

# ASUSF General Senate Minutes Wednesday, November 9, 2022 | Fromm Hall | 5 - 7pm PST

# 1. Call to Order and Roll Call

a. Ryan, Kiannah-Nicole, Ashlyn, Wanda, Sofia, Charlotte, Nadine, Ethan, Fiza, Stefan,

Dariga, ET, Dmitry, Angel, Ariana, Bianca

- 2. Land Recognition Statement
- 3. Approval of Agenda & Minutes
  - a. Ashlyn motions to approve the agenda
    - i. Ryan seconds
  - b. Ryan motions to approve last weeks minutes
    - i. Dmitry seconds

## 4. **Open Forum**

a. Ashlyn sent out the Holiday form on the Slack Random Channel for everyone to fill out

# 5. Check In

a. Which Disney character are you?

# 6. Guest Speaker

- a. Dan Lawson Senior Director, Department of Public Safety
  - i. Goal: Transform Public Safety and policing at the University of San Francisco
    - 1. Collaboration and Communication is the key to this
  - ii. Where is Public Safe currently?
    - 1. Policing needs change; especially the militarization

# [5:15]

[5pm]

- a. He is concerned about that and how it affects the people who have been oppressed over the years
- 2. How can we get a better relationship with students? Currently struggling through this process
  - Currently going through the Reimagining of Public Safety program and re-trainings
    - There are positions on the board for faculty and students;
      ASUSF Senate, Black Student Union and 3 staff
      members
      - They talk about everything regarding Public Safety; firearms, uniforms changes etc
        - a. Firearms & uniform issues (all on the table for the review)
          - If they are not armed they can't respond to calls regarding violence and those will go to SFPD
          - ii. Uniform vs non uniform they wear them to be identified but they also realize that they can be triggering

- 3. Crime
  - Crime is actually not at a high; thefts and robberies in the two district neighborhoods happen but its not high in context to the past

- i. They are concerned about students perceptions of crime and want to make sure everyone feels safe
  - 1. Clery yearly crime report
  - They work closely with the police departments as well since they don't have jurisdiction outside of campus and campus property

### 4. Shuttle

- a. They worked with ASUSF Senate to create the shuttle program
  - In past years they used third party shuttles but it wasn't what they were looking for in terms of reliability and standards
  - ii. Now they use their community service officers to help drive the shuttles
    - Community Service officers help keep an eye on safety around campus, enforce parking rules; they do not carry firearms unlike public safety firearms
- b. When the shuttles program was made it was decided they would be given a 20-30 minute response time
  - i. On average the response time is 6-7 minutes; there are outliers that sometimes happen
    - SDS Students will jump to the beginning of the line if they call
- c. Currently they only have 1 of their 3 shuttles working because they don't have enough drivers but they hope to increase in the Spring

- 5. Changes they've made
  - a. Crime bulletins (did away with gender and race) unless they had a photo and it was a serious violent crime
  - Officers no longer walk through residence halls; they only walk through if they're called for a service
    - i. However after hours they are always the people called
      - They would rather have social services or other qualified people respond but there's currently no structure for that (mental health breakdowns, smoke alarms off, plumbing issues)
        - Public Safety fills the gap for a lot of these things
- iii. Underage drinking
  - Drunk students don't get arrested; they are reported to student conduct. They don't do judicial only the reporting and transportation
- iv. Is the department of public safety responsible for the streets between upper and lower campus?
  - No but they work closely with SFPD and they were working with the city to reconfigure golden gate in the next year
    - Turk is more of a problem because its a major road and the muni needs to be kept flowing
  - The university contributed 1.5 million with the neighborhood association to make safety improvements to Turk
- v. How do you think we can ensure communication between students and public safety?
  - 1. Attendance at forums

- They went to a residence hall forum and students said they actually wanted an increase in public safety officers which is opposite from what they heard a few years ago
  - i. Shows the ever changing dynamic and diverse perceptions between Public Safety and students
- 2. Policing does not prevent crime it responds to it

## vi. Homelessness

- They have seen a considerable uptick of homeless individuals on campus; never have had a violent interactions
- When this happens they do offer city services and if they deny service Public Safety does escort them off campus
- vii. What are the obstacles in increasing Public Safety on campus?
  - 1. Monetary obstacles
  - 2. They try to have 3 people on campus but the minimum is two officers
    - a. They consistently need to revisit the question; 'What will they have the most impact doing? Monitoring, driving shuttles etc?'
- viii. How do the shuttles work?
  - They get a call and do one by one usually unless they're in close proximity
  - ix. USF Alerts System
    - 1. Email, text, phone call alert every time there are emergencies
  - x. Coming out of covid they're are trying to restart their self defense classes and first aid classes

# 7. New Business

- a. Financial Approval Request
  - i. Queer Safety and Education in Nursing

## [6:15pm]

### 1. Approved unanimously

- b. Vote on Public Safety Resolution
  - i. ET
    - 1. Wanda motioned to approve the amendment to the first resolved statement
      - a. Kiannah seconds
    - 2. Ethan motioned to approve the amendment to the second resolved

statement

- a. Ashlyn seconds
- 3. Ryan motioned to approve the amendment to the third resolved statement
  - a. Zoe seconds
- 4. Ryan motioned to approve the amendment to the fourth resolved

statement

- a. Zoe seconds
- The Increased Communication and Outreach from the Department of Public Safety Resolution is passed unanimously

#### c. Senator Reports

#### [6:30pm]

- i. Angel & Stefan
  - 1. Angels other resolution ideas: Hispanic Club Initiative program, faculty senate representation on ASUSF Senate
  - 2. <u>Slack Initiative</u>
    - The goal of this initiative is to provide an easier method of communication between undergraduate students and clubs/organizations on campus that everyone has access to and can easily use/master.

 Stefan is also working on the Junior Week planning and research. This semester will just be a kind of grab and go for juniors and next semester will be a bigger bonding event

### ii. Wanda

- She is working on the Attendance Resolution and it will be up for review at Advocacy Committee this coming Monday
- 2. She wanted to work on making Turk Blvd safer but it seems that the obstacles with the City prevent any formative change from happening
- 3. She was working on forming an SDS club but has found there is already a smaller group (Community for Inclusive Living) that's meeting and is in need of more resources and support so she is looking forward to working with them in the future
- 4. She is trying to solve the SDS exam proctoring space issue; could be a potential resolution in the future

#### 8. Announcements

- a. <u>Senator Instagram Takeover Sign-Ups</u>
- b. Weekly Vibe Check
- c. Sunday, December 4 Chase Center Basketball

# 9. Adjournment

- a. Zoe motions
  - i. Ashlyn seconds

#### [6:45pm]

[7 pm]