grueling search, Brady Francisco has decided to put forth his name. A little about him, he is a rising sophomore creative producing major, and the reasons I was moved to put him forth is the previous leadership experience that he has, and he also supported numerous community initiatives with external organizations. Feel free to open the floor for Q&A for Brady.

- Victoria Mas: I would love to learn about these community initiatives with these external organizations.

(1) Brady Francisco: Of course, back in high school I was the executive Vice President of ASB back to back, one of the community initiatives that we did with the Ronald McDonald house was called a VHS drive, it was a clever spin on our own school name called VHS, but it wasn't just a drive for VHS tapes but DVDs, board games, and toys that people wanted to donate to the children being housed in the Ronald McDonald house in San Diego at the time. It was actually brought up as an idea by one of our own members from our own student government,



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because he had previously been housed in the Ronald McDonald houses when he was going through surgery. A few years prior, another community service initiative that we do annually at my high school is called Tony's Toy Drive, we had a counselor named Tony who passed away and she always wanted to put on a drive where we collected toys for children in need to donate to the Salvation Army. We usually mixed it up every year, where we got a different organization or charity to donate the toys and usually those were very successful.

- Rachel Berns: Do you have any ideas for this upcoming year for any community outreach initiatives to conduct at college level that you would like to share with the group?
  - (1) Brady Francisco: I'm going to be maintaining or carrying on a couple of initiatives that were started by the previous chair, he was the one who started the graphic series where we posted on social media about small local businesses that might need help, especially BIPOC owned businesses during the pandemic. He also started an initiative in which we provided a weekly update on our own COVID numbers, whether there were students or staff members that may have contracted it and in which buildings or parts of campus might have been affected. I think those are two essential things that we need to keep going forward with, especially in the new year if COVID is still a thing, whether you like it or not, and being public and transparent with our own affairs with COVID is always a good thing to be open with our community, and the Orange community as a whole. Also, you know not only maintaining those two initiatives, but I'd also like to start some new ones in which hopefully going forward, we can do more in person events and maybe get together with the Orange community and facilitate stronger connections, not just the healthy symbiotic one we already have, but socially and



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economically, where we can do in person events, supporting the local businesses that we have in Orange. And maybe some in person events that we can get our students, especially arts, maybe to share their talents not only with the school but with the greater orange community.

- Motion: Mo Hijazi
- Second: Richard Rodriguez  
(1) Unanimous by chat

**VI. Open Forum**

**a. Commencement Apparel**

- Philip Goodrich: We were in a meeting with Chris Hutchinson who's one of our advisors on Friday, and we were talking about how there was a student who reached out asking about renting Grad apparel. Which kind of created a larger conversation around the commencement year and whatnot. Right now there's no rentals through Follett, the company that provides Chapman's commencement apparel, so we were talking about that from an equity standpoint, a sustainability standpoint, and we figured with Chris' pushing this a little bit, since he's seen this be an issue for a while, that there's some advocacy potential here. So we're trying to figure out what ways to approach this, and we wanted to open up the discussion before we did so, to see if you had any insight, ideas, concerns, things we should be aware of, if you want to be a part of this effort. Wanted to have that conversation during open forum. If you have any questions I'll try to answer, but that's the gist of where we are.
  - Alexis Reekie: I have a question, would it be possible for past students to donate their apparel if they don't want to use theirs again, so other students can purchase them or leave them at the school for the next year's students to use? Would that be a way for us to do some type of not rental but borrow system?  
(1) Philip Goodrich: So all ideas are really on the table right now. I will note something that we did a while back that we don't do anymore, this was like a handful of years ago, we worked with I believe it was the Vice Provost



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Office for Undergraduate Education on basically a commencement apparel fund. So we sponsored it and their office kind of administered it, and that's how we went about it. So that's kind of one thing we're tossing around, I personally lean more toward a rental route, just from a sustainability and equity standpoint and it just seems to make the most sense. I don't know about you, but I'm not going to probably wear the robes again in my life and it doesn't make sense to keep it. I think that's where I'm currently leaning but yes, Lexi, that's definitely an idea.

