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SENATE MEETING AGENDA
Friday, March 17th, 2023

I. Call to Order - 1:02 PM

a. Roll Call

- i. Absent: Alexis Reekie, Mac Francini, Whitney Gassmann Mennes, Misty Vu, Nicole Drew, Adi Takei, Cristina Inboden, Pamela Perez

b. Approval of Minutes

- i. Motion: Cintya Felix
 1. Second: Riya Belani
 - a. Unanimous

c. Approval of Agenda

- i. Motion to add Rebecca Day's funding request to new business: Tiffany Le
 1. Second: Sydney Pfeifer Picard
 - a. Unanimous
- ii. Motion to add Pamela Coelho funding request to new business: Tiffany Le
 1. Second: Daniella Benabou
 - a. Unanimous
- iii. Motion: Sydney Pfeifer Picard
 1. Second: Amanda Dornsife
 - a. Unanimous

d. Welcome Guests

II. Public Forum

- a. None

III. Committee Reports

- a. Allocations



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- i. Tiffany Le: reviewed 15-20 requests, denied 2, funded one, tabled 2, and approved the rest. And working on different ways to restructure the committee.
- b. University & Academic Affairs
 - i. Daniella Benabou: We are continuing the resource guide and should be meeting with Dean Price soon.
- c. Diversity Affairs
 - i. Riya Belani: We talked more about an LGBTQ scholarship idea along with a CCC initiative.
- d. Community Outreach
 - i. Adi Takei: NO ONE FROM COMMITTEE PRESENT
- e. Executive Council
 - i. Elyse Crimmins: The stoles order has been put in and ordered
 - ii. Anya Nguyenkhoa: The senator elections will take place the second week back from Spring break.
 - 1. On behalf of Alexis Reekie: The panther reached out about our funding policies and we sent over notes and information. We are going to revisit policies on organizations selling SGA funded items for a profit.
- f. External Committee Updates
 - i. Lauren Bramlett: The GE committee has been talking about the new DEI requirement and if they want FCC's to count for that. So STEM students if you have feedback whether specifically grand challenges should be included and if it addresses enough DEI aspects. Also UAC

IV. Old Business

- a. None



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V. New Business

a. Economics Society Funding Request

- i. Tiffany Le: They are requesting \$131.46 from the Academics Orgs line for food for a meeting they are hosting with a guest speaker. Allocations have recommended to fund this in full.
- ii. Representative: On March 29th we are planning on hosting Professor Kyle Hampton and in the past we've had about 20+ students attend guest speaker meetings and we are requesting Canes be catered.
 1. Motion to fund in the full amount of \$131.46: Riya Belani
 - a. Second: Amanda Dornsife
 - i. Unanimous

b. Rebecca Day Conference Funding Request

- i. Tiffany Le: Rebecca Day is requesting \$499.30 for the national conference on undergraduate research. In the original funding request \$500 was approved already from someone in the department so we would be making up the remaining.
- ii. Daniella Benabou: I can speak as a representative for both Becca and Pam as I was going to be attending the conference with them. They are going to present on a Creative and Cultural Industries Initiative called the Dream Machine. I know they're really excited about going and being able to present.
- iii. Lauren Bramlett: I know at the accreditation panel faculty have mentioned how helpful SGA has been in getting their students to conferences and it has been appreciated.
- iv. Riya Belani: What is the amount we would be funding and is it the same for both requests?
- v. Tiffany Le: Yes for both Rebecca and Pamela \$499.30.
 1. Motion to fund the request in the full amount of \$499.30: Amanda Dornsife



