



ASUSF General Senate Minutes

Wednesday, February 8, 2023 | Fromm Hall | 5 - 7pm PST

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call** [5 pm]
 - a. Ryan, Kiannah-Nicole, Wanda. Sofia, Charlotte, Leo, Nadine, Sofia, Ethan, Zoe, Stefan, Dariga, ET, Dmitry, Avneet, Angel, Ariana
2. [Land Recognition Statement](#)
3. **Approval of Agenda & [Minutes](#)**
 - a. Ryan motions to approve the agenda
 - i. Dmitry seconds
 - b. Ryan motions to approve the minutes
 - i. Kiannah-Nicole seconds
4. **Open Forum**
 - a. Anyone who wishes to address the Senate
5. **Check In**
 - a. What is your Harry Potter Hogwarts house?
6. **Guest Speaker** [5:10 pm]
 - a. Shirley McGuire, Senior Vice Provost for Curricular Innovation and Inclusive Excellence
 - i. Modalities
 1. Before the pandemic USF wasn't interested in online modalities; it was primarily for a few grad programs
 2. According to student surveys; people still liked the flexibility of online class but preferred in person classes for learning

- a. The hy-flex modality has been put on pause because not all classrooms are equipped with the technology therefore the university decided to stick to in person and asynchronous
 - i. It costs \$40,000 - \$50,000 to update a classroom to hy-flex
 - ii. Hy-flex should make the distinction between different kinds of classes; lecture style classes vs. discussion based classes inherently have different experiences with hy-flex
- ii. Attendance policy
 - 1. What were the faculties main concerns regarding the attendance policy?
 - a. There is no one attendance policy so usually professors make their own policies
 - b. There is more research that says that being in person is the better experience so most professors lean towards that but this is obviously all pre-pandemic research
 - c. Knowing the faculty, how feasible of an ask is it to have a more lenient attendance policy?
 - i. It's possible but it definitely needs discussion and solid reasoning as to why
 - ii. University wide committee would want to have a conversation even if they end up saying no
 - 1. Meeting with the three deans of each school would be important as well
 - 2. Students are concerned with mandatory attendance policies given that there's a lot of pressure from classes that expect in person attendance; students want more leeway and independence
 - a. Post pandemic re-evaluation
 - 3. What are the next steps if we were to try to start the conversation about the attendance policy?

- a. Write up a proposal and send it out to Provost Opparah and the joint university wide curriculum committee (JUCC)
 - i. This would then get feedback and open the conversation
 - ii. This would also be more interactive than going the resolution route and it would be a back and forth communication
- iii. Other than attendance and hy-flex are there other areas where you would like student feedback?
 - 1. Working on creating a more connected community, Are we doing enough?

7. New Business

[6:00pm]

- a. Financial Account Approvals
 - i. The Flow State Chess Club
 - 1. The purpose of this organization is to introduce the game of Chess as a meditative strategy and intellectual exercise for any and all undergraduate students attending the University of San Francisco.
 - a. Ryan motions to approve the account
 - i. Wanda seconds
 - 1. Leo abstains, Passed
 - ii. Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA)
 - 1. The Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA) is the foremost organization for students interested in public relations and communications. PRSSA is made up of nearly 7000 students and advisors organized into 300+ chapters.
 - a. Ryan motions to approve the account
 - i. Kiannah - Nicole seconds
 - 1. Passed unanimously

8. Announcements

[6:05 pm]

- a. Senator Report Volunteers
 - i. February 15 (2)
 - 1. ET & Ryan
 - ii. February 22 (2)
 - 1. Leo & Kiannah Nicole
- b. Tabling for Student Activity Fee next week
 - i. Thursday, February 16, 11:30am - 1pm
 - 1. Wanda, Charlotte, Sofia Sarwat, Ethan, Dariga
 - ii. Friday, February 17, 11:30am - 1pm
 - 1. Zoe, Nadine, Charlotte, ET, Ethan
 - iii. Wednesday, February 22, 11:30am - 1pm
 - 1. Zoe, Ryan, Wanda, Ethan, Dariga, ET, Avneet
 - iv. Thursday, February 23, 11:30am - 1pm
 - 1. Angel, Dmitry Kiannah-Nicole, Wanda, Zoe
- c. Next Week's Guest Speaker
 - i. Garrett O'Doherty, Director of Events Management and Guest Services & Crystal Chun Wong, Manager of Bon App
 - 1. Flexi meal plan and cafeteria pricing

9. Adjournment

[6:15 pm]

- a. Ryan motions to adjourn
 - i. Wanda seconds