1. **Call to Order and Roll Call**  
   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:**  
   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**
   - 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 supposed 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

   - 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