



CHAPMAN UNIVERSITY
SENATE MEETING AGENDA
Friday, September 10, 2021

I. Call to Order

a. Roll Call

- i. Absent: None

b. Approval of Minutes

- i. Motion: Jonathan Verigno
 - 1. Second: Elyse Crimmins
 - a. Unanimous

c. Approval of Agenda

- i. Motion: Sarah Band
 - 1. Second: Kyle Tanimura
 - a. Unanimous

d. Welcome Guests

II. Public Forum

- a. None

III. Old Business

- a. None

IV. Committee Reports

a. Allocations

- i. Hannah Welsh: Tabled one request, approved two requests, denied one.

b. University & Academic Affairs

- i. Sarah Band: No report.

c. Diversity Affairs

- i. Victoria Mas: Prepping a workshop, will be proposed in the coming weeks, infographic going out on Instagram soon.

d. Community Outreach

- i. Brady Francisco: Tabling tomorrow from 8:30am-12pm at the Farmer's Market for Chapman Day.

e. Executive Council

- i. Philip Goodrich: Student Org. printers that SGA funded resume Monday, printer is located on the first floor of AF by the laptops to go kiosk. Every



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student org. President has 250 pages of printing per semester. Climate Action Plan meeting this week went well. Met with Provost Bouchard about COVID policies, shared feedback, attended the meet and greet on 9/21 with her.

- ii. Coury Hawks: Finance team finalized, Graduate Testing Fund will open this coming Monday, budget quarter report will be presented soon.
- iii. Christian Grevin: Campaign week happening, 17 people running: 7 for Lowerclassmen, 4 for Diversity, 3 for Civic, 2 for Leisure, 1 for COPA. Voting begins Monday through Wednesday, post the graphic. Election Committee tabling Monday and Tuesday, Wednesday is the Involvement Fair: sign up for tabling.
- iv. Avery Davidson: No updates.

V. New Business

a. Dean Price

- i. Dean Price: The Dean of Students Office of Student Affairs tries to contribute to the learning environment by providing meaningful opportunities outside the classroom provided by Student Affairs staff. We assist students encountering barriers to their education, related to disabilities, health, mental health, and more. We also resolve conflicts involving students, allegations of misconduct in student conduct code, we determine whether behavior violates policy and advise accused students. We also assist students in distress: accident, family emergency, anything that would remove students from class.
 1. Rachel Berns: Students are frustrated with a lack of hybrid or virtual option for classes, why don't we have one?
 - a. Dean Price: This is the President and Provost's decision. Online education was not the Chapman education we want. Students' mental health suffered due to isolation. Having some people in person, some online is inferior in my experience. Worried about diminishing the quality of education. Some teaching cannot translate to a virtual format. Last week cases were 275, today they're 36.



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Chapman's contract immunologist and Orange County Health Care Agency believe those numbers are infections most students brought with them to Chapman. There's no evidence that the source of spread is the classroom. If there's no risk of contracting COVID by being in person in class, why would we make people go online and diminish their experience?

2. Hannah Welsh: Will there be a requirement for mandatory testing after Thanksgiving? Why wasn't testing thought about when students first came?
 - a. Dean Price: Unvaccinated must be tested twice a week. We are asking if we should also test vaccinated students. Immunologist and OC Health say it's not a good use of resources right now: testing vaccinated/asymptomatic vaccinated people. Test vaccinated symptomatic people. 1260 people have not submitted vaccination info. We tested 5,100 people last week: we tested as many unvaccinated people as vaccinated. We're not turning people away from testing. 82% of positive cases were for vaccinated students. We are talking about testing everyone after Thanksgiving.
3. Victoria Mas: Students don't want to be doing hybrid, but if a student gets COVID they should have that option. Students don't want to be penalized for being absent due to COVID.
 - a. Dean Price: Our activity in the first week would make me feel unsure if I was a student. We were caught off guard. We did not have a contract tracing plan in place. We learned, we don't want students to feel like they will be penalized. Going immediately back to Zoom may not be the answer for every class. If professors are not providing other forms of instruction, contact our office.
4. Juliana Glodek: Why haven't we utilized the hybrid tech that Chapman has invested in? Could professors record their class so students could watch it back if they are sick?



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- a. Dean Price: That's a perfectly acceptable alternative that professors have.
5. Sarah Band: Professors are not working with students. Do professors have more COVID info than students? Will there be uniformity for what professors do for students who get sick?
 - a. Dean Price: Everyone has the same info. Professors are expected to work with students, that would look different across the board due to different material being covered. Professors ghosting students is unacceptable, we will get involved to address that.
6. Mo Hijazi: If you are living with a roommate who tests positive, you cannot miss class without a positive test, even if you have a high probability of contracting COVID.
 - a. Dean Price: Most students are in isolation who have tested positive. Some are directed to quarantine if they haven't tested positive. The health center would give students a note about not going to class if they're quarantined which they can present.
7. Richard Rodriguez: Lecture based classes should have the equipment to broadcast, Zoom options should be offered if the equipment is there, why isn't it the minimum?
 - a. Dean Price: There's not 100% agreement within academic leadership. There's discussion on whether Zoom is ok, everything is being considered. Going fully back to virtual and not being in person is the biggest concern.
 - i. Philip Goodrich: We brought this up with the Provost, mandating recordings for COVID positive students, it could be good, not everyone agrees.
 - b. Dean Price: Zoom in my classroom wouldn't cause a distraction. It would be hard not to accommodate this way. This is my own perspective, others think differently. To note, we had sufficient space in our housing plan for students who tested positive, but North Moreland's



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plumbing break impacted that space. Students were relocated for September, but will move back on September 20th. Thank you.

