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**SENATE MEETING AGENDA**  
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*\*Note that the Zoom meeting timed out after 40 minutes and was reset, therefore, about 3-5 minutes in between was not recorded, yielding missing documentation in the minutes for the agenda items covered during that time\**

**I. Call to Order - 1:06 PM**

**a. Roll Call**

- i. Absent: Alexis Reekie

**b. Approval of Minutes**

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

**c. Approval of Agenda**

- i. Motion add the approval of the Judicial Review Board and the Conference Funding Request for Alexis Reekie: Daniella Benabou
  1. Second: Mo Hijazi
    - a. Unanimous
- ii. Motion: Sydney Peifer-Picard
  1. Second: Nicole Drew
    - a. unanimous

**d. Welcome Guests**

**II. Public Forum**

- a. None

**III. Old Business**

- a. None



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**IV. Committee Reports**

- a. Allocations
  - i. Tiffany Le: Met on Wednesday and reviewed 15 funding requests. Approved 1 career and graduate request, 3 conference requests, approved 3 student organizations (1 in partial), approved 2 academic organizations requests.
- b. University & Academic Affairs
  - i. Daniella Benabou: Finished the survey and now in the works trying to implement it.
- c. Diversity Affairs
  - i. Riya Belani: met this week to talk about what we'll discuss with Dr. Reg on 9/29. Talked about ways to connect the CCC, SGA, and the Diversity Orgs on campus. Met about DEI training with SGA. Working with Elyse to find resources and also about spotlight posts for Latinx heritage fund.
- d. Community Outreach
  - i. Adi Takei: discussed community events we want to put on and will be applying for the \$500 community grant and working out the logistics of that. Sign-ups for Chapman Day at the farmers market posted.
- e. Executive Council
  - i. Mac Francini
    - 1. On behalf of Alexis Reekie: keep sending the campus enhancement suggestions. She will be speaking with the health center soon but if anyone knows of any specific tests or shots students have had to pay for please let her know. Meeting with Sodexo about diverse and ethnic food initiatives and more togo options for Ramadan. Opening applications for the mental health and wellness subcommittee. \
    - 2. Working with Riya and Dean Price about study abroad applications and potential harmful and discriminatory practices within them. Closing in on green fund projects.



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ii. Elyse Crimmins:

1. Working on Latinx posts. Election week coming up, please repost things and show up for that. Doing airpod and contra giveaway to get more noise to the election. Please send a sweatshirt size. Talked about doing posts about the Professor Nesibitt situation and resources. Take photos at the farmers market.

iii. Whitney Gassmann Mennes:

1. Rundown of allocated budget in Senate lines. \$64,893.73 academic organization, student organizations is \$101,131.50, conference is \$36,000, co sponsorships \$25,650. We are reviewing general line items if you have issues, questions or concerns. The new conference application is on [chapman.submittables.com/submit](http://chapman.submittables.com/submit). Conference applications should be submitted 6 weeks out and individual requests should be submitted 2 weeks in advance. Allocations training will be done next week with new senators.

**V. New Business**

**a. VR/AR Club Funding Request**

- i. Tiffany Le: requests \$1292.97 for 3 new VR headsets for their club to use. In 2019-2020 we allocated \$10,826.09 to help set up the club initially and want to know if the club is still benefitting to that amount.
- ii. Representative, Mason: I assume it went towards the headsets we have now
- iii. Whitney Gassmann Mennes: The records are a little pieced together but they show the earlier allocation paid for some headsets and laptops and cases for everything.
- iv. Representative, Mason: That laptop is currently being repaired but we still have all of that equipment.

- b. Rachel Berns: was there a recommendation made from allocations on this request?



