



ASUSF Agenda

Wednesday, March 25th, 2020 | Berman Room | 5:00 - 7:00pm

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

[5:00pm]

Cassie, John, Marisol, Olivia, Hector, Tanya, Metiya, Becca, Sarah, D’Vine, Tiana, Andrea, Austin, Frances, Marci, Alisha, Ethan Tan

2. Approval of Minutes

- Tanya motions to approve
- John seconds
- Motion approved

3. Approval of Agenda

- Austin motions
- Tanya seconds
- Motion approved

4. Open Forum

- a. Anyone who wishes to address the Senate

5. New Business:

[5:05-6:00pm]

- a. Emergency Legislation Regarding Dean’s Emergency Fund
 - i. Introduction
 - USF dean of students office administers an emergency fund to assist students who are unable to meet immediate, essential expenses due to a temporary hardship related to an emergency situation that may jeopardize their health, safety, and or academic performance
 - The max limit for it has been lowered from \$600 to \$300
 - This resolution grows from this to help students in need to allocate funds from reserves to help support the already existing emergency funds
 - More students have access to this and offer more money to it as well
 - Increase the maximum up to \$600
 - Can not predict when this will end but we decided to go with the fiscal year of allowing this to happen until the end of summer 2020
 - ii. Discussion

- Additional money will be coming out of the reserves
 - Event fund pot can not be used due to all the cancelled events on campus
 - Taking the student activity fee money and putting it towards back the student body
 - \$600 per person amount was chosen by dean's office; they brought it down to \$300 in the hope to help multiple students
 - This applies to all fully enrolled students
 - All students who already applied for the emergency funds and received \$300 can still be consider to receive the additional \$300 if the resolution gets approved
 - Criteria is all determined by deans office
 - Form that gives logistical information and proof of financial hardship and that proof is being more lienet due to the circumstances happening now
- iii. Suspension of By-Laws
- Suspend with the understanding due to the extreme circumstances for it to happen to it tonight
 - Great idea to do it now to help students who have pressing deadlines
- iv. Voting
- Tanya motions to suspend ASUSF by- laws in order to vote to approve the support the USF Emergency Fun
 - Becca seconds
 - Motion approved
 - D'Vine Motion to end debate on resolution 19-20-06 in support for the USF Emergency Fund
 - Tanya seconds
 - Motion approved
 - Voting
 - Austin motions to approve resolution 19-20-06 support for the USF Emergency Fund
 - John seconds
 - Motion approved
- b. Additional Support for Students during COVID-19
- Pass/fail options for their classes
 - Worry: that this should not go to all students if they do not suffer or need it
 - Making it an option to decide for specific classes
 - Decision has still not been made around it

Discussion within senate

- Positive feelings towards the pass and fail option

- The students and other universities did not ask students permission rather it was forced upon students
- Being able to have the opportunity and choose the courses will help students with learning disabilities, or accommodate their learning styles online, etc.
- How would labs work when it is incorporated with lecture grade?
- Senate should provide the information of what it means to be a pass/fail class system
- Be transparent with the information to student body
- Give the students the control to have the voice to leave it at the best fairest way to support them
- There has been comments from students on the change.org petition
 - There so far is around ~1,500 want to get to 2,500
 - Some comments
 - Would be helpful during this time of need
 - Don't want it to be passed but don't want to go against the grain
 - Students being scared to voice out concerns not wanting to implement this
 - Some don't know how it will affect them
- How will pass/fail affect students gpa?
 - Don't want to take the route for everyone to have to take the pass or fail but yet the university should allow students to choose certain classes for this system
 - Will not affect gpa
 - Some scholarships want gpa but these pass/fail grades won't be accepted
- Conversations with lester
 - One of the barriers that he said we would be facing but will be speaking/following up/ and outreach to see if this is something to implement and what could some of the roadblocks be.

Other ways for senate to support students

- Each week hector does an instagram live for a weekly update to break everything down instead of seeing all these emails from the school
- Live should be informal
- Organizational zoom meetings → provide support

6. Break

[5:58-6:05pm]

- Tanya motions
- Austin seconds
- Motion approved

7. New Business:

[6:05-6:20pm]

- a. Resuming of Senate Office Hours + Updates

Office hours

- Zoom waiting conference call / zoom desk
 - Connect with team and students ; kind of chatting at the desk

- Everyone will do an hour or two hours of office hours
- These will be publicized
- If you have a schedule planned meeting with someone you can just pull them into a different call

Senator reports

- Excel sheet in email link sent out
- Everyone has their own tabs
- This will allow everyone to see what everyone is working on incase there can be a collaboration formed
- Every 2 weeks
- Mark in senator report sheet when you did the other two office hours

8. Senator Announcements, Accomplishments, Updates [6:13-6:22pm]

9. Executive Announcements [6:22-6:55pm]

- a. Hector Bustos, *ASUSF President*
 - Resolutions
 - Something that can still happen next year
 - Don't let this stop you for pushing for your resolution or you initiative so it can be passed on next years senate where they can carry it on
 - Find creative ways/alternative ways to carry on your resolution
 - Brainstorm with exec pairs and VPA
 - Check ins
 - Personal check ins
 - Applications
 - Due this friday
 - Encourage all friends and peers to apply for any position
 - Send them the link
 - Reshare the posts
 - Want them to be competitive
 - Instagram Live
 - 8pm tonight explaining the resolution
 - Everyone will be able to do a take over through the week to outreach to students and promote your position
- b. Cassie Murphy, *VP of Internal Affairs*
 - Internal
 - Turning everything on online
 - Presenting a resolution with VPA tomorrow
 - BOT Academic Affairs meeting - attending
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- c. Tiana Valerio, *VP of Finance*

- Looking for 5 million dollars back to subsidy prorated for room and board students for and other things such as parking permits
- BOT finance committee tomorrowing
 - Think about future financial next year
- Finance committee
 - Meeting friday
 - Next week for annual budget presentations which is open to the public
 - d. Irene Nguyen, *VP of Marketing and Communications*
 - e. Marisol Castro, *VP of Advocacy*
- Progressive relasing board
- Career services board
 - Not happening this semester only had one meeting
 - Only one meeting
- Advocacy committee
 - Come
 - Bring resolutions

10. Advisor Report

[6:47-6:50pm]

Student leadership nominations

- Nominate people
- Person who gets nominated gets tagged and has nominated you get a choice to let them know if you want
- Both undergrad and grad students
- Awards for sophomore, juniors, and mostly graduating seniors
- Zoom connection with students and staff and faculty
- University committee
 - Pull together resources in one place
 - Specific page of learning and resources
 - Ex: virtual engagement
- Activity Hour drop in
 - Student staff and faculty drop in available

11. Announcements

[6:57-7:00pm]

12. Adjournment

[6:54pm]

- Austin motions
- Becca seconds
- Motion approved