



ASUSF Agenda

Wednesday, January 29th, 2019 | UC4th Floor | 5:00 - 7:00pm

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

[5:06pm]

Nick, Leo, Sarah, Tanya, D’Vine , Marisol, Tiana, Hector, Cassie, Meitya, Austin, Olivia, Alisha, Irene

2. Approval of Minutes

- D’Vine motions
- Tanya seconds
- Motion approved

3. Approval of Agenda

- D’Vine motions
- Sarah seconds
- Motion approved

4. Open Forum

- a. Anyone who wishes to address the Senate

5. New Business:

[5:05-5:27pm]

- a. FOAP Approval Votes, *VPF*
- One job of senate is to approve or disapprove their student accounts on campus
 - i. *ASUSF Black, Indigenous, People of Color Students for the Environment*
 - Austin motions
 - Meitya seconds
 - Motion approved
 - ii. *ASUSF Caribbean Student Association*
 - Sarah motions
 - Meitya seconds
 - Motion approved
 - iii. *ASUSF Burmese Student Association (BURSA)*
 - Tanya motions
 - Austin seconds
 - Motion approved

iv. *ASUSF Hilltop Democrats*

- Meitya motions
- Austin seconds
- Motion approved

b. Discussion about the continuation of the Military Veteran's Representative Position, *VPIA*

- Based on the fact that there has been no term served consistently → I believe that we can make it a student at large position
- At large positions - a renewal but never guarantee which will be up to IA committee whether they believed it is necessary or needed within that academic year
- Change the title in the name instead of "veterans"
 - Something to combine the two yet understand that they are two different titles
- What is this positions purpose?
 - Represent veterans
 - Being able to make the distinction and to change the title without defeating the purpose
- If we made it at large position → it would expire until someone wants to take on the same position after each academic year
- Connect with veterans and ROTC to see what their view is on this position, what they need from this position, to change the title to make it more inclusive, etc.
- Have until 3 weeks
- ROTC there is about 80 members ; over 100 veterans on campus
- Veterans have their own little community but they do not have an org to represent them along with ROTC
- What to do in this position (Alisha's opinion)
 - Create a buddy system between ROTC with veterans
 - To help create a community, network, and shared stories and traits

D'Vine motions to amend the agenda to move up old business

Austin seconds

Motion approved

6. Break

[5:54-6:04pm]

- Austin motions
- Meitya seconds
- Motion approved

7. Old Business:

[5:27-6:35pm]

a. Discussion of Response to ASUSF Senate List of Demands, *President*

- The board of trustees meeting happened December 5th - the first friday where they going to vote upon the tuition increase (4.2%).
- As a result of the protest the board members were able to walk outside to talk to the students
- There was a motion to delay the vote for 10 days where they expect the president to respond then send it to the board.
- December 9th - Cassie and Hector met with Father Fitz upon the protest, the motion, and the list of demands.
- December 20th - Hector reached out to the secretary of the board of trustees regarding the minutes regarding the motion that was made.
- After winter break executive board training on january 13th reached out again to receive no response. Yet, there was a link to the minutes on the USF website. We discovered that the board members had three days to vote electronically and 80% voted and was unanimous.
- January 22 - received an email directing to the website that we have discovered prior to that week. Also received the response of list of demands from Father Fitz.
- After the meeting the board received information upon the university's financial policy where the president shared the list of demands from ASUSF.
- Received supplemental information on financial increase through a conference call to help guide certain BOT members.
- List of demands was created by DonsFairTuition and ASUSF.
 - For low income students
 - Trying to find tangible resources and steps to help them afford to stay at this university and to feel supported
 - Response (Father Fitz had to the list of demands)
 - Response one
 - Financial aid office will have 1:1's on a case to case basis and keeping it private
 - USF is bound by federal and state law to use information from FAFSA
 - The university is actively investigating creative proposals and exploring ways to supposd our students ex: paid internships for credit
 - Response two - listed at the end of document due to length
 - Financial Aid Bill of rights
 - 1. Extension of payment deadline for the 2020 - 2021 school year