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- c. Tiffany Le: We recommend that we fund this request in full.
- d. Rachel Berns: Is there anything you'd like to add about the request or give more context for what the club is about and what you all do?
- e. Representative, Mason: Our club's purpose is to entertain in the field of VR, and we want to give our attendees the opportunity to experience the best quality available.
- f. Rachel Berns: If senators have questions about this request now is the time to ask.
- g. Sydney Peifer-Picard: Considering last year, what are your numbers for the club and turnout throughout the year? And are the three a good amount to add considering this?
- h. Representative, Mason: Adding three would be a good amount as turnout has grown every semester, so everyone will be able to get the chance to use a headset.
- i. Mo Hijazi: With such expensive equipment do you have a plan of storage and keeping track of it as the leadership in the club changes?
- j. Representative, Mason: Myself and the club president are holding onto the headsets and making sure they stay in good condition.
- k. Daniella Benabou: Would you all be passing down the headsets and everything?
- l. Representative Mason: That would be a great idea.
- m. Mo Hijazi: Is there a reason why you want three now or these specific ones instead of trying out different kinds or coming back as the numbers of your club grows?
- n. Representative, Mason: Normally when new members come they are telling us they want to come back the next week and they typically bring friends and the cycle continues so we need more.
- o. Whitney Gassmann Mennes: To add some information on your point Mo, the way Chapman fiscal policy works is that there is a specific buyer and seller that we have to go through so only buying some and then coming back for more, is a lengthy process.



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- p. Mo Hijazi: We have a game developing minor, and I think that this club could be beneficial to the minor as well. Long term, if the equipment stays on campus then it could benefit the Fowler students as well.
- q. Tiffany Le: We also have the minor and professors who are doing research with and about VR, if students are enjoying the club they might move toward being a part of research or building on the minor.
- r. Mo Hijazi: Are you guys interested in possibly allowing research labs and other groups to come to you all and ask to use their equipment?
- s. Representative, Mason: We are definitely open to that idea and one of our members is highly involved in that kind of development and can help students get into that field.
- t. Sydney Peifer-Picard: I just have one note, if we do end up funding this in full, there should be some kind of run down/ training on how to use the equipment properly in order to make sure it stays functional as long as possible.
  - 1. Motion to fund the VR/AR Club Funding Request in full for the amount of \$1292.97 : Adi Takei
    - a. Second: Bailey Pradhan
      - i. Unanimous
- a. Mariachi Club Funding Request
  - ii. Tiffany Le: the funding request is specifically for \$14,349.50 for 13 trajes. In the past 2020-2021 we funded \$11,797.50 for trajes.
  - iii. Representative, Andrew: One of our goals is to establish a community for all Latinx and BIPOC students. An important part of this is music so we started Mariachi club and have a joint partnership with the music conservatory. The conservatory lets us use the instruments and have a class here. We wanted them to be able to wear the cultural dress. There are three pieces, the jacket is black and red embroidered with the Chapman logo, a vest that goes under, and embroidered pants or skirt. Outside of that we have the monos for the



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neck and fair. We choose to not embroider the monos so we can pass them down once people graduate.

- iv. Mo Hijazi: Have you reached out to other centers like the CCC and global education for funding?
- v. Representative, Andrew: Yes, but these groups typically like to fund the actual class and instruments rather than trajes.
- vi. Mo Hijazi: have you tried fundraising, or ticketing for gigs or getting paid for performances?
- vii. Representative, Andrew: We don't typically want to ticket since we want our event to be able to be open to all or limit the experience. For gigs outside of Chapman, we aren't in charge of ticket sales on that end and have only been able to perform at 2 since all of the performers' schedules are hard to work around.
- viii. Mo Hijazi: I just think you should look long term and that you should get paid for your talents because it's so expensive and you might need to be coming back every year for more as people graduate.
- ix. Representative, Andrew: Though they are custom tailored they still have the ability to get passed down and worn as those people graduate. We do store them and keep them safe when they are not being worn by a current member. On the note of getting paid for our talents, that isn't the point of our club and it's not for us to profit off of, it's to spread our culture and appreciation for Latinx. We have looked into fundraising but right now as it is the start of the year it is a bit challenging.
- x. Bailey Pradhan: We had concern about the amount of money, and as allocations we discussed partially funding it. Have you looked into other places to get the custom embroidery done and price comparisons?
- xi. Representative, Andrew: Yes, we've done price comparisons and unfortunately our treasurer wasn't able to be here to show all the documents,



