

## SENATE MEETING AGENDA

Friday, March 31st, 2023

### I. Call to Order - 1:05 PM

### a. Roll Call

i. Absent: Mac Francini, Rachel Berns, Misty Vu, Riya Belani, Adi Takei

### b. Approval of Minutes

i. Motion: Sydney Pfeifer Picard

1. Second: Nicole Drew

a. Unanimous

### c. Approval of Agenda

i. Motion: Tiffany Le

1. Second: Amanda Dornsife

a. Unanimous

### d. Welcome Guests

### **II. Public Forum**

a. None

### **III. Committee Reports**

- a. Allocations
  - i. Tiffany Le: Reviewed 21 requests, approved 13, denied 2, and have 2 before Senate today
- b. University & Academic Affairs
  - i. Daniella Benabou: Discussed Health and wellness resource page and it should be done in the following 2 weeks and will be presented for everyone.
- c. Diversity Affairs



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i. Sydney Pfeifer Picard:Discussed DEI inventory report and next steps moving forward

### d. Community Outreach

i. Cristina Inboden: Did the shower kit distribution and thank you everyone who helped out with that, look out for more volunteer opportunities soon.

#### e. Executive Council

- i. Alexis Reekie: Be thinking about your transitions as you clear out your emails. I would recommend starting just by putting together a contacts list, your current initiatives and ongoing projects that are able to be continued.
- ii. Elyse Crimmins: I want to encourage anyone to apply to any of the director positions. As well with the Driver Era please be promoting and be excited about the SGA UPB collaboration.
- iii. Whitney Gassmann Mennes: Director positions are now open so if anyone is interested in being Director of Finance please let me know and I am happy to set up a meeting with anyone who is interested.
- iv. Anya Nguyenkhoa: thank you to everyone for collecting signatures and people have been asking to extend the deadline. The timeline for the election process is as follows: 10-14 is the filing period, campaigning 17-21, and voting is the 24-26 and the 28th new senators will be sworn in. As it will be a shorter transition period, start thinking about what it will look like now.

### f. External Committee Updates

### IV. Old Business

a. None

### V. New Business

a. Student Athlete Advisory Committee Funding Request



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- i. Tiffany Le: They are requesting \$1500 for the student athlete formal and it will be coming out of the co-sponsorship line. Allocations does not have a recommendation.
- ii. Representative: This is in regard to the Athlete formal we hold every year. I had a meeting with Cristina to talk to her about SGA funding requests and how this all works so I'll actually be passing it off to her.
- iii. Cristina Inboden: I am also a part of SAAC and met with them to discuss what this funding will look like and I believe we should table this request until next week as SAAC needs more time for contracts and agreements to come through and to be able to fine tune their budget. All of these numbers are based off of last year's formal so it is not an accurate representation. I also want to point out this is the first time SAAC has come in for funding from SGA.
- iv. Tiffany Le: How did you all get to the \$1500?
- v. Cristina Inboden: This was all based off of last year's formal so nothing has been decided yet this is essentially a random estimate number. Part of the funding will be from tabling and ticket sales for this event so that is at least where that \$1500 comes from.
- vi. Whitney Gassmann Mennes: Remember that all contracts need to be processed through Chapman's Athletic department and Legal, please do not have any students sign off on contracts as we don't want any of you to be personally liable. If you need any help with budgets please let me know and remember that we cannot fund the bar listed there.
  - 1. Motion to table: Sydney Pfeifer Picard
    - a. Second: Amanda Dornsife
      - i. Unanimous
- b. Wilkinson Earth Day Celebration Funding Request



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- i. Tiffany Le: Wilkinson College and Nicole are planning for their Earth day celebration. The amount is for \$1350 from the Co-sponsorship line and it is additional funding from the Tote bags.
- ii. Nicole Drew: One of my biggest goals as senator is to develop a sense of community within Wilkinson and redo an event from the end of last year to have better turnout and make it more casual. There will be ice cream, succulent pot painting, and they get to take home a succulent.
  - 1. Motion to fund the request in full: Sydney Pfeifer Picard
    - a. Second: Eric Hall
      - i. 1 absention 12 approved