- 2. Lowering the threshold to qualify for payment plans to \$500
- 3. Establishment of explicitly- noted financial aid “office hours” to get questions answered where students can discuss changes to financial aid packages
 - Office hours
- 4. Allowing students to request a reevaluation of their financial aid package to take into consideration both the current tuition increase as well as future ones
- 5. Clear communication from the university to the entire student body regarding the changes in leadership with the Department of Financial Services
- 6. A publicly announce and methodical plan from the Office of Financial Aid to efficiently support students specifically for students during the summer
- 7. The continuation of the quarterly publication of a financial aid “newsletter” via university-wide email within the context of a general improvement in communication.
- Response three
 - The charter (bylaws) of USF does not allow constituent representatives to vote on board resolutions - which also applies to alumni and faculty
 - Constituent representatives and resource personnel are welcome to speak at Board of Trustees meetings as they are called upon by the Chairman of the board
 - USF management is confident that the present number of student representatives on all board committees is sufficient
- Response four
 - University is committed to communicating more effectively regarding tuition increases
 - In collaboration with Dons For Fair Tuition, the timeline for notification of the tuition increase was moved up to earlier in the calendar year
 - Student leaders from Dons for Fair tuition and the ASUSF able to review and provide feedback on the tuition increase notification
 - Open to communicating with prospective and enrolled students
 - Students financial aid packages may also change if their families financial circumstances change in a way that merits a readjustment of their package, either upward or downward

- Response five
 - USF has an excellent record of educating low-income students as seen in recent data from the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System and from collegescorecard.ed.gov.
 - Students can access this publicly available third party information at any time
 - In addition, our vision, mission, and values statement articulates this commitment

Meeting with Father Fitz and Exec Board - January 29th

- Conference call to have an oral response to the list of demands - faculty, alumni, ASUSF president was not invited only BOT members
 - Why?
 - A: He believes that the board had enough information regarding our views and our stance where ASUSF did not need another space to say it again
 - He gave a summary decision upon the list of demands
 - Questions were answered and the document was sent to BOT the same time as the ASUSF while they were voting
 - Red flag: communication to ASUSF and to the board
 - Not all board members attended this call
- The student representation upon the board
- Father fitz agreed to work with to help have students upon the committees such as the university council, etc.
- Clarify the timeline
- This conversation was the start to discuss what happened over winter break and now to look moving forward onto what are the next steps
- The financial aid office will be holding numerous amounts events on main campus in february (pop up sessions, etc.)
- If want more seats on the board of trustees → need to discuss with them not the president since he has no power

Questions/ Initial thoughts/ Goals

1. Who would be the person to push into these committees, and how will that be beneficial?
 - a. It will help with communication being out
 - b. There are different committees to have students hear what is going on and being able to communicate it to the entire student body
 - c. Helps with perspectives of other students instead of one & digestion/briefing other students
2. Is there anything senators can do to have more support
 - a. Talk to constituents about senate is doing
 - b. Contact exec board - questions and perspective when meeting with admin

3. What conversation are we hoping to have before the next month?
 - a. VPIA and President will be meeting with Micheal Beseda next monday upon how the department runs
 - b. Will discuss the bill of rights with him as well

Senator Announcements, Accomplishments

[6:34-6:37pm]

- Marisol's resolution implemented

8. Executive Announcements

[6:45-6:46pm]

- a. Hector Bustos, *ASUSF President*
 - Involvement fair
 - Pirina lounge
 - Giveaways → hand sanitizers, Large t-shirts
 - Push for committee recruitment
 - Activity for town hall topics
 - Roles:
 - Table:
 - D’Vine
 - Marisol
 - Tiana
 - Sarah
 - Floaters
 - Irene
 - Cassie
 - Meitya
 - Austin
 - Alisha
 - Tanya
- b. Cassie Murphy, *VP of Internal Affairs*
 - Senator reports are due 5p.m. friday
 - Upload a copy of schedule to canvas due friday
- c. Tiana Valerio, *VP of Finance*
 - Join finance committee
- d. Irene Nguyen, *VP of Marketing and Communications*
 - Poll to schedule a time → senator video
- e. Marisol Castro, *VP of Advocacy*
 - Service project at saint anthony's dining hall → will be sending a doodle poll with dates for availability
 - Police advisory board meeting tomorrow

9. Advisor Report

[6:46-6:49pm]

- Run for next year

- Look for other candidates and helping out other individuals
- Marci Nunez will be running senate will nick is out
- Step - Up → leadership opportunity with Bob Just for foundations/clifton strengths/
figure out how to work with other individuals and your team

10. Announcements

[6:50-6:53pm]

- Org of the year nominations open tomorrow
- Critical connection conference Friday February 7th 10 - 4p.m. McLaren
- Hilltop Democrats → talk politics

11. Adjournment

[6:54pm]

- Austin motions Leo seconds
- Motion approved