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a. Second: Riya Belani

i. Unanimous

c. South Asian Student Association (SASA) Funding Request

- i. Tiffany Le: They are requesting \$1000 for food and decorations for the Holi Festival of colors. Allocations have recommended to fund this in full.
- ii. Representative: Holi is a Hindu holiday where it is a celebration of good over evil. It is generally where people throw powdered color at each other. I want it to be an inclusive event where everyone, not just SASA members can come. We moved the date later as we have a smaller board and wanted to have time to plan. The Holi powder is typically bought in bulk and was about \$151-171 and are reusing some from last year. I know it was much bigger pre-covid so we are trying to restore it to that. We also want colorful and bright decorations and the event will be taking place March 31st from 12-3pm. Food will also be catered with Sodexo at about \$804 which is all Indian appetizers. Fire safety and risk had also been mentioned to have a wash up station so mess isn't being left everywhere. It would just be something small to clean up which would be no more than \$45. We also were thinking of getting water buckets or water guns as water is also thrown with the color. Most of the funding is from Sodexo.
- iii. Cintya Felix: In the request it says there is an expected 10-20 non-chapman guests. Who would that be?
- iv. Representatives: Our faculty advisor mentioned that they might tell other South Asian Faculty at other schools.
- v. Tiffany Le: Just to confirm the request is for \$1000 and the remaining costs would be covered by the CCC?
- vi. Representative: Yes we're getting about \$500 from the CCC but this also covers all costs for the club throughout the year, not just Holi.



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vii. Sydney Pfeifer Picard: Is the other \$500 coming out of pocket? As the event is \$2000 and if we cover \$1000 and you get \$500 from the CCC there still is that leftover amount.

viii. Representative: These were all rough estimates and the CCC did mention they might be able to give more.

1. Motion to I move to fund in the full amount of \$1000: Cintya Felix

a. Second: Tiffany Le

i. Unanimous

d. Pamela Coelho Conference Funding Request

i. Tiffany Le: requesting \$499.30 for the national conference on undergraduate research which is the same conference for the same purpose Rebecca is attending.

1. Motion to fund the request in the full amount of \$499.30: Tiffany Le

a. Second: Riya Belani

i. Unanimous

VI. Open Forum

a. Daniella Benabou: Dr. Larkin wanted me to mention an event they are having about climate conversations if you were interested in that and I can send that poster in the slack.

b. Anya Nguyenkhoa: In Article 10 Section 1 can be implemented by at least 10% of the student population which is 750 signatures. I don't want us to be securing signatures for something that we are not all on board with so I wanted to talk if anyone had any lingering concerns. I shared an anonymous forum for people to share their thoughts more freely and it only got one submission. "I think that the people who are not going to be present at Chapman to see these constitutional amendments, should not have a say in what is going on to impact the people who will still be here for the rest of our college experience. I'm more than welcome to hearing ideas and letting them leave



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their mark on campus. But for what is going to impact the students, they should leave it to those who will be here for another year or another 3.” I understand where this comes from because the seniors in the Senate have served for more than one term and have valuable information and input and they aren’t arbitrary. It’s less about leaving a legacy but more about leaving SGA better than it once was. If you take away the seniors, you take away an entire class.

- i. Sydney Pfeifer-Picard: I agree completely, what elections does it say seniors shouldn’t get to vote in? The senators, the VP and Presidents or the Constitution?
- ii. Anya Nguyenkhoa: I have no clue as it’s just a submission but I assume it’s just about the seniors here what we talk about during Senate.
- iii. Elyse Crimmins: To remove a portion of the senators to speak or vote is a bit undemocratic, everyone here was selected for their office and has a voice throughout the duration of their term.
- iv. Lauren Bramlett: As a senior Senator I see the points being made and I understand but I’m speaking out of the interest of my constituency not what I want just personally or as a Senior. We are representing an entire college and to tell us that we cannot speak because we are seniors doesn’t make sense.
- v. Sydney Pfeifer-Picard: we wouldn’t be able to do our jobs either without having older students help pave the way for us and guide us.
- vi. Tiffany Le: I think this is more language wise but in Article 2 Section 1 about the class senators, when talking about credits, does that cover only what has been fully completed or also what they are enrolled in.
- vii. David Bryant: It would be at the end of spring semester for the spring elections and whatever current standing for fall and special elections.
- viii. Rachel Berns: Is there a way to say credits done in residence? I know there are a lot of students who come in with like 30 credits from just AP



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classes and they are first year students. Is there a way to clarify this or does anyone else see this as an issue?

