



## ASUSF General Senate Minutes

Wednesday, September 10th, 2025 | Xavier Auditorium | 5:00 - 7:30 PM

---

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call** [5:11 pm]
  - a. Executives Present: Emiko, Arianna, Kayli, Natalie, Nathan
  - b. Senators Present: Talia, Rayanne, Sophia, Litzell, Cheska, Carolayne, Bethia, Kenneth, Tiffanë, Manuel, Ayceton, Leanna, Ananaya
  - c. Support Staff Present: Richie, Miz, Mya
2. [Land Recognition Statement](#)
3. **Approval of Agenda**
  - a. Check in: What is your favorite Olympic sport?
  - b. Welcome new senators!
4. **Guest Speaker** [5:15-6:13 pm]
  - a. Lester Deanes: Associate Vice President, Dean of Students
    - i. Spoke on student mission and support beyond the classroom.
    - ii. Introduced concepts of *cura personalis* (care for the whole person), *cura apostolica* (care for the institution), *cura studiorum* (care for the plan of study), and *cura propria* (care for oneself).
    - iii. Emphasized student well-being, development, and available partnerships for senators' initiatives.
    - iv. Quoted: "Provide support to address barriers to your success and well-being."
    - v. [Q&A Session with Lester Deanes, Associate Vice President & Dean of Students](#)
5. **Open Forum** [6:13 pm - 6:25 pm]
  - a. **VPIA Natalie**: Scheduling guest speakers for the year; immersion trips successful; suggestions for SDS, food pantry, cultural centers, international students, Public Safety, HPS, ISS, McGrath Scholars.

- b. **VPMC Arianna:** Upcoming town hall; volunteers requested to help market (Annaya, Leanna, Manuel, Tiffanë, Rayanna, Vivian, Ayceton). Attire coordination requested.
- c. **Senator Litzell:** First-generation stoles ordered for distribution to graduating students.
- d. **Senator Beth:** Reported on UBAC meeting; voiced concern that tuition increases disproportionately affect first-generation students, potentially lowering academic performance.
- e. **Senator Ayceton:** Drafting solidarity statement with Kamehameha schools on protecting educational and cultural rights.
- f. **Senator Manuel:** Working on commuter locker expansion; positive initial meetings.

## 6. Approval of Financial Accounts

[6:25 pm - 6:32 pm]

- a. Veterans Club
- b. Hands and Feet Project
  - i. Senator Beth motioned to open the vote
    - 1. Senator Litzell seconded
      - a. After discussion, financial accounts for Veterans Club and Hands and Feet Project were approved unanimously by the senate team.

## 7. Conference and Events Funding Requests

[6:32 pm - 7:30 pm]

- a. National Organization of Minority Architecture Students (NOMAS)
  - i. [Budget](#) & [Presentation](#)
    - 1. Senator Beth motioned to extend meeting by 15 minutes. Senator Kenneth seconded. Unanimously approved.
    - 2. VPF Nathan discussed the budget and Finance Committee vote prior to the meeting.
    - 3. Senator Tiffanë motioned to open the vote to approve the NOMAS budget. Senator Leanna seconded. Continued discussion and questions were raised.
      - a. In Favor: 5
      - b. Opposed: 6
      - c. Abstain: 2

- i. Motion to approve the NOMAS budget did not pass. Additional questions were raised.
  - 4. Senator Tiffanë motioned to reevaluate and amend the vote. Senator Talia seconded. Discussion continued prior to the vote.
    - a. In Favor: 4
    - b. Opposed: 5
    - c. Abstain: 4
  - i. Motion to approve the NOMAS budget did not pass. Recommendations to be sent back to the Finance Committee.
- b. National Society of Black Engineers
  - i. [Budget & Presentation](#)
    - 1. VPF Nathan discussed the budget and Finance Committee vote prior to the meeting.
    - 2. Senator Carolayne motioned to open the vote on the National Society of Black Engineers budget. Senator Manuel seconded.
      - a. In Favor: 10
      - b. Opposed: 0
      - c. Abstain: 3
    - 3. Senator Manuel motioned to extend meeting by 5 minutes. Senator Kennth seconded. Unanimously approved..
- c. Hawaiian Ensemble
  - i. [Budget & Presentation](#)
    - 1. Senator Ayceton motioned to open the vote on Hawaiian ensemble budget. Senator Talia seconded. After discussion the Hawaiian ensemble budget was approved unanimously.

## 8. Announcements

[7:30 pm]

- a. [Freshman Class Representative Student Elections](#): now through 12 noon on Friday, Sept. 19
- b. [Introduction to CliftonStrengths](#) Registration Deadline: Thursday, Sept. 11
- c. [McGrath Scholars Program](#) Info Session: Monday, Sept. 15 at 6-7 pm in Berman Room, Fromm Hall

- d. [National Voter Registration Day](#): Tuesday, Sept. 16 (USFVotes tabling 11:30 am-1 pm on UC 1st Floor)
- e. Constitution Day Program- [Intersections of Law, Ethics, and Politics](#): Thursday, Sept. 18 at 5:30-6:30 pm in Xavier Auditorium, Fromm Hall
- f. [Global Matters Advisory Committee](#) Application Deadline: Friday, Sept. 19

**9. Adjournment**

[7:30 pm]

- a. Senator Kenneth motioned to adjourn the meeting
  - i. Senator Cheska seconded
    - 1. The meeting was adjourned