



## ASUSF General Senate Minutes

Wednesday, September 11, 2024 | Fromm Hall 115 | 5 - 7pm PT

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1. **Call to Order and Roll Call** [5:00pm - 5:10 pm]
  - a. Kiannah-Nicole, Mar, Aderet, Klarenz, Jeslyn, Corina, Aarav, Drew, Sarah, Autumn, Chibuike, Edgar, Litzell, Elena, Emiko, Natalie, Olivia, May, Christian
  - b. Advisors: Jake, Richie
2. **Land Recognition Statement**
3. **Approval of Agenda & Minutes** [5:10 pm - 5:15 pm]
  - Check in: what is your favorite SF restaurant and why?
    1. Emiko motions to approve last week's minutes.
      - a. Autumn seconds.
        - Motion is passed.
    2. Corina motions to approve this week's agenda.
      - a. Elena seconds.
        - Motion is passed.
4. **Guest Speaker** [5:15 pm - 5:55 pm]
  - a. Difficult Dialogues Presentation
    - i. Sabrina Kwist, Associate Vice Provost for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
    - ii. Jonathan D. Greenberg, Director of the USF Institute for Non Violence and Social Justice [Jgreenberg5@usfca.edu](mailto:Jgreenberg5@usfca.edu)
    - iii. Lester Deanes, Assistant Vice President for Student Leadership and Engagement
  - b. Introduction of USF FORWARD PROGRAM
    - Navigating productive dialogue
    - Bringing in students to shape initiative
    - Collaborating with ASUSF Senate, Cultural Centers



- Listening circles on difficult issues
- Dialogue across differences

They are open to small group discussions to develop and refine the program.

**Q and A:**

1. How will you ensure that student voices and opinions are heard in these listening sessions?
  - While none of these proposed programs have been established, there will be rules for this voluntary listening circle to fully listen to what is being shared. There will be facilitation structures in place to also share resources for students to process their feelings before, during, and after.
2. If these sessions are not mandatory, how will you ensure that staff and facilitators will listen and support students involved?
  - This program is designed in hopes of being a long term sustainable program that will continue to support students. This will initially be voluntary but will progress to being a bigger commitment from those involved.
1. Kiannah-Nicole motions to move the BOT debrief until after Open Forum.
  - a. Chibuike seconds.
    - Motion is passed.

**5. Open Forum**

[6:00 pm - 6:10 pm]

- Olivia attended the first Title IX Reps meeting and brought forward concerns regarding the Public Safety officers' conduct as well as the lack of women officers on our campus.
- Mar mentions that Freshmen Class Representative campaigning and tabling will be happening for the next two weeks. Please sign up to
- Kenny has been working with Career Services to bring more internships to the junior class.
- Jeslyn and Corina will be meeting with Alex later to discuss internship opportunities as well.



- Metzli announced that Career Services will be attending our meeting as a guest speaker later this month.
- Please 'cc Kiannah-Nicole on emails and she can also assist with the process of connecting with admin.
- Autumn is working on a project to address students' accommodations not being honored so please send information to her about this topic.
- The first LCM (Latine Community Meetup) happened and Elena asked for any information from students.
- Emi has had two meetings with HPS, GSC, and Period Chapter to work on the menstrual equity program.

#### **6. Board of Trustees Debrief**

[6:10 - 6:35 pm]

Kiannah-Nicole shared the following updates:

- ITS is working on initiatives to improve overall student experience and avoid survey burnout.
- Working to improve degree evaluation for students to make it more user friendly.
- Retention rates are improving and we are approaching the 80% goal.
- Facilities have repainted the exterior and replaced the windows in Fromm and the building is now open for students.
- Masonic East: working with the city and architectural designs are being reviewed by the Fire Departments. They need 11 million more to meet the 25 million total for this project.
- Facilities budget is currently struggling because of the budget constraints, they will be moving from quarterly to monthly updates to accommodate this.
- Discussion about the overall condition of elevators, specifically in LME.

Nadine provided an update on the finances:

- Enrollment is down and we are in debt as a university (about 9.7 million). The amount in reserves that we could use is about 4 million total but we are still about 4-5 million in debt.
- Second year retention is doing better than it has been in the past.



**7. Mascot Meeting Debrief and Plan**

[6:35 pm - 6:55 pm]

- a. Reaching out to Constituency
  - Talk to as many constituents as possible and gather information about the mascot. Please include numbers and data.

Questions to ask:

1. What would they want to change the Don to?
2. What does the Don mean to students?
3. How do you feel about the Don as the mascot?
  - b. Putting together student input
    - Open dialogue and shared document
  - c. Presenting document
  - d. Mascot group is coming on October 2nd.

**8. Announcements**

[6:55 pm - 7:00 pm]

- a. [Events Calendar](#)
- b. 9/19 Knife Skills Cooking Class, 5:00-8:00pm, Koret Lodge
- c. 9/14 6th Annual Chuseok Festival, Presidio Main Parade Lawn
- d. Email is coming out from Title IX about policies for this year.
- e. There are 15 events in the next two weeks.
- f. Job fair is called Meet the Firms from now until 7:30 today.

**9. Adjournment**

[7:00 pm]

1. Autumn motions to adjourn the meeting.
  - a. Kenny seconds.
    - Motion is passed.