



Senate Minutes

January 17, 2024

Absent Senators: 0

A. WELCOME

B. WORSHIP - Alfredo Trevedan

- a. Bible verse: Romans 12:12
- b. Instead of having New Years Resolutions, Alfredo decided to have two words to live by – **patience and discipline**
- c. The place Alfredo is from is known for its dangerous activity and beaches
- d. Crazy event: arrest of El Chapo's son (infamous drug lord) while Alfredo was while Alfredo was in Los Mochis
- e. Because they ended up having to delay plans, they were able to remain patient
- f. Even with everything that is going on, with a little bit of faith, with a little bit of patience, and confidence in the Lord, everything works out

C. Introduction of New Senators

- a. Brianna Pubien - **21/21 YES**
- b. Caroline Bridges - **21/21 YES**

D. New Cabinet Member - Katherine Arroyo

- a. Directors of Communications: Katherine Arroyo
- b. Former graphic designer of SA
- c. Asian Club Social VP
- d. Asian Club Social Media Manager
- e. High School SA President
- f. **Vote: 23/23 YES**

E. Student Voice Committee- Kristen Sihotang

- a. Working on getting all the projects through
- b. Hulsey has processed the scoreboards
- c. Working on getting more things done and listening to the student body

F. Social Committee - Amanda Leitao

- a. Just had our Senate Surprise last December
- b. Went over new ideas for upcoming Senate Surprises

G. Community Service Committee - Herve Kazembe

- a. More opportunities
- b. Goals: remain the same – as many community services as possible while being realistic
- c. Two community services and encourage senators to participate since it is at the core of our organization
- d. MLK Service was canceled, so there was a whole lot of community service opportunities that are not completed – communicate with Christian Service to see what opportunities are available
- e. Please keep on the lookout for community services and reach out to Herve, Allison, or Alfredo

H. Finance Committee - Chidi Onyeije

- a. We are working again on club appropriations, it is a semester process
- b. If there are any new clubs, they want to include them in the process
- c. Criteria remain the same
- d. One change: provide each club with the amount and an explanation. There was a little bit of confusion last semester

I. Financial Update - Zach Kirstein

- a. SA Budget Overview (Fall 2023 Report)
- b. SA received \$215,264 for the first semester (comes from general funds from all students)
- c. We are expecting to receive a similar amount for the second semester
- d. Resulting in total funds of about \$430,000
- e. Total funds spent : approx. \$185,000 which is 45% of SA's funds for the 2023-24 school year
- f. Senate spent \$15,600
- g. Executive expenses: \$72,000 or 17% of budget

Wages, hospitality, AIA membership, leadership development, general, mission projects, local missions (smile initiative), 423 Night, Cabinet Attire

- h. Senate Budget: \$53,913 or 30% of Senate budget
- i. Recommends to spend more money** (*italics mean it is a senate committee*)
- j. *Student Voice (25%)*
- k. Social (20%)
- l. *Community Service (0%)*
- m. *PR (51%)*
- n. *Safety (0.7%)*
- o. *Finance (50%)*
- p. Religious Vice President expenses: 42%
- q. Communications expenses : \$875 used with 25% of funds
- r. Social expenses: 57% of funds used (Welcome Back Park, Y2K, Fall Fest, etc)
- s. Accent: 53% of funds left to use (spent on wages and publication)
- t. Memories expenses: \$44k for publication, confirmed from College Press. 85% of funds left to use
- u. Strawberry Fest Expense: \$7,900 spend – on track

J. Scholarship Committee - Minha Yang

- a. \$1,774 Leadership Scholarship
- b. Candidate #1: Julena Camarena // **Vote: 23/23 Yes**
- c. Candidate #2: Denver Nelson // **Vote: 23/23 Yes**
- d. International Scholarship
- e. Candidate #1: Maria Hernandez
- f. Candidate #2: Ashleen Rojas
- g. Give extra senate money for scholarship money

K. PR Committee - Matthew Taylor

- a. Hoping that at the beginning of next week, to start posting the profiles for each of the Senators
- b. Element that they need senators help in: add a fun fact to know who you are (favorite sport, at Prince Harry's wedding, etc)

- c. He will be sending that email soon, so please respond **by Sunday** so they can start posting on Monday
- d. If you have any events that you are planning or announcements, we are trying to set the style to be continuous
- e. Let the PR team create the posts and let them know a week in advance

L. Elections Committee - Samuel Mora

- a. Rebranded ! (former bylaws)
- b. Looking at the election manual and talking to Dr. Negron to see if there are any changes
- c. Encourage you to read the bylaws as Senators
- d. Biggest thing to look out for: how are Senators elected?
- e. Last year: interview process with SA and they decided – keep that in mind // future vote
- f. Helping with the elections for SA – work with PR to get that announced and involve the student body so they can vote and hopefully apply

M. Safety Committee

- a. Highlight: introducing the Omnilert and safety classes that the school already provides
- b. Work on advertisement (closely w PR) and work on interactive reels
- c. Give something tangible to the student body

N. Announcements

- a. Campus Lights - will be in the village, track, promenade, and Taylor Circle
- b. SA officer Applications have opened up