- ix. Cintya Felix: I agree because If I wanted to run for the sophomore senator and think of myself as a sophomore I wouldn't be allowed to based on my credits. There might be something worth visiting.
- x. Lauren Bramlett: I think if we are thinking about language like adding "in residence" I think we have to be cautious about how this is going to impact transfer students.
- xi. Eric Hall: Would there be able to just be room left for people to potentially run for either?
- xii. Rachel Berns: I feel like people have a general feel of what grade they feel like.
- xiii. Eric Hall: Yeah, and that would let them choose regardless of credits.
- xiv. Anya Nguyenkhoa: I think we could add a bullet point talking about special cases and that they can make their case for their class standing.
- xv. Tiffany Le: Would it be beneficial to have a transfer student senator?
- xvi. Riya Belani: I don't know how helpful it would be to keep adding more senators plus transfer students who could potentially run for all the other positions.
- xvii. Anya Nguyenkhoa: I do understand the want in making one but as a transfer student you want to be a part of this committee and not be defined by just being a transfer student.
- xviii. David Bryant: In my undergrad they had different positions for international, commuter, and transfer senator just to give another perspective.
- xix. Rachel Berns: I feel like if the needs of transfer students aren't being met then that's something more up for discussion or on the junior or senior class senator.



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- xx. Cintya Felix: I think this could be solved by stating graduation year. Like class of 2026 senator.
- xxi. Sydney Pfeifer-Picard: wouldn't that be a constitutional name change of the senator every year?
- xxii. Anya Nguyenkhoa: It does say the senate can amend the constitution for non-substantive purposes.
- xxiii. Sydney Pfeifer-Picard: I think a problem with the number is that people like Misty, who's a sophomore but she's graduating in 2026 so it would exclude student who are in special programs
- xxiv. Anya Nguyenkhoa: And that is a special case so I still propose adding in a special cases clause or something. Not constitution related, but I want you all to remember but you have a lot of power and influence as a senator and to use that and speak in the senate. I've had people come to me but I am not a voting party in the senate. It is your job as a senator to go about making those changes.
- xxv. Sydney Pfeifer-Picard: for senators who are coming back next year I think we can make a focused effort to change the culture of the senate to be a unified front and not be passive as a collective effort.
- xxvi. Anya Nguyenkhoa: We should not have to have an anonymous form senate is a place where senators should be able to speak freely about their experiences and thoughts. Any criticisms should not be a personal attack and should be about how the position is being run.
- c. Tiffany Le: We've done some cleaning in allocations in response to the open letter on how to run more efficiently. We created a shared doc for thoughts on things to change like amounts maximums to fund or 500 words for just a club meeting. We can discuss those thoughts when we get back.
- d. Eric Hall: There's a change later on in the constitution about harassment that I just wanted to know the logic behind?



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- i. Kayla Wiechert: I think this was taken out just as it isn't one of the main focuses of SGA to protect from harassment and discrimination though these are still obviously important, it is just not SGA main goal or job.
- ii. Eric Hall: I understand now, I do think it looks a bit odd when trying to get this passed with our constituency though.
- iii. Sydney Pfeifer-Picard: I agree with Kayla that it isn't our job but using the word advocacy maybe is better.
- iv. Rachel Berns: I agree but are we actually doing any advocacy work for protecting individuals?
- v. Riya Belani: the constitution is also not our only operating document that dictates how we operate. And those other documents we can amend and improve any week as senate.
- vi. Sydney Pfeifer-Picard: What about changing the wording to advocating for the creation of a safe campus environment?
- vii. Elyse Crimmins: Anya and I would agree because we work with Dani Smith and CARES.
- viii. Anya Nguyenkhoa: We don't want to approve and move forward without having a strong yes that we feel confident in getting these 750 signatures.
- ix. David Bryant: you wouldn't be able to get signatures and then make changes as well, you would have to be okay with and we can do an informal vote to talk about.
- x. Sydney Pfeifer-Picard: I think keeping that one section about harassment and discrimination broad and also having it be about campus safety I think would be good.
- xi. Anya Nguyenkhoa: I'll send a petition in the slack for people to have and share with their constituency and it will look like the signature forms for when you are running as a senator.



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VII. Announcements

- a. Daniella Benabou: I'll be representing Chapman at a conference by Cardiff University in LA and also wanted to say thank you to everyone who went to support at the memorial service yesterday.
- b. Sydney Pfeifer-Picard: Today is the last day to RSVP to a financial and restent workshop but on in the career center and anyone in Atallah who might be interested send them my way.

UNABLE TO VOTE ON ADJOURNMENT DUE TO LOSS OF QUORUM.