



## ASUSF General Senate Agenda

Wednesday, September 6th, 2023 | FR 115 | 5 - 7pm PT

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1. **Call to Order and Roll Call** [5:03 PM]
  - a. Nadine, Kiannah-Nicole, Leo, Zoe, Forrest, Mercedes, Ashlyn, Aderet, Kendrick, Surreta, ET
  - b. Advisors: Richie, Martina
2. [Land Recognition Statement](#)
3. **Approval of Agenda & [Minutes](#)**
  - a. Ashlyn motions to approve the agenda
    - i. Kendrick seconds
      1. The motion is passed
  - b. Kendrick motions to approve the minutes
    - i. Ashlyn seconds
      1. The motion is passed
4. **Check In** [5:05 PM]
  - a. What kitchen utensils are you?
5. **Open Forum** [5:13 PM]
  - a. Aderet announced that mold is a concerning issue in the dorms, specifically in Loyola Village and on campus.
  - b. Leo revealed that the Finance Committee approved three events in the upcoming future.
    - i. Diwali
    - ii. Navritiri
    - iii. SOMHS



- c. Ashlyn announced that USFvotes tables are looking for members to help table on Tuesday from 11:45-12:45 PM; USFvotes also meets every Thursday from 6:30-7:40 PM during dead-hour.
  - i. Reach out to either Ashlyn Glancy or Forrest Cameron to get involved.

## 6. Guest Speaker

[5:15 pm]

- a. Julie Orio, Vice President of Student Life
  - i. [Presentation Slides](#)
  - ii. Structure of Administration Workshop
  - iii. Recent decisions and changes
    - 1. New Chancellor and Chief Mission Officer, John P. Fitzgibbons, S.J.
    - 2. New Interim Provost and Vice President, Eileen Chia-Ching Fung
    - 3. New area: Student success, Inclusive Excellence, and Curricular Innovation
      - a. Rebecca Hong, Vice Provost, is looking for more student input; ASUSF should reach out in the future.
  - 4. Mold Issue
    - a. Fromm had an issue with mold
      - i. The roof has been replaced
      - ii. Education on San Francisco humidity was completed
      - iii. Reach out to Student Housing Senior Director Torry Brouillard-Bruce
      - iv. Future action items for Student Life and Student Housing:
        - 1. More education on preventing mold
        - 2. Education on past renovations on buildings to prevent mold.



5. Update on past Resolutions

- a. [Accommodate Sikh-identified Students to Wear their “Kirpan”](#)
  - i. Passed
  - ii. Implemented
- b. [Mandatory Menstrual Pads in Bathrooms](#)
  - i. Passed
  - ii. In progress: cost issue
- c. [Increased Communication and Outreach from the Department of Public Safety](#)
  - i. Passed
  - ii. In progress: Public Safety Advisory Board Meet, September 12th, 3:30-4:30 PM @Getty Study
- d. [Improved Communication from the Student Employment Office Hiring Managers](#)
  - i. Passed
  - ii. Implemented
- e. [Supporting the Food Pantry via the Reallocation of Flexi Funds](#)
  - i. Passed
  - ii. Implemented/in progress: Cost and space issue
- f. [Referendum to Increase the ASUSF Student Activity](#)
  - i. Passed
  - ii. Implemented
- g. [Change the University of San Francisco Mascot](#)
  - i. Passed
  - ii. In progress: A committee is dedicated to visualizing what changing the mascot would look like (i.e., financially, marketing, etc.).
- h. [Increasing Transparency and Accountability Regarding Green Investment](#)
  - i. Passed
  - ii. Implemented
- i. [Improved Transparency and Communication Channels between the Board of Trustees and Students](#)
  - i. Passed
  - ii. In progress: Julie has a committee to determine how to implement more transparency.



- j. [Establishment of a Dedicated Testing Center](#)
  - i. Passed
  - ii. In progress: space issue
    - 1. Note that the current office for Student Disabilities Services is on Gleeson LL20, where Kendrick, Students with Disabilities Representative, shared that having the SDS office on the lower level of Gleeson Library gives off the message that SDS is not a high priority for the university.
- k. [Implementing Public Posting Boards](#)
  - i. Passed
  - ii. Implemented and in progress: There is a posting board on UC1, and Julie is looking into creating more outdoor posting boards for the student body.
- l. [Improved Communication and Transparency between Bon Appetit and Management Company and Students](#)
  - i. Passed
  - ii. Implemented
- m. [Equitable Gender-Inclusive Housing Admission Processing](#)
  - i. Passed
  - ii. Implemented
- n. [International Student Internship Relief Fund](#)
  - i. Passed
  - ii. In progress: cost issue
- o. [Sustainable Redevelopment of the University Center Patio](#)
  - i. Passed
  - ii. In progress: with Forrest
- p. [Establishment of a Permanent Title IX Office](#)
  - i. Passed
  - ii. Implemented
- q. [University Divestment from the Gun Industry](#)
  - i. Passed
  - ii. Implemented
- r. [Reduction of Textbook Costs](#)
  - i. Passed
  - ii. In progress



- s. [Solidarity with USF's Transgender Athletes](#)
    - i. Passed
  - t. [First Steps in the Establishment of a Flexi-Transfer System](#)
    - i. Passed
    - ii. Logistical issues: The Senate will look into different options.
  - u. [ASUSF Senate Commitment to Exploring Rideshare Services for School of Nursing and Health Professions \(SONHP\) Students](#)
    - i. Passed
    - ii. In progress: A committee was established to investigate what that could be like.
  - v. [Institutionalization of a "Textbook Exchange Channel" Via Slack](#)
    - i. Passed
    - ii. In progress
- iv. Questions and Discussion
- 1. ISSS: Are there plans for staff expansion since, in recent years, there has been a backlog?
    - a. Look into inviting Marcella DeProto, Director of International Student Scholar Services.
    - b. Some of the issues last year were due to government and country-specific situations.
  - 2. Student Financial Services?
    - a. At USF, they look at organizationally what makes the most sense. Currently, the financial plan that USF has best supports the financial aid packages that USF offers.
  - 3. Is enrollment for the AY2023-2024 low?
    - a. As a tuition-driven institution, 99% of how USF pays the bills is from tuition.



