



## ASUSF Senate Minutes

Wednesday, October 20, 2021 | [Zoom](#) | 5:00 - 6:15 pm PST

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call** [5:00pm]
  - a. Lovepreet, Marisol, Myra, Akhnoor, Angelo, Basilos, Berkelee, Bianca, Cecilia, Nam, Liz, Esha, Fiza, Idea, Jasleen, Lauren, Miles, Nick, Zuri, Annie
2. **Approval of Agenda & [Minutes](#)**
  - a. Lauren motions to approve the agenda
  - b. Zuri seconds
    - i. Unanimous approval
      1. Motion Passed
  - c. Fiza
  - d. Miles
    - i. Unanimous approval
      1. Motion Passed
3. **Open Forum**
  - a. Anyone who wishes to address the Senate
4. **Guest Speaker: CASA** [5:05-5:40]
  - a. CASA
    - i. CASA Coach
      1. All graduate students are paired with a Success Coach
      2. Each Coach has about 500 students
      3. Newest Coaches:
        - a. Kevin Collymore
          - i. Assistant Dean; Retention and Persistence Programs; Black Achievement Success and Engagement



- b. Dani Cordial
  - i. Academic Success Coach
- c. Amir Woods
  - i. Academic Success Coach
- 4. You can find your Academic Success Coach through Student Hub
- 5. One-on-one appointments are available in person or via zoom
- 6. Weekly drop-in hours are currently remote
- 7. CASA Programs
  - a. Academic Support
    - i. Back on Track
    - ii. College Success Courses
    - iii. Early Alert Progress Reports
  - b. Support Student Populations
    - i. Muscat Scholars (first-generation)
    - ii. New Student Success Survey
    - iii. PACT (Students of Color Peer Support)
    - iv. BASE (Black Achievement Success and Engagement)
    - v. Explore Your Path
  - c. Collaborate
    - i. Student-Athlete Support
    - ii. TransferNation
    - iii. Webtrack
    - iv. Webinars for Undeclared Students
- 8. Student Success Survey
  - a. Survey Dates: September 14 to October 1, 2021
  - b. 2021 Completion Rate



- i. 73% Total completion rate
  - c. Survey Question Themes
    - i. Academic Behaviors
    - ii. Student Engagement
  - d. Prioritization of Student Outreach
    - i. 285 Students: 1st priority
    - ii. 110 Students: 2nd Priority
  - e. Student Belonging
    - i. 85% feel welcomed
    - ii. 85% feel supported
  - f. Connectedness
    - i. 59% feel a part of campus life
    - ii. 70% feel connected to USF
    - iii. 68% feel connected to other students
  - g. Items of concerns that affect success
    - i. 33% have personal concerns
    - ii. 34% financial concerns
    - iii. 41% mental health concerns
  - h. Best way to find information
    - i. USF Emails
    - ii. Instagram
    - iii. Friends
  - i. Survey is catered to first-year students and transfer students
9. CASA is there to listen to students and be as supportive as possible
10. Academic policies did not impact the Back on Track program



11. Having a “P” on your transcript instead of a letter grade should not affect employment
  - a. Employers do not usually ask for an academic transcript, and most do not know about the Pass/Fail policy
  - b. Pass/Fail policy was during covid and employers understand that the situation was not ideal for students and it does not reflect performance in a work space

