



# Senate Minutes | March 2, 2018

## I. Call to Order

- a. Roll Call
  - i. Late: Antonio De Pinho
  - ii. Absent: Saba Amid
- b. Approval of Minutes
  - i. Motion- Maytal Sarafian
  - ii. Second- Tyler Brooks
- c. Approval of Agenda
  - i. Motion- Lisa Kang
  - ii. Second- Wil Harris
- d. Address Guests

## II. Old Business

- a. Amendment: By-Laws
  - i. We wanted to create a system in which we have an Advisory Committee where students who are not senators can be a part of. Each committee would be dealing with a specific issue that has arisen. The Senate would vote to approve however committees they feel they need every year to address certain issues in which the Senate Committees cannot. These committees are on an as-needed basis. They only address one issue at a time. There would be one appointed chair from the existing Senate and then applications will be taken from students to join the committee.
  - ii. Ansley Wong- I think this will help a lot especially with the fact that University and Academic Affairs committee has a lot to deal with and specific issues sometimes cannot be given the time necessary to be addressed.
  - iii. Motion to Approve- Wil Harris
  - iv. Second- Jackie Palacios
  - v. Unanimous Approval
- b. Amendment: Election Processes
  - i. Elliot Gardner: We just changed some grammatical errors and minor procedural processes.
  - ii. Motion- Maytal Sarafian
  - iii. Second- Erin Mason
  - iv. Unanimous Approval

## III. Committee Reports

- a. University and Academic Affairs Committee
  - i. Courtney Wong: Try-it week was this week. Brainstorm ideas for Earth Week event
  - ii. Alyssa Nowlen: Looking into creating a Health Prevention and Education Week (second week of April 16th/ Funding before spring break). Booking study spaces for Schmid students
  - iii. Saba Amid: Going to continue to sit on the FCA's weekly presence. Looking into working on mid-semester evaluations.

- iv. Ansley Wong: Attallah Student Leadership Council meeting tonight. Looking into the transition period for the Attallah Student Leadership Council chairs.
- b. Diversity Affairs Committee
  - i. Regina Bryant: Emailed John Bentiz about collaborating with SGA for student rush tickets. Bentiz is looking to come into our meeting either this week or next week. Will reach out to Department chairs of Music and Dance to introduce herself. Still waiting to hear back from Eric Cameron. Will send a follow up email on Friday if he has not responded.
  - ii. Erin Mason: Will go to IS&T to fix problems with her email. Still reaching out to students about Henley basement ideas. Will look into other college spaces to see if we could get some inspiration for Henley basement.
  - iii. Brandon Ptasznik: Will meet with Krista to go over details about the Dodge Diversity Panel.
  - iv. Jackie Palacios: Will be present at the meeting with Regina and John Bentiz before he comes to SGA ii. Will continue gathering information to bring to Sodexo.
- c. Community Outreach Committee
  - i. Maytal Sarafian: Chapman Dog Day; Received confirmation from Doggie Walk Bags that they can provide free dog bag dispensers. Kosher Food; Plans to attend Diversity on Spirituality and Religious Concerns Committee next week to address her initiative
  - ii. Alysa Buckler: Chapman Dog Day; Plans to reach out to different departments at Chapman to donate gift baskets
  - iii. Lisa Kang: Korean Language Courses Initiative; Received more signatures during office hours. Continuing the dialogue with students and faculties. Chapman Dog Day; Received email from Orange Police Department that they are interested in bringing police K-9. Received email from the Office of Alumni Engagement that they can donate dog bandanas. Plans to send forms to two vendors for tabling.
- d. Allocations Committee
  - i. Alexander Ballard: Working with Ansley and Sarah on restricting library access to only Chapman students during finals week. Looking into potentially obtaining a companion kiosk to bring more laptops to the laptops to go program.
  - ii. Matthew Ghan: Working with the school of communication advisory board on multiple projects. More to come.
  - iii. Wil Harris: Working with Senator De Pinho to help draft a petition for undergraduate students regarding the proposed expansion of declining balance to the circle / local businesses. Working with Fire & Life Safety to potentially increase student involvement in campus medical response.
  - iv. Tyler Brooks: Working with the VPHR Search Committee to interview potential applicants for the VPHR position. Working on an initiative to incentivize professors to dine with students.
  - v. Antonio De Pinho: Has reached out to Sodexo and Campus Planning regarding the potential to place more Starbucks umbrellas outside to increase the shade. Working with Student Union to possibly implement a system to rent phone chargers to go along with portable chargers.

