



ASUSF General Senate Agenda

Wednesday, September 14, 2022 | Fromm Hall | 5 - 6:30pm PDT

1. Call to Order and Roll Call [5pm]

- a. Avneet, Ashlyn, Zoe, Sofia, Wanda, Leo, Nadine, Jasleen, Fiza, Stefan, ET, Dmitry, Dariga, Esha, Ethan, Bianca, Ariana

2. Approval of Agenda & Minutes

- a. Leo motions to approve the agenda
 - i. Dmitry seconds
- b. Leo motions to approve last weeks minutes
 - i. Fiza seconds

3. Open Forum

- a. Zoe would like to address the general senate on their opinion regarding the current university sick policy
 - i. She is writing a resolution regarding mandatory class attendance and lack of accessibility to class recordings
 1. Feedback
 - a. Get faculty input on why they may not want to change the mandatory attendance policy
 - b. Look into the pros and cons of HyFlex and the feasibility of continuing it

4. Announcements

- a. USFtv Filming at Senate Desk at 6:30pm (early adjournment)
- b. Mid-Semester Training: Saturday, October 15th

5. Guest Speaker [5:15pm]

- a. Kahanu Salavea: Food Pantry

- i. The USF food pantry is going on its 5th year. It opened in 2018 when it was seen that many students were requesting emergency funds for food. Since then the pantry has expanded in how many students it serves and who it partners with
 - 1. In its first year (2018-2019 academic year) the food pantry regularly served 459 students and in the 2021-2022 academic year it served 1,287 students
 - 2. Currently partnered with Star Route Farms for fresh produce and Acme Bakery for fresh bread
- ii. Program Objectives
 - 1. Provide food insecure students with delicious and nutritious food
 - 2. Educate students on food related resources in the community if the pantry may not be able to meet all their needs
 - a. Offers services in helping students sign up for CalFresh if they qualify
- iii. Food Pantry Operations
 - 1. The Food Pantry is currently open every other Friday from 2:30-4:30 at Gleeson Library in the Atrium
 - 2. It works on a first come first served basis and is open to all undergraduate and graduate students
 - 3. The Pantry offers canned and packaged food, fresh baked bread, fresh produce, hygiene products, menstrual products
 - 4. Kahanu is the program assistant and he has one student assistant who works with him in operations. In addition, they also rely on about 50 volunteers.
 - a. Food Pantry staff shop to stock the Food Pantry every Monday and rely on student volunteers to help them stock the Atrium every Wednesday before open Fridays
- b. Questions & Discussion
 - i. How can students and ASUSF Senate support the pantry?

1. The Pantry always welcomes volunteers to help restock the pantry on Wednesdays or help facilitate on open Fridays
 2. The Pantry donation fund is always open for monetary donations as well
 3. Senate can help by coming up with creative initiatives for monetary funding or creative partnerships
- ii. Where does a majority of the pantry's food come from?
 1. Fresh produce and bread come from partnerships. The budget goes into buying hygiene products and packaged food items. They are accepting food donations again this year as well!
 - iii. How can we reach out to other community partners to expand resources?
 1. They are currently looking to finish an official Food Pantry Report that will include testimonials and data. This will be used to present the pantry's necessity and use to potential partners and donors.
 2. Currently the Pantry is focusing on making connections within the community rather than outside. This includes working with the university garden, St. Ignatius, and the university food service; Bon Appetit
 - iv. Are there any current problems the pantry is facing other than financial need?
 1. Operational kinks in distributing the food. The pantry is new to the Gleeson Library Atrium and there's been a big increase in students coming to get food, so they are trying to make sure the line is efficient and organized.

6. Adjournment

[6:30pm]

- a. Leo motions to adjourn
 - i. Fiza seconds