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- but these are the same embroiderers we used last time since we want to use a traditional Mariachi embroiderer and build a relationship with the community.
- xii. Mac Francini: Typically, when clothing is funded by SGA our logo has to be on it. I'm not the deciding factor on that but I do want to point that out.
- xiii. Elyse Crimmins: I would have to check with an advisor but last year I know that we distinguished between clothing/merchandise and a uniform, and that could also be a conversion with senate.
- xiv. Sydney Peifer-Picard: I think it would be fine without the SGA logo since it already has Chapman's.
- xv. Mo Hijazi: On this point it might be nice instead to shout out Chapman SGA for funding them on social media.
- xvi. David Bryant: Under the Operating documents and the Director of Public Relations is able to waive the logo needed.
- xvii. Riya Belani: For allocations, if we did fund in partial, how much was the recommendation?
- xviii. Tiffany Le: We recommended to fund in full rather than in partial since we didn't know what a good amount would be.
- xix. Bailey Pradhan: We more wanted to see if they were able to get funding elsewhere.
- xx. Mo Hijazi: If we were to fund it in partial what would be a reasonable amount? I think the hardest thing is we have already used about 13% of funding student orgs funding and were running out of money last year.
- xxi. Representative, Andrew: That is not a number I know or would be comfortable guessing right now and I would need the advice and council of my entire board.
- xxii. Bailey Pradhan: How many performers are typically performing/ wearing the trajes at one time, since an option would be to just fund that amount right now.



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- xxiii. Representative, Andrew: Anywhere from 12-14 but with given notice for events far in advance and building a rapport, now the number will be up to 19.
- xxiv. Elyse Crimmins: I will say, to the senate, that they have considered getting funding from other places, but right now they need this funding help and this is exactly what this line of funding is for.
- xxv. Whitney Gassmann Mennes: student organizations do not receive funding from Chapman so they come to us for funding.
- xxvi. Adi Takei: I think funding in full now would make sense just since they are newer and they are still establishing and building their ability to pass down these uniforms. Also they will just be back next year asking for even more money to make up for the loss.
- xxvii. Nicole Drew: I think something to think about if for other events and outside gigs as I think begin fundraising and potentially getting compensated for their performance this money then can go to buying new uniforms, so it might not be a continuous cycle for coming back to SGA.
- xxviii. Sydney Peifer-Picard: We added onto our values last meeting about DEI so I think that would be us fulfilling that value.
1. Motion to fund the Mariachi Club Funding Request in full for the amount of \$14,349.50: Sydney Peifer-Picard
    - a. Second: Misty Vu
      - i. 10 approved
      - ii. Mo Hijazi opposed
- a. Lexi Reekie Conference Funding Request
- xxix. Daniella Benabou on behalf of Alexis Reekie: This funding request will be out of the conference line. She has done a research paper using multiple data sets, to observe the varying degrees of religiosity and beliefs in





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conspiracy theories and levels of political violence. The request is for registration, transportation and lodging for the amount of \$1,854.

xxx. Whitney Gassmann Mennes: our funding is capped at \$750 per person, but she is also requesting funding from the CUE and her college.

1. Motion to approve the funding request for Alexis Reekie in full for the amount of \$750: Adi Takei

a. Second: Mo Hijazi

i. Unanimous

**a. Judicial Review Board Member Approval**

xxxi. Laney Logue: Robert Arellano is a freshman political science major with a minor in business administration. He worked as a District Office intern and a student election worker. He has volunteered for Love Fullerton and as an Eagle Scout. He applied for this position to become more involved on campus and to gain a better understanding of the student government and the student body. Anthony Chernikh is a freshman business administration major with an emphasis in marketing. He worked as Marketing, Advertiser and Event Organizer and volunteered as a camp counselor. He is interested in this position because he wants to be a part of SGA's effort to make a better community at Chapman. Montana Dobrovich-Fago is a junior business administration major with an emphasis in marketing. She has worked as a hostess and an accounting and marketing intern. She is the administrative vice president assistant in Gamma Phi Beta, a marketing committee member in UPB, and the Wall business and finance academy president. She applied for this position because she wants to be a part of diversity and community initiatives on campus. Isabella Melendez is a junior transfer student majoring in English Literature, Rhetoric, and Cultural Studies. She has worked at Alamo Draft House and Starbucks. She has also participated in gymnastics, Model UN, and more. She has volunteered as a phone banker, fundraising



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coordinator, and more. She applied for this position because she is interested in learning about what the student body wants from their leadership and enacting those changes.