- Brady Francisco: I was wondering why they phased out the funds in the first place, if it was working back in the day.
  - (1) Philip Goodrich: I don't really know, I think it was a byproduct of SGA transitions and turnover, I don't think anything bad happened per se but I don't think it was unsuccessful.
- Sarah Band: Back in high school I was part of a club that basically we had a sort of allocations where we had a form to fill out for people, low income students, who needed books, caps, gowns, and other things. But something like going off with what we used to do, where they had funding where students are able to submit a funding request for caps and gowns if they don't have the funds to purchase them. That's what my group did in high school, just an idea.
- Coury Hawks: I really like the idea of rental, just because this is the sustainability aspect of it. Do we have a place where the university could house caps and gowns?
  - (1) Philip Goodrich: So that's one of the issues with rentals, there's no campus space to store that stuff. So that's one of the barriers that we'd have to get around with this advocacy, but yeah you identified one of the few hurdles in the rental advocacy.





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- Mo Hijazi: The company that supplies the school with all the commencement things, is there a reason why they don't do rentals?
  - (1) Philip Goodrich: I don't know.
- Victoria Mas: In response to the issue of the rental idea, I think that giving people that option is a good idea, but I also think that maybe we can think about creating or using some money that we have and creating a fund to, like Sarah was saying, to give people the opportunity to purchase things, so we can pay the cost for them. But if we used a company where students can rent their cap and gown, couldn't they directly ship that to them, would we even have to have a place to house the cap and gowns? Or is that not how this rental stuff works, is like rental straight through Chapman, is that the idea of what a rental is?
  - (1) Philip Goodrich: I don't think there is a standard necessarily, so I guess this discussion is more just any ideas that you have, so Victoria that'd be a very valid one. It's also important to keep in mind the limitations that some things could have but I don't really know the answer to that.
- Alexis Reekie: I think if you come up with any more ideas, reach out to Philip directly with that.

**b. Welcome Back Week**

- Philip Goodrich: As you might have heard, the University's planning a Welcome Back Week, so this is not necessarily welcome week for new freshmen and transfers, but it's welcome back to the sophomores so there's a larger emphasis on supporting sophomores and providing sophomores with a more traditional campus experience. Part of that, Chapman's doing some work in this regard and so SGA is trying to figure out what role we're going to play. I'll give you a tentative update, this is probably not solidified yet but it probably will be. Right now we might be sponsoring kind of an Angel's game and tailgate just as an example of something that we're thinking of. I know that's not necessarily our domain, but we figured you know, part of our goals are supporting students on our return to campus, and Student Affairs





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reached out and asked if we were interested in this. If not, that's totally fine, we're still thinking about it, but that's one option. We wanted to throw it out to you all, because we've been talking with Avery about tabling during the first week of classes, just to reintroduce students to SGA. Maybe handing out free food, just to get people excited to be back on campus, make sure people know who SGA is and to form some of those relationships. Again, similar to the previous discussion, we wanted to open it up, a dialogue about how SGA can welcome students back and to hear your thoughts.

- Rachel Berns: Again on the train of questions that may not have answers, do we know if UPB is doing anything because the Angel's game sounded like it'd be in their territory, so I wasn't sure if that's competing with them, or if they're doing something very similar.

(1) Philip Goodrich: Yeah, they're actually doing most of the stuff so they've been working pretty much with student affairs on developing the itinerary and STudent Affairs reached out to us asking. So I wouldn't be crossing anyone, more so just if we want to support that, which I think wouldn't be a bad thing to support. I know it's not our policy domain, but it's part of our effort of supporting students and our return to campus so I thought it could be good, but if people disagree, please let us know.

- Victoria Mas: I think this is a good idea, and I think our whole point is to support students, I think that's what students need. I also think it'd be a good idea, I like the idea of tabling maybe the first week or two because for Freshmen and Sophomores to show what SGA is, to see some pretty faces, and we can talk to them and give them the rundown, tell them they have somebody to come get advice from. I think that'd be a really good idea and that if you need some help, it would be something that we should do.

(1) Coury Hawks: I agree, I was going to say I think this would be a good time to promote some of our, especially



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college and student org senators, and maybe have a pamphlet of “oh here’s a contact” this isn’t the most fun or exciting thing, but if people are in the piazza, which they will be, that’s a good time to get that information out especially, as you know, some of you guys are already infiltrating orientation, this is another group of people that know you.