- e. Executive Council **\*check livestream**
  - i. Mitchell Rosenberg is working on the Mental Health Fair that's coming up.
  - ii. Sarah Tabsh trained the new senator Brandon Ptasznik this week.
  - iii. Molly Weber is working with the Panther on the upcoming debate.
  - iv. Elliot Gardner is working on the upcoming Presidential election and the future Senatorial Election.
- f. Outside Committees

#### IV. New Business

- a. Swearing-In
- b. Funding Request: MEChA
  - i. Total Requested: \$5,200
  - ii. M.E.Ch.A. is a student organization promoting higher education, community engagement, political participation, culture, and history. As an organization, MEChA has been at the forefront of bridging educational institutions with community-based struggles. MEChA is therefore invested in making higher education more accessible to communities while striving for a society free of imperialism, transphobia, racism, classism, machismo, sexism, and homophobia. This year's conference intends to honor this rich tradition while also being critical of our own histories and positional ties within intersecting systems of oppression. We hope the conference helps us reflect, be present in this important moment in time, and look forward to how we can dismantle oppressive structures for the purpose of reshaping our communities.
  - iii. Jackie Palacios: Can you please talk about the fundraising you have done?
    - 1. Representative: We did fundraising events such as selling Conchas which is Mexican Sweet Bread. However, we didn't make a lot of money off of it.
  - iv. Wil Harris: Allocations committee had recommended to fund in partial only because we know that there will be requests in the future that are pretty large. We didn't want to almost deplete our Student Org fund with this one request.
  - v. Mitchell Rosenberg: Please remember that we offer funds on a first come first serve basis. I understand if you want to be conservative, but we can't save money on the possibility that we may or may not get other requests. This is a good request and we have to look at the merit of the conference.
  - vi. Motion to fund in full: Alyssa Nowlen
    - 1. Second: Maytal Sarafian
    - 2. Approve-10 Oppose-0 Abstain-2
- c. Guest: Prof. John Benitz **\*check livestream**
  - i. John Benitz: The Theater Department has seen a decline in student attendance for our performances and we wanted to get feedback on how you think we could increase the numbers. We really want to get student involved.
  - ii. Regina Bryant: Maybe we could look at your marketing team and where they are posting the flyers for the performances because a lot of the time there aren't any posters or flyers in Residence Life which is where students spend most of their time.

1. John Benitz: We actually don't have a marketing team, just one person goes out and posts the flyers everywhere.
  2. Regina Bryant: Okay, well maybe then COPA could work on getting a marketing team. If you work with other majors, students would be more than willing to help.
  - iii. John Benitz: We were also thinking that if it was possible, maybe SGA could purchase a block of tickets to give away to students. We think that would help with attendance. We really want students to get involved.
  - iv. Sarah Tabsh: I think the organization you should be working with is UPB because they connect students to places all across the area and SGA is not an event planning organization. We would be happy to support initiatives on campus, but as far as event planning, UPB would be the best organization to approach.
  - v. Alyssa Nowlen: I agree with Regina in the fact that we should look at how you market things and also the performances you choose to put on. Some shows bring in students just by the name itself.
  - vi. Jackie Palacios: I just want to say that UPB would be a great option to go for especially if you're looking for someone to buy a block of tickets and help promote the performances.
  - vii. John Benitz: Okay, well thank you so much, I will definitely take all of that into consideration. Thanks for your time.
- d. Anti-Semitism Resolution
- i. Mitchell Rosenberg: Last year, there was a resolution passed by Senate and I vetoed it. It was originally filled with political views and about seven pages long. Now it is only two pages and we have taken out anything that was seen as political or offending anyone. We have had two round table discussions with many student leaders on campus. I have taken all of their feedback and have come up with this resolution. I have also sent this to all those who attended the round table and they responded with positive comments on this draft. I just wanted to run this by you because the student leaders who were involved in creating this felt very strongly about being proactive instead of reactive in the case of any anti-semitic acts were to take place. During the roundtables, we took out anything that seemed inappropriate or politically charged. This is not up for a vote right now, but if you have any suggestions over the next week or so please let me know.

## **V. Open Forum**

- a. Maytal Sarafian: I am still working on getting Kosher food in the cafeteria and if there is anyone who would like to give feedback please let me know.

## **VI. Announcements**

- a. Mitchell Rosenberg: I have been working really hard on this event and we wanted to make sure that this is light and fun day for students to learn and destress.
- b. Sarah Tabsh: Monthly reports due next week!
- c. Tyler Ferrari: Next week there will be new board members brought to you and Cesar Chavez Day of Service is coming up so let your friends know if they would like to participate.

## **VII. Adjournment**

- a. Motion- Maytal Sarafian
- b. Second- Alysa Buckler

c. Unanimous