



## ASUSF General Senate Minutes

Wednesday, February 7th, 2024 | Malloy Hall 129 | 5 - 7pm PT

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1. **Call to Order and Roll Call** [5:00 pm - 5:05 pm]
  - a. NyAshia, Aderet, Christian, Metzli, Jacob, Emiko, Mar, Natalie, Ren, Nadine, Olivia, Litzell, Areeshah, Chibuike, Charlotte, Taiyo, Suretta, Kiannah-Nicole, ET
  - b. Advisors: Jacob, Richie
  
2. **Land Recognition Statement**
  
3. **Approval of Agenda & Minutes**
  - a. Mar motions to approve last week's minutes
    - i. Natalie seconds
      1. The motion is passed
  - b. Mar motions to approve this week's agenda
    - i. Areeshah seconds
      1. The motion is passed
  
4. **Welcome New Members & Check-In** [5:05 pm - 5:15 pm]
  - i. Senior Class Representative - Angelo Resayo
  - ii. Pre-Health Student Representative - Emiko Uohara

- *Check-in:* Would you rather eat a spoonful of mustard or a spoonful of mayo?
  
5. **Committee & Team Updates** [5:15 pm - 5:20 pm]
  - a. Senator Updates:
    - i. Senator Metzli is working on a resolution to allow for the Burning of Indigenous Medicinal herbs and medicine. Metzli also plans to implement workshops and collaborate with PSafe. and administration, to educate on indigenous medicines and medical burning processes



b. President

- i. President Nadine's Senator pairs have been working on the Food Committee Group with Food Pantry and also working on creating more of a community for the Off-Campus students. They have been working with Lamonte and GoTeam to create more orientation events that cater to Off-Campus students.

c. Internal Affairs Committee

- i. Senator Olivia and Senator Suretta have been working on creating more of a relationship between Greek Life and Title IX and events between them.

d. Finance Committee

- i. The Finance Committee approved two requests, one being an event for Hawaiian Ensemble and one being a travel event for Intervarsity.

e. Advocacy Committee

- i. Advocacy Committee has been continuing the conversation about Dorm Housing Life and ensuring the quality of living is improving. Aderet and their senator pairs have also been working on Black Resource Center, Black and Brown Getdown, and also working on sustainability efforts, such as the GIFT fund and holding an event for Earth Day.

f. Marketing & Communications Committee

- i. Marketing & Communications Committee starts next Wednesday and members are still joining. Litzell, Jacob, and Angelo are Ren's Senator pairs.

g. Open to the floor

**6. Pair Activity**

[5:20 pm - 5:45 pm]

**7. Old Business**

[5:45 pm - 6:00 pm]

a. Core Curriculum Meeting



- i. Senator Izzy shared a document that is a summary of what the Core Curriculum Committee has been discussing. The committee has been reviewing other Jesuit colleges in order to see how they market, their curriculum, and the feedback they receive from students. Some topics they have been discussing include:
  1. The Foreign Language Requirement
  2. Less focus on a letter grade (A,B,C,D,F,etc)
  3. Free choice of cores/are there too many cores?
  4. Community Engaged Learning
  5. How do you explain the roles of cores and their value?
- ii. Feedback:
  1. Senator Emmy suggested that as a Pre-Health major, it is hard to balance STEM classes and core classes, especially with feeling like the core classes aren't benefitting what she is interested in or really engaging to be beneficial in the way the classes are set out to accomplish.
  2. Senator Olivia added that as a psychology major, the Rhet classes that psychology majors take are different from other students. She added that what they learn goes majorly against what students have learned in high school. She suggested that if there is a way to explore psych students being able to take the standard Rhet courses, it would be beneficial to explore if USF would want to continue doing the Psych Rhet requirement as they have been doing so.
    - a. As a transfer student, many of her credits didn't transfer. She added that the issue might be within departments; however, to resolve it, she had to go straight to the Psychology Department to get her credits approved.
  3. Senator NyAshia said that as an Engineering major, there are so many differences in the concentrations offered within the major,



and because of that, the requirements vary greatly between the concentrations; she feels there isn't availability to explore what you are interested in. The problem isn't that students don't care to learn about certain cores; the problem is that students have to move around their schedule or give up their major classes in order to accommodate the cores.

4. Senator Mar added that going to USF, there needs to be taken into account that this is a Jesuit University, our education is focused on a Holistic approach, where students focus on becoming "well rounded students" in all aspects of education, not just their major.
  5. Senator Charlotte responded that as a nursing student, it is very difficult to complete cores and go to clinicals simultaneously. Some suggestions would be working with USF to ensure that nursing students with clinicals also have room to attend core classes.
  6. Natalie concluded that one of the main issues that students worry about with cores is that many worry about making sure they can fit them into their schedule and graduate on time. At the end of their USF journey, many students have completed their major requirements; however, many core requirements are still yet to be fulfilled. In order to do that, maybe there needs to be a rework for how many classes/sections are available for each core and make sure that each core is accessible for students.
- b. General Senate mini-group table discussions
    - i. Nadine discussed some ideas that were discussed for Senate mini-group table discussions.
  - c. Open to senate



- i. Mar sought interest in the Senate continuing “Senator Day in the Life” Instagram Takeovers.

**8. New Business** [6:00 pm - 6:15 pm]

- a. ASUSF Senate Official Complaint regarding 11/8 General Senate Meeting
  - i. Senate discussed an issue around the November 8th General Senate meeting and discussed feedback and ideas.

**9. Team-Work Time** [6:15 pm - 6:45 pm]

**10. Open Forum** [6:45 pm - 6:47 pm]

- a. Anyone who wishes to address the Senate

**11. Announcements** [6:45 pm - 6:50 pm]

- a. New members: Download slack (asusf-senate.slack.com)
- b. Spring Training, Malloy Hall 129 (February 10th, 2024 @10 am - 2:00 pm)**
  - i. Mar announced that there is an event called Lover’s Lane after Spring Training. Ask Mar for more information
- c. Natalie announced that this weekend is Lunar New Year and there are many events this weekend.
- d. STD testing
- e. Stich and Bitch
- f. Greek Life (Kappa Alpha Alpha)
- g. Black History Month
  - i. [Black History Month Events at USF](#)
- h. Upcoming Organization and Events announcements
- i. Open to the Floor

**12. Adjournment** [7:00 pm]

- a. Mar motions to



- i. Metzli seconds
  1. The meeting is adjourned.