- Danny Gaitan: So I know this is targeting sophomores, and that’s what they keep saying, but coming from the transfer point of view, are they targeting the “first years” that came to campus, or are they just really focusing on the sophomore standing class? That was the grey area for me that I’ve been sitting on for a while.
  - (1) Victoria Mas: I’m not answering your question but I’m adding on, I don’t feel like it should just be directing this for sophomores or for the freshmen, I feel like this should be for everybody, like welcome back post COVID for the transfers, or even the seniors that missed that interaction, that missed out on the past year or whatever. I feel like we should target everybody, but obviously always important to get new people, but for everyone.
    - (a) Rachel Berns: I agree that we can be more inclusive, on the website it keeps saying rising sophomores, so I think the intention is for it to be for traditional first year students who did not transfer. I don’t know if there are other plans for our transfer students, I hope there are, but the verbiage on the website sounds very like “class of 2025”.
- Philip Goodrich: I have two thoughts. I guess I coupled the idea of tabling and the Welcome Back Week. The welcome back table is more just a general return to campus, so that’s not just tabling for sophomores, that’ll be for everyone. As far as the Angel’s situation goes, and the tailgate, just that little event,



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Chris was saying that right now it's kind of targeted as part of that week just for sophomores, but we have the potential to open it up if we see fit, so we could consider doing that. The other thing is, this could be something to reach out to as far as just asking about transfer students, so Upperclassmen senator: that could be something to add to the list and to contact Student Affairs, and Dean of Students office.

- Coury Hawks: What is our role in the Angel's stadium tailgate thing, it's not that we're event planning, we're not purchasing angel's tickets? What does that look like?
  - (1) Philip Goodrich: No, we're not event planning, we might be supporting it financially but that's TBD. Obviously that would come before all of you and wouldn't be a unilateral decision. It might be paid for by student's, that's all still in the early stages. If we were to do like a tailgate or something which was talked about, which I find to have more value, is kind of having a place where SGA can kind of mingle with people and provide a fun little space during this first week of classes--not during orientation week. I think that could be good, again, SGA like you said Coury is not in the business of event planning, but sometimes we can kind of host things that are part of our mission.
    - (a) Coury: Is this an on campus thing that we're trying to host? For the tailgate thing.
      - (i) Philip Goodrich: Right now, we're calling it a tailgate because of sports but the plan is tentatively to do something on campus and then students will be bused to the game using that bus stop on Glassell so we would basically just provide a venue, provide some food, and senators and everyone would be there to mingle and it would be hosted by SGA. So it would kind



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(a) Coury Hawks: If we're providing food, are there regulations and does it have to be Sodexo or can we make it fun?

(i) Philip Goodrich: It has to be Sodexo. COVID regulations, there's probably going to be prepackaged stuff or you need a server, that's what I've been told. And that goes across the board, so if we're going to table with food, it probably needs to be prepackaged stuff from Sodexo which they would take care of.



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(a) Coury Hawks: I'm so sorry PHilip, I guess this leads me to a different question of if we're allowed to have that many people in a space and tailgate then is there an update about COVID regulations in general or are we going forward like this is nothing?

(i) Philip Goodrich: I think more specific stuff will be coming out soon, that's what I've been told, I think we're kind of all assuming that there's going to be pretty few regulations in place. If things don't change I think that's where we're headed.

o Sarah Band: Going back a little bit, Philip, when you said contact the Dean of Students or Student Affairs regarding the transfer stuff, what exactly did you mean? Was that in regards to more big picture, or was it the Angel's game stuff, or is it just what can we do for transfer students?

(1) Philip Goodrich - I think a little bit of both, what can the university do for transfer students and it begs the question, are transfer students part of this Welcome Back Week (which I don't think is really the emphasis). And then what programming or events are there to support transfer students in addition to sophomores?

**VII. Announcements**

**a. Next Training: August 2, 2021 @ 5:30pm PST**

- Danny Gaitan: We have our next training session scheduled for Monday, August 2nd at 5:30 PST via Zoom, more details to come with your confirmation and what to expect closer to that date.

**VIII. Adjournment**



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- a. Motion: Victoria Mas
- b. Second: Elyse Crimmins
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