



## ASUSF General Senate Minutes

Wednesday, September 13th, 2023 | FR 115 | 5 - 7pm PT

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1. **Call to Order and Roll Call** [5:05 pm-5:06 pm]
  - a. Nadine, Kiannah-Nicole, Zoe, Leo, Forrest. ET, Kendrick, Ashlyn, Jerry, Izzy, Ariana, Suretta, Mercedes, Aderet, Natalie, Izzy, Jerry
  - b. Advisors: Richie, Marci, Martina
2. [Land Recognition Statement](#)
3. **Approval of Agenda & [Minutes](#)**
4. **Check In** [5:06 pm-5:18 pm]
  - a. If you could instantly learn a new talent, what would it be?
    - i. Ashlyn motions to approve agenda
      1. Suretta seconds
        - a. The motion is passed
    - b. Ashlyn motions to approve last week's minutes
      - i. Kendrick seconds
        1. The motion is passed
5. **Open Forum** [5:18 - 5:48 pm]
  - a. Executive Updates
    - i. VPIA, Kiannah-Nicole
      1. Kiannah-Nicole announced that she is working on bonding activities within Senate and has been focusing on interviews and onboarding within Senate.
    - ii. VPF, Leo



1. Leo announced that he has approved, worked with, and evaluated a dozen undergraduate funding materials with the Finance Committee this semester and is collaborating with USFTV on Final Jam!
  - a. Event time and location: TBA
- iii. VPMC, Zoe
  1. Zoe announced that her role is helping promote clubs, organizations, and events on campus and overall helps maintain relationships with organizations for Senate.
- iv. VPA, Forrest
  1. Forrest announced that he is a resource for the Senate and the student body in resolutions writing.
    - a. If you want to write a resolution or are looking for extra help, come to the Advocacy Committee on Tuesday from 11:45 PM- 12:45 PM.
  2. Forest also helps with sustainability efforts and elections on campus.
    - a. He announced that Freshman elections are coming up, and tabling and voting starts next week, Monday, September 18th.
  3. He also announced that the Advocacy Committee focuses on Student Residential Life in the dorms.
    - i. Civic engagement with students
    - ii. Campus improvement
- v. President, Nadine
  1. Nadine announced that she supports the overall Senate and met with Julie Orio & Father Fitzgerald last week.
    - a. They talked about goals for the year
    - b. Collaboration for food insecurity on campus



2. Nadine also met with Frank Allocoo, Executive Sr. Associate Athletics Director
  - a. Collaboration with athletics to create more engagement with the student body
- vi. Senator Suretta announced a Title IX event: “Barbieland Reps Summit.”
  1. It's on Friday, September 15, UC5, 2-3 PM, Gender and Sexuality Center
    - a. Crafting and Critical Conversation in the context of the Barbie Movie
    - b. It is an excellent opportunity to meet fellow students interested in advocacy here on campus
- b. Questions:
  - i. How have you been utilizing your time within your role?
    1. Mercedes announced that she is working on a Sophomore Symposium that will be in CO 107 on Friday, September 22 from 4-7 PM. She is working closely with Lamonte Stamps and Alex of GoTeam
      - a. Brainstorm ideas on freshmen
      - b. Development department:
        - i. Working on retention and ways to engage students at USF
    2. Aderet announced they are following up with resolutions passed last year
      - a. Transgender Athletics



- i. Collaborating with USF with a Transgender Athletic policy
    - ii. Department of Education: Transgender Student Athlete Policy
    - iii. Collaborating with Mercedes: Black Resource Center is supported correctly.
  - c. Ashlyn motions to extend Open Forum by five minutes,
    - i. Mercedes seconds
      - a. Nine approvals, one abstention
        - i. The motion is passed
  - d. Anyone who wishes to address the Senate
    - i. Richie announced that when addressing conversations, please give more context about the administrator you are referring to so that others will have more context about who the administrator is and their role.
    - ii. Guest: Elevator in freshmen dorms, accessibility issue
      - 1. Kendrick announced that the elevator issue is a potential FEMA issue and is working on collecting data on how often the elevators at our school, specifically dormitories, break down.
        - a. Kendrick asked for help documenting any time you notice one of your elevators is out of order or if a student gets stuck in the elevator.
        - b. Aderet announced that Shannon Gary addressed this question at the Town Hall, when he discussed how the elevators are expensive to fix. The resident halls do not have the funds to replace them.



e. Welcome Freshmen Representative Candidates

i. Brief Introductions

1. Mar Ruiz announced they want to create a better environment for the first-year class.
2. Michael Warshower announced they hope to collaborate with school leadership to create change.
3. Harper Rose announced they wanted to change and that the Senate could allow them to do so.
4. Lisha Yu announced they hope to represent the Freshmen Class, help engage, and include all groups represented.
5. Areeshah announced they have previous experience with leadership positions and would like to make a change at USF.

