



CHAPMAN UNIVERSITY  
**SENATE MEETING AGENDA**  
September, Friday 23rd, 2022

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*\*Four new senators sworn in prior to meeting / Zoom recording\**

**I. Call to Order - 1:00 PM**

**a. Roll Call**

- i. Absent: Pamela Perez

**b. Approval of Minutes**

- i. Motion: Riya Belani
  1. Second: Nicole Drew
    - a. Unanimous

**c. Approval of Agenda**

- i. Motion: Mo Hijazi
  1. Second: Sydney Pfeifer-Picard
    - a. Unanimous

**d. Welcome Guests**

**II. Public Forum**

- a. None

**III. Old Business**

- a. None

**IV. Committee Reports**

- a. Allocations
  - i. Tiffany Le: We reviewed 20 requests, approved 11, denied, tabled 6, and have one to present before the senate.



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- b. University & Academic Affairs
  - i. Daniella Benabou: Still discussing the survey and trying to figure out logistics.
- c. Diversity Affairs
  - i. Riya Belani: Met to cover current initiatives and meeting with Dr. Reg next week. Lexie and I also met with Sodexo and discussed making a Google Form for organizations on campus to request cultural dishes.
- d. Community Outreach
  - i. Adi Takei: Met to discuss a community event at the end of October, Treats and Sweets and it would be great to have senators tabling for that too.
- e. Executive Council
  - i. Alexis Reekie: Campus enhancements are underway so thank you to everyone who submitted suggestions. More specific information will be shared about initiatives and discussions with Dr. Reg in the coming weeks. The Mental Health and Wellness subcommittee will begin meeting next week. We are working with Residence life and Sodexo to increase take out options for Ramadan. If you do have any posters up from elections please take them down.
  - ii. Mac Francini: We are still looking into campus enhancements for parking management systems. We are also working on an Operating Documents overhaul.
  - iii. Elyse Crimmins: Thank you to everyone who helped out with elections this week and new senators please come give me your sweatshirt size.
  - iv. Whitney Gassmann Mennes: Account balances are the following: academic organizations: \$64,703.07, student organizations \$82,484.58, conference \$35,250, co-sponsorship \$25,311.91, career and graduate \$20,872.

**V. New Business**



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**a. Inner Peace Club Funding Request**

- i. Tiffany Le: The inner peace club is requesting \$3,415 for their retreat costs. Allocations suggestion was to fund in part to cover retreat activities and the sauna for \$2,175.
- ii. Representative, Anna: The retreat is going to include an intention setting ceremony led by a shaman, a musical guided meditation, a sunrise meditation, an educational walking tour of the community and area, a telescopic star and moon gazing activity and a yoga session. Currently the contract submitted is for the activities, meals, and the campsite.
- iii. Rachel Berns: For allocations can anyone let us know the reasoning for funding in partial.
- iv. Tiffany Le: We decided to fund all of the retreat activities and not the gas and food.
- v. Mo Hijazi: If we decided to fund in part would everyone be able to make up the costs for food and gas?
- vi. Representative, Anna: They would be able to bring their own food and work it out. We just don't want to discriminate against those who might be in a harder financial situation.
- vii. Adi Takei: Allocations, can you guys let us know what explicitly was left out?
- viii. Tiffany Le: We left out gas since that has to be decided on from IRS calculations and the prepared meals.
  1. Motion to fund in partial for the amount of \$2,175 for the Inner Peace Club Funding Request: Mo Hijazi
    - a. Second: Adi Takei
      - i. Unanimous

**b. President Struppa Strategic Plan Discussion**

- i. [Here is the link to the presentation](#) that was covered by Struppa and the minutes will catch up with the questions and discussion below.



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- ii. Mo Hijazi: Something I've noticed in Schmid is that Professors are beginning to take up student spaces and study spaces. Are you accounting for things like that in your plan?
- iii. Struppa: This plan would add 60,000 square feet and many people will be moved into this building and should free up some space. The same will happen with the Physics building which should add around 20,000 square feet.
- iv. Sydney Pfeifer-Picard: With the expansion of Demille I was curious, would the cross cultural center or the center for global education be added to that building since they are student services?
- v. Struppa: I don't know yet since this is a brand new idea and a lot more discussion has to go on. But this building is supposed to be for the students so we want this kind of feedback.
- vi. Tiffany Le: What would happen to the houses across from campus that services are currently living in?
- vii. Struppa: They would still be Chapman property and we don't know what we would use them as yet but we could use them for small institutions or other departments.
- viii. Rachel Berns: would the department and health sciences expansion include any of the undergraduate programs or would it just be working on our graduate programs?
- ix. Struppa: The plan is for it to focus on graduate programs.
- x. Mac Francini: With the thought of physical expansion as a present issue on campus, are there any strategic plans to lobby or work with the community of Orange on these plans?
- xi. Struppa: As long as the board approves it in December plans will go into effect.



