



# Senate Minutes | February 23, 2018

## **I. Call to Order**

- a. Roll Call
  - i. Absent: Antonio De Pinho
- b. Approval of Minutes
  - i. Motion: Maytal Sarafian
  - ii. Second: Lisa Kang
  - iii. Unanimous
- c. Approval of Agenda
  - i. Motion: Erin Mason
  - ii. Second: Maytal Sarafian
  - iii. Unanimous
- d. Address Guests

## **II. Old Business**

- a. Funding Request: USITT
  - i. Total Requested: \$9,175.07
  - ii. Saba Amid and Maytal Sarafian both commend the organization for doing the hard work needed to cut the costs. There have been moves to fundraise in order to help the costs as well. They fully support this request.
  - iii. Motion to fund in partial for \$9,175.07 : Maytal Sarafian
    1. Second- Alysa Buckler
    2. Approve- 15 Oppose-0 Abstain-0

## **III. Committee Reports**

- a. University and Academic Affairs Committee
  - i. Courtney Wong: Sustainability Committee made posters that are going to be hung around campus. Next week is Try-it week related Sustainability. Working on Earth Week events
  - ii. Alyssa Nowlen: Met with the coordinator of the Health Center. Thinking about having a Health Prevention and Education Week (second week of April/ Funding before spring break)
  - iii. Saba Amid: Sat on the FCA's weekly presence. Get other senators to get involved. Looking into more initiatives to work on
  - iv. Ansley Wong: Met with Associate Dean of Attallah College. Finalizing Attallah Student Leadership Council operating documents. Working with outside committee in looking into Smith Hall renovations
- b. Diversity Affairs Committee
  - i. Regina Bryant: Emailed Eric Cameron from Sodexo about picking up where Ian left off with the Vegan/Vegetarian/Gluten Free options on campus. We are all looking to attend a meeting with him together and discuss the possibility of adding the vegan roasted veggie and hummus sandwich. Regina has also reached out to John Bentiz, the Chair of the Theatre department in order to collaborate on his idea of student rush tickets in order to increase the student attendance at shows put on by the College of Performing Arts.
  - ii. Erin Mason: Contacted her FCA so that she can begin tabling and showing more of an SGA presence in Reslife. Erin is also working to gather ideas

about how to best utilize the Henley basement space. She will also be working alongside Regina and Jackie in order to move forward on the Vegan/Vegetarian initiative.

- iii. Jackie Palacios: Organized a meeting with our past senators in order to help smooth the transition for the committee's advocacies. Delegated tasks based on interests of individuals in the committee. Made a spreadsheet so that we may all input the current vegan/vegetarian/gluten free options on campus in order to present it to Eric Cameron and show areas of strengths and weaknesses. We also hope to make a printable PDF or flyer of the current dietary restrictions friendly meals on campus

c. Community Outreach Committee

- i. Maytal Sarafian: Chapman Dog Day; Contacted OC Fire Department, Orange County Resources, and Chapman Pre-Vet Cub. Plans to send contracts and documents to organizations
- ii. Alysa Buckler: Chapman Dog Day; Will contact different organizations and departments for donations
- iii. Lisa Kang: Korean Language Courses Initiative; Talked to Residence Life about having a language table by the dorms. Chapman Dog Day; Talked to UPB about making flyers. Talked to Kayla about documents for vendors.

d. Allocations Committee

- i. Alex Ballard: Presenting amendment regarding selection process and rules / regulations for student advisory committees in Senate this week.
- ii. Tyler Brooks: Currently serving as the representative on the VPHR Search Committee. Meet on Tuesday to review potential candidates and decide which ones precede to interviews.
- iii. Antonio De Pinho: Working on potentially increasing the number of umbrellas outside of Starbucks, working with Mitchell on his declining balance initiative.
- iv. Matthew Ghan: School of Community Advisory Board meeting last week, discussed new initiatives for the school of communication going forward.
- v. Wil Harris: Working with interested parties to set up political debates between Chapman Political Organizations.

e. Executive Council

- i. Executive Council Meetings are now Mondays 1-2pm in the Hope Room of the CCC.
- ii. Director of Elections and Public Relations are working together for the upcoming Presidential Elections.

f. Outside Committees

**IV. New Business**

a. Funding Request: InterVarsity

- i. Total Requested: \$8450
- ii. Wil Harris: Allocations recommended to fund in partial (\$2,875) for the fees for the location they will be staying at. There was a discrepancy in the amount requested and it was very different from the other times they have requested funds from SGA.
- iii. Saba Amid: I think this is very fair request and we should fund in partial especially if they are okay with funding their own transportation.
  - 1. Motion to fund \$2,875: Maytal Sarafian
  - 2. Second: Tyler Brooks