**5. New Business:**

a. [Senator Reports](#) [5:40-6:08]

i. Angelo

1. ASUSF Senate and Kasamahan LinkedIn and majors event (September 28th)
2. Safe Space and Mental Health Resources with CAPS, SDS, Zuri, and Idea (October 26th)
  - a. Safe Space: Meditation and safe space to talk
  - b. Water bottle giveaway
  - c. Working on marketing to incentivise people to attend
3. Post-Pandemic Mental Health Resolution and Student Academic Plan Resolution

ii. Akhnoor

1. One-on-one with Liz and finishing onboarding
2. Starting to work on resolution with Liz, Miles, and Myra
  - a. Focusing on mandatory canvas module on Title IX

iii. Esha

1. SOM Event
  - a. Talked to peers to see what they would want
  - b. Meeting with Dean Moses and Associate Dean Miller



- c. Event Structure Change
- d. Event Planning
  - i. Most likely November 9th
  - ii. Started reaching out to SOM organizations for the event
- 2. SOM Career Ideas
  - a. Adding course for hands-on learning (internships/programs)
    - i. Planning to meet with Alex
  - b. Potentially may plan a career series for next semester
- iv. Bianca
  - 1. Meeting with Dean Fung
    - a. Preliminary search for student reps on strategic planning committees
    - b. Marketing for student involvement
  - 2. Covid Rapid Test Availability
    - a. Available every Wednesday but not marketed well
    - b. HPS outreach to improve upon this with coming holiday season
  - 3. Sustainability Design Project
    - a. Meeting with Richard this Friday for this project outline and insight
- v. Basilos
  - 1. Career Support for International Students: Next Steps with Marcella
  - 2. Mental Health Workshop: collaboration with other clubs with ISA



3. IEW (International Education Week) events: Student involvement on campus
  4. Update on course for International Students “Understanding Racism in the US”
  5. Meal Diversity Survey to be sent out
  6. Developing a potential Gender and Consent workshop for International Students with ISA
  7. Setting up conversation with International students regarding Insurance usage and limitations
- vi. Miles
1. Working to increase faculty/student support for AMTRAC
    - a. Met with two CASA coaches who both agree that curriculum pathways are outdated and need to see some degree of overhaul
    - b. Transfer Success & Belonging Initiative is up and running; administrative efforts to improve onboarding process for new students are promising
  2. Recruiting handful of interested constituents to fill current vacancies on Senate (Junior class rep., Student of color., At large rep.)
  3. Advertised National Transfer student week (October 18th- 22nd)
  4. Next steps:
    - a. Finalizing AMTRAC; sending to Advocacy committee in within the next few weeks
      - i. Will gather quotes from students and faculty as well as researching how credit is interpreted by Office of the Registrar



5. Brainstorming future resolution relating to the normalization of misconduct within student organization identity and increased standards of accountability for students in prominent leadership position
  - a. University social culture-or lack thereof- is a quintessential component of transport student's identity
  - b. All students should be held accountable for their actions no matter their position on campus and this practice should be implemented at the collegiate level
  - c. Mià Bahr, a former ASSU Senator & Parliamentarian at Stanford University, has a passage about the school's largest sexual violence prevention policy bill in history
    - i. This prevention policy can potentially be modified and implemented for USF
- vii. Lauren
  1. Continuing to meet with clubs on campus
  2. Planning to have a time slot during one of the USF Prism meetings
  3. Meeting with the Gender and Sexuality Center to begin building a relationship with them this semester
  4. Plans to collaborate with senators
  5. Continues to use her social media platform to connect with constituents
- viii. Zuri
  1. SDS Meet & Greet (October 1st)



2. Working with SDS/CAPS this week to begin brainstorming for Autism Support Group, OCD Support Group, and Learning Disability Support Group (per requested by SDS students)
  3. Initiative: Shuttle System icon in USF Mobile App to make it more accessible for students with access to smartphones
    - a. Have reached out to Anna Jaeger (USF, CRM Technical Manager) with help from Nick
    - b. Will be meeting with PSAFE to propose the idea
  4. SDS Club is still being established (Community for Inclusive Living)
- ix. Nam
1. UBAC Meetings
    - a. Tuition discussion
  2. Future Plans
    - a. Possible meeting with graduate UBAC rep; Moritz Fath
    - b. Possible meeting with Janet and Spencer (UBAC members)
    - c. Meeting with Michael Silvestri (Finance Committee Mentor)
- x. Myra
1. Completed Tasks:
    - a. Engagement with REPS Students, other students, and organizers from the Speak-Out and Vigil two weeks ago; also organized/participated in the speak-out
    - b. Finished the Title IX Flyer
      - i. Will soon be placed all over campus
    - c. Finished all athlete follow-up posters from the workshops they held with Trina