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- xii. Sydney Pfeifer-Picard: With the improvement and working on the health and psychological services is it explicitly written out that more staff will be hired?
- xiii. Struppa: Not yet since but those types of decisions will be looked over in the next one to two months once we evaluate what we feel like needs improvement.
- xiv. Tiffany Le: Since it is going to be a student services center, is it going to be laid out more open like AF where students are able to hang out and study or more office spaces?
- xv. Struppa: our main goal is to design it functionally and to work efficiently. But we have no idea exactly what it's going to look like yet other than where it is going to be.
- xvi. Daniella Benabou: Do you have plans for the groups that are currently housed in Demille where they will be relocated to while construction is happening?
- xvii. Struppa: Nothing explicit yet and we have about 8 months to get these kinds of questions answered since our goal is to start in June 2023. Though the construction shouldn't take too long since it is mostly just rooms and offices.
- xviii. Mo Hijazi: Are there any plans to expand parking since this is something that is going to be added to the main campus?
- xix. Struppa: If we were to build a new residence hall, yes we would add more parking, just with this expansion though, no. We are not going to add more for on campus or near campus if anything we would bus people from further lots. Most students don't get parking since they come too late or don't get to a further lot early enough to walk over.
- xx. Adi Takei: Is there a way or a plan to add more parking at Chapman Grand? People are able to get parking even past midnight.



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- xxi. Struppa: we cannot add onto the parking by adding another floor on a construction basis, potentially we could limit parking by how many cars each student is allowed but otherwise there are no plans for it.
- xxii. Mo Hijazi: something mentioned was an emphasis on research, though there are not enough spaces currently to perform them solely in keck, are there plans to add or renovate Hashinger?
- xxiii. Struppa: We have unclear plans on how to improve Hashinger but it is something that's on the to do list.
- xxiv. Rachel Berns: I just want to note that with all these expansions that other programs don't get overlooked as many Crean classes do not represent the belief of personalized education here at Chapman.
- xxv. Struppa: I agree and make sure you discuss all these things with the Provost and everyone as staff in the College itself.
- xxvi. Riya Belani: I like the initiative to make the colleges more Hispanic serving, were there any specifics on how you are going to do this, like scholarships?
- xxvii. Struppa: Endowments are the best way to promote scholarships and these, yes, are ways to promote diversity on campus.
- xxviii. Riya Belani: With the increase in tuition each year, is there also a plan to increase the merit scholarships?
- xxix. Struppa: We are planning on gradually increasing the merit scholarship by a small percentage. But most likely what we are going to be increasing is need based scholarships.

**VI. Open Forum**

- a. Sydney Pfeifer-Picard: 3 things, maintenance staff has been propping open gates in the Glass Hall even when they are not working on the building and it makes it more unsafe. Who would I talk to about changing the absence policy?



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- i. Mac Francini: I think the best bet would be to start with the Provost.
  - ii. Sydney Peifer-Picard: Quizlet is recently making students pay to use their services, is there a way we can have the university provide the funding and subscription for their students?
  - iii. Adi Takei: Are we able to add LinkedIn premium to that?
  - iv. Alexis Reekie: LinkedIn might be more of a difficult discussion since I know in previous years we used to have a premium but that was let go of and follow up with IS&T to see the reasons for why that was let go.
- b. Mo Hijazi: Are we able to do anything about the people checking COVID clearances since I don't think it is effective and that is funding we could potentially use to fund things like Quizlet and LinkedIn Premium.
- i. Alexis Reekie: We have been talking about that in the COVID taskforce and it was just a requirement for the time being but you should hear more about it soon.
- c. Adi Takei: Are the door people hired by Chapman/ will those people be losing jobs?
- i. Alexis: I'm not sure if they worked on campus previously but they don't work for Chapman. If that is something you are worried about I can follow up.
  - ii. Mac Francini: They work for a company called Allied and are just contracted, so they would most likely have roles in other places.
- d. Mac Francini: I want to talk about attentiveness during meetings and professionalism. Please be paying attention to guests especially when they are coming in to present and that this is a professional setting.
- e. Lauren Bramlett: I'm working on an initiative for COPA students to get more fridges and microwaves for buildings. If that is a concern for you as well, especially for those not on the main campus, please reach out to me.

**VII. Announcements**



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- a. Nicole Drew: Wilkinson is currently having a competition to design Wilkinson Winterfest shirts and Earth Day tote bags and it is open to majors and minors for Wilkinson so please spread the word.
- b. Amanda Dornsife: The school of Communications is going to start doing a program like “I am Chapman” so let any major and minor know that this is open to them.
- c. Adi Takei: October 27th at 5pm will be Treats in the Streets in the Orange circle so please keep your calendars open. Lots of families come and we will most likely be passing out mini pumpkins and candy for kids.

**VIII. Adjournment - 2:23 PM**

- a. Motion: Riya Belani
  - i. Second: Tiffany Le
    1. Unanimous