**6. Asking informed questions Workshop**

[5:48 pm-6:21 pm]

- a. Advisor Richie gave tips and tricks on facilitating a conversation and asking the right questions to get your desired answer.
- b. Restorative or Punitive approach
  - i. Practice engagement
    1. Try their perspective
    2. Listen to listen, not wait to respond
  - ii. Empathy
    1. The issue is the problem, not the person
    2. Practice being in your rational mind, not your emotions.
    3. Try openly recognizing your anger and set a goal for the conversation of where you'd like it to go.
  - iii. Narrow down your focus
    1. Ask for a sample answer
    2. Try sayings like, "Can you expand on that?" or "Could you give an example?"



3. Ask for goals and timelines.

## 7. Old Business

[6:21-6:24 pm]

### a. Vote on Financial Account Approvals

#### i. [Women in Pre-Medicine](#)

1. The Women in Pre-Medicine Society aims to build community, sisterhood, and connection by empowering and uniting female-identifying pre-medical students at the University of San Francisco.

#### ii. [Philosophy Club](#)

1. The purpose of the Philosophy Club is to gather students interested in philosophy. We discuss and host social events in coordination with the philosophy department.

#### iii. [Management Club](#)

1. The purpose of The Management Club is to offer members lasting relationships, leadership opportunities, and career development. Our values are support, adaptability, innovation, relationship building, growth, community, and skill building. We engage in the following activities consistent with our purpose and values: connect students with working professionals in relevant industries, enhance curricular applications from real-work personnel, strengthen the School of Management community, including both alumni and current students, and offer career exploration and clarity for management majors.

#### iv. [Roundnet Club](#)

1. The purpose of this Section 1. The purpose of this organization is to provide a space for students interested in Roundnet to socialize and play the game.

#### v. [Running Club](#)

1. The purpose of this Section 1. Running Club primarily aims to connect USF runners and the greater running community. This will be done through organized runs at varying levels, workouts, races, team bonding activities, and service.

### b. Mercedes motions to approve five financial accounts

#### i. Kendrick seconds

1. Nine approvals, one abstention,



- a. The motion is passed

## 8. New Business

[6:24 pm - 6:35 pm]

- a. Freshman Representative Campaign Week
  - i. Social Media: Tag ASUSF Senate for a repost.
    - 1. On Tuesdays & Thursdays, Zoe will specifically only repost first-year campaign materials. On all other days of the week, freshmen campaigning will still be reposted, just mixed in with other USF content.
  - ii. First-year students, please update your statements
  - iii. Follow SLE promotional rules about posting guides.
- b. Action Items in 9/11 Email Sent by President Nadine

## 9. Announcements

[6:35 pm - 6:48 pm]

- a. Welcome New Members
  - i. Jerry Tang, International Student Representative
  - ii. Isabelle Sholes, University Budget Advisory Council Representative (UBAC)
- b. Elections Tabling in Cafe & Dormitories Sept 18th-22nd
  - i. Toler, Monday, September 18th, 6-7 pm
    - 1. Zoe
    - 2. Mercedes
  - ii. Fromm and Gillson, Tuesday, September 19th, 5-7 pm
    - 1. Zoe
    - 2. Jerry
    - 3. Surett
    - 4. Ashlyn
  - iii. Cafeteria UC2, Wednesday, September 20th, 11:30-12:30 PM
    - 1. Aderet
    - 2. Izzy



- iv. Hayes, Thursday, September 21st, 5-7 pm
  - 1. Kiannah-Nicole
  - 2. Natalie
- v. Cafeteria UC2, Friday, September 22nd, 11:30-12:30 PM
  - 1. Kendrick
- vi. Tabling does count as your office hours for the week!
- c. Start preparing Senator reports
  - i. 9/20 (3 Senator Reports)
    - 1. Natalie
    - 2. Kendrick
    - 3. Ariana
  - ii. 9/27 (3 Senator Reports)
    - 1. Mercedes
    - 2. Aderet
    - 3. Suretta
- d. BSU is holding a fundraiser at Chipotle from 5-9 p.m. Today!
- e. Sophomore Symposium September 22nd, 4:00 -5:30 PM, CO 107
- f. Incoming Guest Speaker: Aja Holmes, Director of Community Living
  - i. Community living: supports students on and off campus living
  - ii. Supports Food Pantry
  - iii. Oversees resident directors and advisors
  - iv. DOES NOT oversee facilities of the resident halls
- g. New Senators: Action items
- h. Upcoming Organization and Events Announcements
  - i. ASUSF: LUNAS event
    - 1. Thursday, September 28th, 11:40-12:45 PM
  - ii. USF Votes Tabling on Tuesdays from 11:45-12:45 PM
  - iii. CAB: Karaoke event, September 14, 7-9 PM UC 1

## 10. Adjournment

[6:50 pm]





- a. Ashlyn motions to adjourn
  - i. Mercedes seconds
    - 1. The motion is passed