### c. Green Fund Presentation

- i. Sydney Pfeifer Picard: Last week Mac and I had the opportunity to meet with Jenna and Bart about the Green Fund and potentially adding another solar powered bench on campus and wanted to get feedback from Senate.
- ii. Representatives: The mission statement of the green fund is the following:

  The Chapman University Green Fund exists as a collaboration between SGA and facilities management to develop innovative, sustainable initiatives that provide value and unity to the student body and improve institutional sustainability. In the long term, the green fund will help to create a culture of environmental stewardship on campus, by dedicating funding to pertinent facility projects, and by facilitating meaningful engagement between students organizations and faculty. We want to use the green fund to promote sustainability while enhancing the student experience. What we are presenting on is solar powered bench options to charge devices and are showing you the potential locations and the benches themselves with prices. Three of the locations are near the dorms with three smaller locations on the main campus and there are 4 options of benches so far. The prices range from



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\$17,500 to \$34,100 for 3 bench and seating options and one standing charging station.

- iii. Cintya Felix: What is the timeline of this to come to fruition and how long would they be able to be used/ when would they need to be replaced?
- iv. Representative: I would depend on which bench and the location as the location might have some upcoming work to be done and the bench, depending on the manufacturer, changes the speed of getting here and going. All of these benches are pretty sturdy and if there are issues we can work with our technicians on campus or the manufacturer.
- v. Eric Hall: Do you have any data on how often the bench at Davis gets used?
- vi. Representative: I think it is more word of mouth but I believe it gets used fairly often.
- vii. Eric Hall: As someone who lives at Davis, I did not know this bench even existed and let alone know how many people are actually using it so I do think it's important to keep in mind. I also think if we do have these installed near the dorms that maybe promoting it on the reslife instagrams or somehow would be important.
- viii. Amanda Dornsife: If we were to fund this would we have to have our logo on it somewhere?
- ix. Whitney Gassmann Mennes: That is more of a question for Elyse but I think we can discuss that specifically later at length.
- x. Sydney Pfeifer Picard: This is not a funding request, just thoughts and ideas for which bench and the best locations to benefit students.
- xi. Daniella Benabou: I agree with a bench as the best option, are you all looking to get only one right now or when you do need funding, for multiple?
- xii. Representative: We are starting with one bench to get the project off the ground faster.



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- xiii. Daniella Benabou: I was thinking, looking at the other options on main campus, those would be used more as students who are not in the dorms have no reason to be over there and using it.
- xiv. Sydney Pfeifer Picard: The spot by the library is a bit better for a main campus option.
- xv. Daniella Benabou: Do you know the dimension for options C and if it would be able to fit there?
- xvi.Representative: I do not off the top of my head but just to be aware, we have multiple options and are wanting to expand this project.
- xvii. Cristina Inboden: Why was the first bench chosen for it to go in Davis?
- xviii. Representative: I assume it was because of its solar access and were thinking that it was near the community garden it would be a gathering space.
- xix.Daniella Benabou: For the future, there's a lot of sunlight that hits the piazza right by the big hill and I would recommend there.
- xx. Tiffany Le: For option B, how would you prevent the chairs from being stolen?
- xxi.Representative: They are just ideas/demos for reference only, we could get different ones that could be bolted or secured into the ground.
- xxii. Cintya Felix: Are they able to store energy for a while in the absence of sun?
- xxiii. Sydney Pfeifer Picard: on the slides it says they can store energy from 3-5 days without sun.
- xxiv. Eric Hall: Do all the spots get the same amount of sun?
- xxv. Representative: It depends on the location really so yes and no, they all do get good amounts of sunlight.
- xxvi. Sydney Pfeifer Picard: I can send out this presentation and if you have questions or thoughts please let me know!