8. Kyle Tanimura: What does Dean Price want us to say for our constituencies? Since President Biden recently called all US states to have schools require all staff and faculty be vaccinated, is the school considering that?
 - a. Philip Goodrich: We need to spread accurate information, make sure you know what CU Safely Back is saying. Get feedback from your constituencies so we can pass it on. Email us with questions for Dean Price so we can get them answered during our Friday meetings with him, or the Provost and President when we meet monthly with them. The second question, the federal order seems to be for states that are in a different situation than California, so I doubt it will affect Chapman.
9. Victoria Mas: There were many concerns about professors, they should be understanding about situations so students aren't worried about their grades and absences. Communication isn't clear.
10. Juliana Glodek: Since we invested in \$2 million for hybrid tech, they should consider using it.
 - a. Mo Hijazi: What will we do with the hybrid tech once COVID goes away? We should consider the pros that came from virtual learning, not just the cons. Reviewing lectures that were recorded was very helpful. We should have school-wide guidelines that detail policies.
 - i. Rachel Berns: The CU Safely Back website provides policies.
11. Richard Rodriguez: Big issue is roommates testing positive and contact tracing not being fast enough, and positive people going to class. Fraternity Rush will impact cases.
 - a. Philip Goodrich: Off campus and informal gathering is a big issue, these events are spreading COVID. We need to



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look at life off campus as well as on, and focus on the disease itself maybe before virtual learning.

b. Spelling Bee

- i. Hannah Welsh: Chapman Student Org. Productions requesting funds.
 1. Spencer, President of Chapman Student Org. Productions: Requesting funds to buy the rights of a show. Organization puts on a show outside of COPA programming, need more funding. Requesting \$2,065. Will request again in a few months, requests in past have been between \$8,000-13,000 from SGA which were granted.
- ii. Hannah Welsh: We recommend funding this request in full.
 1. Motion: Kyle Tanimura
 - a. Second: Mo Hijazi
 - i. Unanimous

VI. Open Forum

a. Yearbook

- i. Philip Goodrich: Why do we want the yearbook? If we want it, we can work out logistics.
 1. Speaker Reekie: The yearbook might want to fall under a different category than SGA, it could be its own entity or under The Panther.
- ii. Sarah Band: The yearbook is pointless, we all access what's in the yearbook on our phones.
 1. Hannah Welsh: You can't use guilt as a motivator to fund the Yearbook in terms of the staff's plea, we should not continue to fund it and push it towards the Panther or another org.
 - a. Richard Rodriguez: I agree. But if no other organization agrees to fund them, would it just dissolve or become its own entity?
 - i. Philip Goodrich: If we're not funding or sponsoring it, it dissolves since we are the hosts of the Yearbook.



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- iii. Rachel Berns: Could they be a student org and make it voluntary?
 - 1. Kayla Wiechert: No group of SGA in the past has wanted to kill the yearbook. Don't make your decision based on funding, because SGA has the money and can continue to have the money. Does the student body and you as student leaders think a yearbook is something you want to support?
 - a. Mo Hijazi: We should be moving to help the yearbook find a different organization to take over, not SGA.
 - 2. Kyle Tanimura: I agree, SGA should not take care of the yearbook, but help them find a new home with themselves or another org.
 - a. Victoria Mas: SGA shouldn't have our name on it, but I am willing to give them money for it.
- iv. Sarah Band: We should help them settle themselves as a club, they can ask for funding from us.
 - 1. Brady Francisco: We could set up a website for them.
- v. Philip Goodrich: We will vote on this soon, need to understand our decision.
 - 1. Sarah Band: Are people already hired?
 - a. Philip Goodrich: No.
- vi. Mo Hijazi: Could SGA fund a website for the yearbook?
 - 1. Philip Goodrich: We're working on this.
 - a. Coury Hawks: Karmen set up a training for student orgs to talk about websites last semester, only 2 orgs showed.
- b. Crean and Career Coffee**
 - i. Rachel Berns: Crean and Career Coffee happening Tuesday from 9-11:30am.
- c. Involvement Fair**
 - i. Christian Grevin: A reminder to sign up for the involvement fair on Wednesday from 11am-2pm, spreadsheet on Facebook for sign ups.
- d. Elections**
 - i. Victoria Mas: When will senators be sworn in?
 - 1. Christian Grevin: Friday.
 - ii. Sarah Band: Is there an infographic about elections?



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1. Christian Grevin: PR will put it on Facebook, please post it.

VII. Announcements

a. VP

- i. Danny Gaitan: Emphasize with elections coming that we are voting on the Constitution ratification. We need 20% of the student body but we want more. Office hours info has been sent out, we'll post on social media, give feedback regarding locations to me. Committee meetings now happen weekly.
 1. Kyle Tanimura: Could we advertise office hours on the SGA instagram? And can we advertise on our personal accounts?
 - a. Danny Gaitan: First question, yes SGA can market them. You can use any account to advertise.
- ii. Jonathan Verigno: Are we taking headshots soon?
 1. Danny Gaitan: TBD.

VIII. Adjournment

- a. Motion: Victoria Mas
 - i. Second: Sarah Band
 1. Unanimous / Adjournment 2:18pm PST.