



## ASUSF General Senate Minutes

Wednesday, October 2, 2024 | Fromm Hall 115 and [Zoom](#) | 5 - 7pm PT

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1. **Call to Order and Roll Call** [5:00pm - 5:10 pm]
  - a. Metzli, Kiannah-Nicole, Aderet, Drew, Edgar, Kettric, NyAshia, Elena, Autumn, Damien, Klarenz, Kenny, Emi, Natalie, Mar, Jeslyn, Corina, Olivia, Thelma, Christian, Aarav, Litzell
  - b. Jake, Richie
2. **[Land Recognition Statement](#)**
3. **Approval of Agenda & [Minutes](#)** [5:10 pm - 5:15 pm]

*Check in:* Describe your day in two words.

  - a. Olivia motions to approve the agenda.
    - Jeslyn seconds.
      1. Agenda approved.
  - b. Drew motions to approve last week's minutes
    - Edgar seconds.
      1. Minutes approved.
4. **Team Time** [5:15 pm - 5:30 pm]
  - a. A motion was made to close the meeting until 5:30.
    - A second was provided.
      1. Discussion opened.
      - 2 abstentions.
    - Meeting was closed from 5:15-5:30.
  - a. A motion was made to reopen the meeting.
    - A second was provided.
      1. The meeting was reopened.



## 5. Guest Speakers

[5:30 pm - 6:40 pm]

### a. [Mascot Working Group](#)

- i. Shawn Calhoun, Library Dean
- ii. Ellen Ryder, Vice President of Marketing and Communications, Chair of Mascot Working Group

## Q & A:

1. How was the feedback brought up in this survey collected?
  - Through Market Day and natural conversation with constituents, our senators were able to collect testimony and opinions from students across multiple demographics.
2. Have focus groups been conducted with latine-identifying students/faculty/staff, including cafeteria and janitorial staff? This form of representation feels needed because we all play a role in the comprehensive university image.
  - No, they have not deliberately searched to include these groups however they are open to doing so in the future. Questions to students were not directed to a certain demographic.
3. Has the focus group considered doing more outreach and attending more on campus events to reach out to students in a less formal environment. Has your group considered a focus group that is centered around a certain group or demographic to ensure that the feedback is as comprehensive as possible?
  - There are 12 members of their team, and their hope is that through the testimonies shared from senators, overall information will be covered.
4. Follow up; Are there students on the working group currently?
  - Yes, there are currently four students in the working group. Those students include our ASUSF Executive team and our Gender and Sexuality student representative.
5. How can students be involved in this working group?
  - Interest for this group will be filtered through the ASUSF Senate.
6. There is not a universal feeling or opinion from the Athletics Department however there are very strong opinions about keeping the Don as the mascot.



7. How does your group conduct student outreach currently outside of ASUSF Senate and the Athletics Department?

- This group does not currently do any other outreach beyond the student groups mentioned above because they believe that this outreach will do an adequate amount of research into this topic.
- Another place that student feedback has been collected is the Foghorn comment section.

8. Will the Foghorn survey be included in this report?

- It should be included in the report given to the group. This has been mentioned in the initial resolution.

9. How are alumni engaged and participating in this project?

- There are groups of alumni that meet regularly and they ask for feedback rather than a survey. Their names will be included in this feedback that is given out.

10. What is the most efficient way to provide your group with feedback for this report?

- All feedback that is provided to the group will be shared in the report so as long as the students have testimonies to provide, it will be included.

11. A student in Athletics has reported that they felt pressured to not voice their opinions on the mascot. What is your opinion on this narrative?

- They have not heard this before so please provide this information in the report that is shared from ASUSF Senate.

12. Will you be acknowledging the limitations of your outreach in your report to the president to address the fact that this report may be prioritizing certain groups and excluding some others.

- Shaun personally has no problem including these limitations however this will be brought up in the whole group meeting to see if it will be included in the final report.
- Ellen also provided a comment.

NyAshia motions to extend the conversation by 5 minutes.

- Elena seconds.



a. 5 minute extension granted.

14. Are there ways to begin doing outreach to the greater student body external from Senate that will encourage the working group to do their own research going forward?

- Senate has representation on the working group and it is quite unlikely that there will be other forms of outreach done given the time however they are open to it.

15. There are resources on campus available that are well versed in ethical research, would you be open to being connected to people that can help conduct this research in a short time.

Emi motions to adjust the length of open forum.

- Kenny seconds.
  - a. Open forum is adjusted.

**6. Open Forum** [6:40 pm - 6:45 pm]

- a. Leah, a Red bull employee came in to discuss her job and also provided complementary Red bulls to Senate.

**7. New Business** [6:40 pm - 6:50 pm]

- a. Financial Account Approval
  - i. Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE)
- May motions to open a financial account.
  - a. Christian seconds.
    - Financial account approved.

**8. Announcements** [6:50 pm - 7:00 pm]

- a. [Senate Playlist Google Form](#)
- b. [Events Calendar](#)
- c. Please share Autumn's [form](#) out to your constituents.
- d. Please share Jeslyn's [form](#) out to your constituents.



- e. Dodgeball will be happening tomorrow on Welch field with DZ
- f. Klarenz's meeting with the deans has been postponed, please slack him with questions.
- g. Corina's meeting with Provost Fung has been scheduled, please slack her with questions.
- h. Emi's meeting with the menstrual product initiative will be held with Facilities, HPS, and Period Chapter. Open invitation. Time: 12-1:30 in UC 502 this Friday, October 4th.
- i. FALL TOWN HALL IS NEXT WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 9TH! Look out for emails about this event.
  - PUB THE EVENT!

**9. Adjournment**

[6:56 pm]

- a. Kenny motions to adjourn the meeting.
  - Drew seconds.
    - 1. Meeting adjourned.