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### VI. Open Forum

- a. Alexis Reekie: I wanted to start a conversation about the constitution and see if this is something we all want to pursue for next week.
  - i. Daniella Benabou: if we were to extend it, I don't think it needs to be all week since getting them in class would just be for Monday and Tuesday.
  - ii. Pamela Perez: I agree, I think a whole week is a bit much, having by Wednesday night.
  - iii. David Bryant: We still have to do Friday at Senate and cannot promote the senate elections before it is fully voted on.
  - iv. Amanda Dornsife: If we could get sororities and Fraternities to sign it but that is a great large number to get.
  - v. Alexis Reekie: And that would come with extending it through the weekend.
  - vi. Daniella Benabou: I don't think it needs to be incentivized but I can help going to chapters.
  - vii. Anya Ngyuenkhoa: How you go about getting signatures is whatever you all would like. I want to point out legibility and using their Chapman email as this is how we verify they are Chapman students.
  - viii. Alison Taylor: there is also a whole list of chapter meeting rooms and times and being able to get all of those members would be great and I would be happy to help with that.
  - ix. Tiffany Le: How many signatures are we at right now?
  - x. David Bryant: 187, so I understand the point of extending it but to be real, if you don't think we can reach 750 what is the point? If you do not think you can or even are willing to try and get signatures then don't waste your or all of senate's time.
  - xi. Kayla Weichert: I think these changes for next year are super great changes but I do want you all to reflect on what you are saying. Only getting greek life is taking a small portion of the campus body on making a change to impact



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everyone. I also don't hear any of you saying that you will help any of them read the changes they are advocating and signing for. If you all don't think this is capable, think about how you can set up next year's group for success.

- xii. Eric Hall: I agree, if we are amending the constitution to get rid of things like loopholes like this it feels odd to be using it.
- xiii. Lauren Bramlett: I agree, I think if we have this opportunity we should use it and I feel good about the changes and many of them are important. I agree that it's a smart population to go to greek life but if we are able to break up and tackle different organizations to try and get a larger sample size. I think also doing a good infographic and having a QR code on you for people who want more info is good.
- xiv. Alexis Reekie: there is also an infographic on the instagram with some of the changes laid out.
- xv. Amanda Dornsife: I think being able to represent Chapman on a larger scale is better than just targeting one thing.
- xvi. Cintya Felix: I think a lot of it should be on the senators and to really try getting the signatures I don't think it should take so much planning and they go by fast once you are trying.
- xvii. Pamela Perez: I think reposting and redoing the graphic as I'm looking at it now and it's a little cluttered and should be more straightforward and I don't think they're all on there.
- xviii. Eric Hall: I know the student org changes were not listed to there.
- xix. Anya Ngyenhkoa: We can also request Elyse and her team to make a new infographic
- xx. Pamela Perez: I feel like if we do make a new one people should repost it on their instagrams and really try and get it out.
- xxi. Amanda Dornsife: does it have to be a hand help copy of the signature.



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- xxii. Anya Ngyenhkoa: it does need to be written and not like a google form or anything.
- xxiii. Eric Hall: There are some google forms that have you sign into your chapman email.
- xxiv. Anya Ngyenhkoa: it's still hard to tell if it's legit or not and so I'm still inclined to keep it for sake of consistency with the written ones.
- xxv. David Bryant: We are putting them all in a google sheet to make sure they are actual undergraduate students.
- xxvi. Alison Taylor: maybe specifying to print their name as well as that might be helpful.
- xxvii. Anya Ngyenhkoa: So for a new form: printed name, signature and email? xxviii. Daniella Benabou: we wouldn't need to re-get the signatures we already have right?
- xxix. Alexis Reekie: So it seems there is a consensus to extend.
- b. Tiffany Le: From Riya the young alumni student mixer is coming up and I need help with promotion and there is a graphic coming out soon and to please sign up to help with the event.

### VII. Announcements

a. None

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