



ASUSF General Senate Agenda
Wednesday, September 28, 2022 | Fromm Hall | 5 - 7pm PDT

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call** **[5 pm]**
 - a. Zoe, Ashlyn, Sofia, Wanda, Angel, Leo, Nadine, Ethan, Jasleen, Dariga, Stafan, Esha, Dmitry, ET, Martina, Ariana
2. **[Land Recognition Statement](#)**
3. **Approval of Agenda**
 - a. Ashlyn motioned to approve the agenda
 - i. Nadine seconds
 - b. Leo motions to approve the minutes
 - i. Zoe seconds
4. **Open Forum**
 - a. Introducing the new School of Nursing & Health Profession Representative, Charlotte Phan
5. **Guest Speakers**
 - a. Freshman Class Representative Candidates
 - i. Hattie
 1. Hattie was involved in student government in high school and she learned the importance of student input and making sure the school is supporting students as best they can
 - a. Hattie wants to focus on mental health advocacy especially regarding freshman and the transition to college
 - b. She also wants to focus on diversity and better fostering that environment on campus
 2. What's a lesson you learned in hs that you will bring to ASUSF Senate?
 - a. She's learned that students voices are the most important voices in school wide conversations and they deserve to be heard
 - ii. Kiannah-Nicole

1. Kiannah-Nicole was involved in student leadership in highschool. As an international student herself she found that they did not have a lot of support.
 - a. She's learned that gathering different opinions and always following through with issues are important aspects of student government
 - i. She's heard a few complaints around campus and wants to do something about it
 - ii. What's the most important issue you see on campus?
 1. Security; particularly people that are not students in the residence halls making people feel unsafe

iii. Larry

1. Larry moved a lot growing up so he thinks it's incredibly important to listen to all voices and make people feel heard
 - a. Through his experiences he has learned about the impact every conversation can have on individuals
2. What does active listening look like to you?
 - a. Taking the time to think before you speak and make people feel heard
3. What ideas do you have for USF as a whole, beyond freshman?
 - a. Larry wants to get more student input on student events and doing something about leftover flexi money at the end of semesters

iv. Rheanna

1. Rheanna is running because she wants to be a voice for those that are too shy or uncomfortable to speak up about issues
 - a. She hasn't felt as though the USF community has been that welcoming regardless of its very diverse community
 - i. She wants to work on uniting the student body beyond cliques based on class, race, and background
 - b. How did you first get involved with student leadership?
 - i. When she was in highschool, she brought an issue that wasn't being resolved to the superintendent and it led to

direct action. That has since motivated her to always speak up

v. Shreya

1. Shreya wants to be a part of Senate because she's realized a lot of her peers don't always feel comfortable with speaking to people in higher positions of power and she wants to be that liaison
 - a. She has leadership experience from participating in Youth in Government in high school
 - i. A key lesson she learned was to start small because sometimes big goals aren't realistic and they need to be worked up to
 - ii. She would like to work on issues regarding transparent communication to students and security concerns
 - b. How are you as a leader helping people speak up?
 - i. She believes that people are more comfortable talking to another student so she's been trying to teach people about Senate in different ways to be accessible to all comfort levels.

6. New Business

[5:45pm]

- a. Ashlyn motions to amend the agenda to hear Senator reports before funding requests
 - i. Zoe seconds
- b. Senator Reports
 - i. Zoe
 1. Zoe is currently working on a food pantry resolution, clothing swap initiative, attendance policy resolution and committee member referendum
 - a. Food pantry Resolution
 - i. She is working with Stefan, Leo and Ashlyn to expand the pantry budget and increase university subsidy funding
 - ii. The resolution draft has been passed through advocacy and the next steps are to get faculty and student input, solidify the finance breakdown, and finalize it to send back to advocacy for the final review

- b. Clothing Swap Initiative
 - i. The initiative is a one time event scheduled for December or early spring. It's intention is to promote sustainability, increase campus connections and provide accessible resources for students
 - ii. Currently she is still doing outreach and figuring out logistics. Next steps will include clothing collections, outreach to student groups and marketing
- c. Attendance Policy Resolution
 - i. She is working with Sofia, Ashlyn and Avneet to work on a resolution that focuses on a more lenient attendance policy that allows faculty to be more understanding with sickness or emergencies
 - ii. Currently this resolution is still in the brainstorming phase. Next steps include outreach to CAPS, the Academic Board, and faculty to further research the issue
- d. Committee Member Referendum
 - i. She wants more student representative in committees because right now senators take up most of the positions
 - ii. Increasing the number of available positions from ten to fifteen

ii. Dariga

- 1. These last few weeks Dariga has been focusing on connecting with her constituency. She is working mainly with the International Student Association and ISS to reach out to her constituents for feedback and collaboration
- 2. Her main focuses have been boosting international student engagement, student employment and on campus housing
 - a. International Students have a harder time getting employed on and off campus due to additional forms and visas
 - i. She wants to help students navigate forms and employment options

- ii. Increase university support for on campus job opportunities for her constituency
 - b. International Student engagement
 - i. She is thinking about creating an International Student Buddy program
 - ii. This would help boost connection between constituents and eventually the rest of campus
 - c. A current issue she is running into is the long response time it takes to get in contact with constituents so it's been hard to get things moving. She is also finding that many people in her constituency aren't aware of workshops or resources that already exist to help them
- iii. Ashlyn
 - 1. Ashlyn is working on the Food Pantry Resolution and Attendance Policy Resolution that were both already discussed above
 - a. In addition to the Food Pantry resolution she also wants to start a canned food drive during the holiday season
 - b. Logistics are going to require a lot of manpower so she was hoping senators could help out
 - 2. Senate Newsletter
 - a. She is working with the Marketing Committee to create a Senate Newsletter
 - b. If it is successful then the next step would be to have a referendum to create it as a sub-committee in the Marketing and Communications
 - 3. Constituents
 - a. She has been in close contact with Transfer Nation regarding what can be done for transfer students as a whole
 - b. Currently they're engagement is still down due to the pandemic so she has been helping them with marketing for their executive board and for general members

7. Funding Request Approval [closed session]

- a. Kasamahan
 - i. Request approved

- b. International Students Association
 - i. Request approved

8. Announcements

- a. Reminder: CC your Exec pair when sending external emails
- b. Senator of the Month announced next week
- c. Hot Pot and Bubble Tea Bonding Tonight!

9. Adjournment

- a. Leo motioned to adjourn the meeting
 - i. Zoe seconds