3. Approve-12 Oppose-0 Abstain-1

- b. Funding Request: Accounting Society
  - i. Wil Harris: The only problem with the request is there is alcohol requested and we cannot fund that. We recommended to fund everything else because they really have done the work to look for outside funding and they have hit dead ends everywhere they go. They are working to get funding from the business school for next year, but as of now they can't. In the past requests, they've done a really good job at keeping the price relatively the same.
  - ii. Ansley Wong: The event holds a lot of merit and it is encouraged that students network to find a career.
  - iii. Saba Amid: I think the fact that it is a banquet and a sit down meal shows professionalism and it is necessary.
  - iv. Corey Snyder: I think this event is very essential for Chapman Students finding careers after graduation and it has proven to be very successful in the past and I think this event is worth it.
  - v. Alysa Buckler: I would be comfortable funding everything except the floral centerpieces and encourage them to use decorations that can be reused for the future.
  - vi. Wil Harris: The new number without the floral arrangements would be \$4,119.05.
  - vii. Kayla Wiechert: I just wanted to let you know that since the request is only asking for the bar service and not the alcohol, you could technically fund it if you would like because we only cannot fund alcohol directly.
  - viii. Motion to fund \$4,119.05 - Lisa Kang
    - 1. Second- Erin Mason
    - 2. Approve-12 Oppose-0 Abstain-1
- c. Funding Request: Chapman Runs SoCal
  - i. Total Requested: \$1,575
  - ii. Chapman Runs SoCal is competing in the Tustin Hangar 5k occurring on March 11th, 2018. This event not only creates an opportunity for students of the Chapman community to gauge their progress made throughout this semester, but also helps support charities of their choice including the American Cancer Society, Orange County Rescue Mission, and the Salvation Army. At least 15% of the entrance fee is reserved for donation towards the selected charity of choice. The race itself is a great race for beginner runners- consisting of mainly flat terrain and providing a rare opportunity to explore Tustin's airplane hangars.
  - iii. Alexander Ballard: I would recommend funding for 15 people to go because that is a more realistic number based on the current members and the attendance of previous years which would be \$675
  - iv. Motion to fund in partial for \$675- Saba Amid
    - 1. Second- Maytal Sarafian
    - 2. Approve-11 Oppose- Abstain- 1
- d. Amendment: Election Code
  - i. Elliot Gardner: There are a lot of cosmetic changes to the document, but there are some content that will be being changes. We are changing the number of signatures for the Senatorial candidates from 20 to 40.

- ii. Courtney Wong: I think 40 signatures is a lot to ask for when some schools are extremely smaller than others.
- iii. Elliot Gardner: I can add a clause where it says that schools over 200 students can increase the number of signatures and those under 200 would remain at 20 signatures. We are also wanting to take out the requirement for Student Organization Senators to be a part of a club or organization in order to run for a seat.
- iv. Saba Amid: I think it should be kept in the documents because being a part of one organization is not much to ask for and at the same time it gives them knowledge of how a club works and some contacts.
- v. Elliot Gardner: The next thing we are looking to raise the budget for the candidates to spend money on flyers. The current regulation is they are only allowed to spend \$50 and \$100 for presidential elections. We want to raise it to 100 and 200.
- vi. Saba Amid: I think the number of posters and flyers are enough to run a successful campaign but the budgeted amount should be enough money.
- vii. Kayla Wiechert: I just want you all to think about the logistics of how the printing and requests would work because SGA may not be prepared for all those requests running through us and how it would take care of all requests in a timely manner.
- viii. Elliot Gardner: We can keep this section the same as it was before and come back after we have the time to discuss it further. The next change would be to get rid of the prohibition of creating and distributing stickers.
- ix. Wil Harris: I think the sticker policy should stay because then we have a clean cut reason to disqualify a candidate if they produce stickers rather than having a debate over who's fault it was sticking them all over campus
- x. Motion to approve the amendment Election Code except the sections that relates to the posters and the number of signatures: Wil Harris
  - 1. Second- Saba Amid
  - 2. Approve-12 Oppose-0 Abstain-0
- e. Amendment: Election Processes
- f. Amendment: By-Laws
- g. Motion to table the rest of the agenda to next week: Jackie Palacios
  - i. Second: Saba Amid
  - ii. Approval is Unanimous

**V. Open Forum**

**VI. Announcements**

**VII. Adjournment**

- a. Motion- Maytal Sarafian
- b. Second- Matthew Ghan
- c. Unanimous