1. Motion to approve all four members for the Judicial Review Board:  
Daniella Benabou
  - a. Second: Lauren Bramlett
    - i. Unanimous

**VI. Open Forum**

- a. Adi Takei: For Anya about the elections, I didn't realize there were so many people running for certain positions?
  - i. Anya Nguyenkhoa: There were 8 people running for lowerclassmen and leisure was vacant so I gave them the option to change. 3 went to leisure, 2 lowerclassmen dropped out so that leaves us with 3 people for lowerclassmen, 2 for diversity, 2 for school of communication and 1 for civic engagement.
- b. Rachel Berns: A candidate had approached me about slander from another candidate, both lowerclassmen, is this something we are already aware of?
  - i. Anya Nguyenkhoa: I am aware and have received complaint form but it should be taken care of by now
- c. Daniella Benabou: for the survey, I will be sending a poll out to gauge availability and then when we are going to do it. And I am still thinking about what to do as an incentive, we were thinking of doing einstein bagels and starbucks coffee but please reach out with any other ideas.
- d. Tiffany Le: about elections, do the candidates know the rules campaigning materials? It looks like posters are being put in places they aren't supposed to be.



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- i. Anya Nguyenkhoa: I've told them the posting policies but if you see posters where they are not supposed to be, take them down and let me know and I will be in contact with the candidate.
  - ii. Rachel Berns: There are the general Chapman rules for posting but sometimes the buildings have different rules.
- e. Adi Takei: during Alexis's report there was mention about expanding the togo options with sodexo for Ramadan. It's on my transition manual and I have a lot of information about the issue though in the past they were very quick to shoot anything like that down.
  - i. Riya Belani: Those would be great to forward to both me and Alexis since we will be meeting with Sodexo on Monday.
  - ii. Mo Hijazi: on the extreme side of things, people at other schools have had issues with sodexo and their student government advocated to get them removed.
- f. Rachel Berns: Thank you for everyone who came to the Crean kickoff and for funding it.
- g. Mo Hijazi: I heard this week that student orgs stopped allowing student organizations to use a purchasing card and so they must go through SGA. It makes things very challenging so I've been talking to Noora about it and if you know organizations that have been affected by this send her a list and I think it would be a great advocacy piece.
  - i. Whitney Gassmann Mennes: The issue started with the p card since student staff does not have access to it and scheduling with senior staff is challenging since they typically have other obligations.
- h. Mac Francini: Just as a heads up we are still having issues with 25live so if you have issues with getting tables put places or rooms for committee meetings we are trying to sort that out.
- i. Daniella Benabou: still working on doing a headshot booth.



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**VII. Announcements**

- a. Nicole Drew: I'm just advertising for the student leadership council so if you know anyone in Wilkinson who might be interested in it let them know.
- b. Mo Hijazi: I want to emphasize the same thing so if you know any schmid and philosophy students to be on the student leadership council get them to apply.
- c. Riya Belani: the office of diversity is putting up flags for all the different months, so this month you'll see Latinx heritage month banners up.
- d. Rachel Berns: Please raise your hand high in senate so I can tell who to call on or not
- e. Anya Nguyenkhoa: Monday - Wednesday is the beginning of the voting period so SGA will be tabling and providing incentives.
- f. Adi Takei: Please sign up for farmers market tabling from 9-1 tomorrow.

**VIII. Adjournment - 2:18 PM**

- a. Motion: Mo Hijazi
  - i. Second: Tiffany Le
    1. Unanimous