- b. USF has been working on their EKG to make our enrollment more of a “flat line” or more consistent.
  - c. This year, UCs went to their waitlist, and many students who may have committed to USF left for a UC. Additionally, there has been data to show that students are leaving California.
  - d. Furthermore, USF predicted an enrollment cliff & cost is one of the number one factors for students leaving higher education.
- 4. Is USF considering diversifying its streams of income?
  - a. The main goal of USF is to diversify revenue and acknowledge the pressure of running the institution due to the high cost of living. Currently still integrating (enrollment and retention, diversifying income, utilizing campus during summer, branding, community building, diversity equity, and inclusion).
- 5. Response to San Francisco being a dangerous city:
  - a. Compared to other cities, San Francisco is one of the safer cities.
  - b. Additionally, USF is situated in one of the safest neighborhoods in SF. It is essential to have conversations with people who have questions about the safety of USF.
- 6. How can students help with retention/how can specific organizations get more funding from the school?
  - a. Reach out to Lindsey McClenahan, Vice President of Development.



- b. Donors often connect with USF for specific projects, which attracts other donors. However, USF does reach out and communicate, for example, that they are fundraising for scholarship money and are looking for x amount of money for students.
- 7. Is there a housing scholarship bucket?
  - a. Student Life Emergency Account: USF can only give out \$600 to students in terms of support; if it exceeds that, it must be taxed. If it DOES go beyond \$600, it starts affecting their financial aid package and housing.
  - b. When USF does fundraise, its main focus is academics.
    - i. Follow-up: Are there ways that specific endowments can go to housing?
      - 1. Yes, at certain times, the University can allocate money from a donor or endowment and direct it towards buckets or areas that they feel need development.
- 8. How can Senate ensure that they are making a concerted effort to make sure that money is going to areas that need more funding?
  - a. During donor events, USF promotes student needs. I.e. Housing, mental health, and city costs in hopes that donors decide to donate to specific causes.
    - i. Follow-up: Would ASUSF be able to attend the donor event?
      - 1. Julie Orio will ask and follow up with Senate.
- 9. Who would a student attend for a mold poisoning hospital bill?



- a. USF usually works with the family in long-term cases and communicates via mediators. I.e. a settlement.
- b. When there is a short-term issue in terms of a hospital bill, the first place of contact would be the Dean of Students.
  - i. Follow-up: How can students communicate with RA's about mold issues and compensation for possible mold harm?
    - 1. Contact Aja Holmes, Assistant Dean of Students and Director of Community Living.
  - ii. Follow-up: How can Senate help RA's create a better working relationship with their administration?
    - 1. Reach out to Dr. Shannon Gary, Dean of Students.

## **7. Team Bonding Activity**

[6:23 PM]

- a. Kendrick motions to amend the agenda for the time allocated for the Team Bonding Activity from 6:15 p.m. to 6:23 p.m.
  - i. All in favor, no abstains
    - 1. The motion is passed
- b. Richie announced that the Senate can do a workshop on asking questions that help you get your desired answers.

## **8. Old Business**

[6:39 pm]

- a. Ashlyn motions to reallocate the remaining meeting minutes to New Business and Announcements.





- b. All in favor, no abstains.
  - 1. The motion is passed.

## 9. New Business

[6:40 pm]

- a. Prepare updates for how you have utilized your time within your role.
- b. Election Tabling
  - i. Next week, Freshmen Representative Campaign Week
  - ii. Senate will be tabling; look for an update on Slack/Gmail when you will be scheduled to work.
- c. Action Items in 9/5 Email Sent by President Nadine
- d. Zoe announced that if you need help getting started, start with 3 to 5 goals you want to accomplish this semester, and the executives can help you get started.
  - i. Senators- make sure that you are connected to Slack.
    - 1. Extra tip: Add Slack to your phone!
- e. Mercedes announced Oasis Connect on Friday from 5 to 6 p.m. on Cowell.
- f. Ashlyn announced that if there are any events that you are promoting, reach out to her to put signs in the dorms and let her dorm hall know.
- g. Next week, Wednesday, September 13th, BSU is holding a fundraiser at Chipotle from 5-9 PM.
  - i. Show up and support!

## 10. Announcements

[6:45 pm]

- a. Public Safety Advisory Board Meet, September 12th, 3:30-4:30 PM  
@Getty Study
- b. Start preparing Senator reports
  - i. 9/13 (Executives Reports)
  - ii. 9/20 (3 Senator Reports)
  - iii. 9/20 (3 Senator Reports)
- c. Upcoming Organization and Events announcements: Open to floor



11. **Adjournment**

[6:50 pm]

- a. Ashlyn motions to adjourn the meeting
  - i. Kendrick seconds
    - 1. The motion is passed.