- d. Met with CAPS Outreach Director, Molly Zook, and CAPS Therapist, Lisa Quach
  - e. Met with Lester Deans and Shannon Gary
  - f. Met with Callisto: Third Party Options and Resource Website
2. Upcoming:
- a. Meeting with Ellen Kelly, Director of Success
  - b. Meeting with LISA Quach and an alum
  - c. Currently re-doing the Title IX brochure
  - d. Making an informative Title IX slide for TVs across campus
  - e. Made marketing materials for Relationship Violence Awareness Month
    - i. Tabling this upcoming Thursday
  - f. Creating a sticker to put on hydros, laptops, etc.
  - g. Emailed/setting up a meeting with Julie Orio
  - h. Emailed to follow up on a conversation with Lester and Shannon
3. REPS & Miscellaneous
- a. REPS & Speak-Out/Vigil Organizers Upcoming Meeting
  - b. REPS will also be meeting with Father Fitzgerald
  - c. Part Time Faculty Association will be releasing a statement in support of organizer's demands
  - d. Starting up It's On Us with prevention and awareness focus, as well as, fighting policy at a federal level
    - i. Part of conversation with Lester and Shannon



- ii. For those who were at the speak out or read the demands of the organizers, not all the demands are feasible but can be worked towards
          1. Working on how we can work towards those demands as students
- xi. Fiza
  1. Potential Resolutions
    - a. Halal Food
    - b. Revisit Ramadan Resolution
    - c. Permanent prayer space
  2. MSA Events
    - a. USFCA X CAL X SFSU MSA Bonfire Social Collab
    - b. USFCA X MSA Jummah Under the Sun
    - c. USFCA X SFSU MSA Potluck Social Collab
    - d. MSA X USFCA X UM Milad Un Nabi Gathering Through Painting
      - i. Planning Sister/Brother events
    - e. Fundraiser with United Afghan Association
    - f. Jummah Prayers every week in Romero Room
    - g. Weekly educational posts about Islam
    - h. Potentially addressing Islamophobia and how it affects mental health
  3. Jasleen
    - a. Finished Onboarding
    - b. Resolution Ideas:
      - i. Let practicing Sikh wear their kirpan



- ii. May work on another resolution with Lovepreet and Marisol
- c. Trying to grow the Sikh community on campus through the Sikh Student Association (SSA) with some events we have planned for the near future

4. Sunshine

- a. Postponing projects to handle LME Accident
  - i. Be on the lookout for any fundraisers and support
  - ii. October 20-22: Urban Ritual Fundraiser hosted by Tri-Gamma Women's Nursing Society
    - 1. Applicable in both San Mateo and SF locations
    - 2. In-person order: mention Tri--Gamma at checkout
    - 3. Online order: Include "Tri-Gamma Fundraising Ticket" item in cart
    - 4. All proceeds go towards medical costs

**6. Town Hall Expectations & Responsibilities** [6:08-6:10]

- a. Next Wednesday from 5pm to 7pm at McLaren and will be live streamed on YouTube
  - i. Will talk about resolutions and what is happening on Senate
  - ii. Title IX will co-host the second half of the space there will be breakout sessions in person and those attending via live stream will be asked to do a google form
- b. Please promote Town Hall

**7. Announcements** [6:10-6:15]

- a. [Mid Semester Training](#)



- i. It is this Sunday from 2:30pm-5:30pm

**8. Adjournment**

[6:15 pm]

- a. Angelo motions to adjourn the meeting
- b. Zuri seconded
  - i. Unanimous approval
    1. Motion Passed