



**ASUSF General Senate Minutes**  
Wednesday, March 8, 2023 | Fromm Hall | 5 - 7pm PST

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1. **Call to Order and Roll Call** [5 pm]
  - a. Forrest, Adriana, Ryan, Kiannah-Nicole, Wanda, Sofia, Charlotte, Leo, Nadine, Ethan, Zoe, Sofia Sarwat, Stefan, Avneet, Dmitry, Bianca, Martina
  
2. **Land Recognition Statement**
  
3. **Approval of Agenda & Minutes**
  - a. Ryan motions to approve the agenda
    - i. Leo 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** [5:05 pm]
  - a. Pineapple on pizza: yes or no?
  
6. **Guest Speaker** [5:10 pm]
  - a. Mike Webber, President of USF Faculty Association
    - i. The faculty association was founded in the 1970s and are an official union (california and american assoc of teachers)
      1. Part time faculty are in a dif union
      2. Each school has different representatives with the exception of the law school
    - ii. The exec board of the assoc deal with the day to day union operations
    - iii. Current issues they're working on



1. Their contract is up for negotiation this summer
  - a. The contract covers promotion & tenure, disciplinary issues, benefits, academic freedom
  - b. They're expecting a difficult round of negotiations given the university's budget and the fact that they took a voluntary pay freeze and have since remained at the same pay as 2019
    - i. Faculty have been in budget cuts for the last 8 years
    - ii. This is an issue because they are having problems recruiting faculty since their salary is no longer competitive
    - iii. Their main argument is that faculty well being is closely tied to student well being
  - c. They know the university wants to cut budgets a lot but faculty believes USF needs to invest in new things to get out of the budget crisis (ie. on campus child care)
  - d. They want to put a professional development program for faculty, due process for term prof to tenure prof
- iv. Discussion and questions
  1. Are there any threats to academic freedom here at USF?
    - a. Hasn't been an issue here but there are worrisome national trends
  2. What are your ideas in streamlining the process for term faculty to tenure faculty?
    - a. Adding different tracks to reach the full professor (teaching track, community engaged scholarship etc )
  3. Is there any way that faculty can establish an overall attendance policy?



- a. He's cautious about having a uniform policy simply because there's a lot of different voices that need to be heard across the different schools
  - b. A dialogue can be opened up between professors and students tho
4. How would you advise to approach the problem of professors not being supportive of SDS accommodations?
- a. Faculty who are resistant may be concerned about academic standards; how far are the accommodations

## 7. Old Business

- a. Vote on [Dedicated Exam Proctoring Space Resolution](#) [6:10 pm]
  - i. Wanda
    1. Ryan motions to vote
      - a. Forrest seconds
        - i. 10 ayes; this resolution passes

## 8. New Business

- a. Present [Implementing Public Posting Board Resolution](#) [6:15 pm]
  - i. Ryan & Kiannah-Nicole
    1. Feedback
      - a. Potentially get support from facilities
- b. Senator Report [6:20 pm]
  - i. Kiannah-Nicole
    1. She is currently working on the Posting Board resolution, Toilet Seat Cover resolution and the UC3 green space initiative
- c. Student Activity Fee Results Discussion [6:30 pm]
  - i. 810 total votes with a 63.95% approval rating
    1. Not enough of the student body voted therefore it did not pass
      - a. Do we keep the referendum the same or lower the Activity Fee Increase for general elections?



- i. Senators feel as though we should keep the referendum the same because a 2\$ decrease doesn't seem substantial enough to change peoples mind and ultimately we need the money

d. Evaluating Effectiveness of Exam Fund Discussion [6:45 pm]

i. Sofia, Student Government Finance Assistant

1. Resolution passed Fall 2021 but it wasn't implemented until Spring 2022
  - a. Less than 20 students applied to the exam fund and majority of them were part of Senate or worked on UC4, therefore implying that the marketing of the fund didn't reach the student body so it went unused
2. To continue it, its needs to be reevaluated and a new resolution would be needed to continue taking money out of Reserves for it
  - a. Discussion
    - i. Reserves come from the Student Activity Fee so is it fair that some of that money goes to a fund that doesn't benefit all students? Should alumni be able to use the fund?
    - ii. Overall consensus is that the exam fund is needed however now is not the right time to take more money out of reserves given the financial strain
    - iii. Those in favor of keeping the exam fund can explore possible solutions within other departments such as Financial Aid

9. Announcements

[7:00 pm]



- a. March 22 Guest Speaker: Shannon Gary, Associate Vice President of Student Life and Dean of Students, on Mental Health and Student Wellness (rescheduled from February 22)
- b. Turkey/Syria Earthquake Community Vigil: Thursday, 12 - 1pm, KA Hall Atrium
- c. RUN FOR ASUSF SENATE OFFICE 2023-2024!
  - i. Interested in learning more about an executive role? Reach out to schedule a time to shadow us!
- d. Have a wonderful Spring Break!

**10. Adjournment**

[7:05 pm]

- a. Leo motioned to adjourn
  - i. Kiannah-Nicole seconds