

Senate Agenda

January 28th, 2020

Graduate Education Auditorium, 6:30 PM

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Roll Call**
   1. Present: 42
   2. Absent: 4
   3. Proxy: 3
3. **Approval of the Minutes**
4. **Special Orders**
   1. Reports (5 minutes each)
      1. Special Reports
      2. Advisor, PJ Martinez
      3. Graduate Assistants, Kelley Fox and Katie Mahar
      4. President, Jared Pinkerton
         1. Partnering with UAPD to promote new app
            1. App enables easily accessible help in dangerous situations
         2. Q&A session with Chancellor Steinmetz
            1. Anyone in audience can ask questions
            2. Good opportunity to address Chancellor personally
      5. Vice-President, Sadie Bryant
         1. No report
      6. Treasurer, Kevin Smith Jr.
      7. Secretary, Jack Skidmore
         1. Sweatshirts are online (check email)
            1. Please order them
            2. We need to make the quota
            3. If you liked the message, please buy one
            4. Go Chiefs!
      8. Chief Justice, Justyce Yuille
         1. Election packet now available on ASG website, any questions related to the general election should be directed to the Chief Justice
         2. An interpretation request was filed last fall by an ASG Agent, deliberations have occurred, and the decision can be found on the ASG Judicial homepage, any questions about the interpretation should also be directed to the Chief Justice
      9. GPSC President, JD. D’Loreto-Hill
      10. Cabinet Reports
          1. Chief of Staff, Arianna Kiaei
             1. No report
      11. FLF Coordinator, John Hedgecock
      12. Chair of the Senate, Kianna Sarvestani
          1. Swearing in New Senators
          2. Chair of senate nomination Feb. 18th and Feb. 25th
          3. Chair of Senate Election March 3rd
          4. Mandatory Chair of Senate meeting only on Feb. 18 at 5:30pm for all who are running
             1. Schedule personal meeting with Kianna if questions
          5. Reminder – Elections are upcoming, between the period of Soft campaigning and hard campaigning you are not able to author legislation if you are a candidate in the general election
          6. Length of term ends in May regardless of when you were elected
             1. You must run again if you intend to return in the fall
5. **Appointments, Nominations, and Elections**
   1. Campus Council Nominations
      * 1. Faculty, staff, and students
        2. One meeting in April
6. **Public Comment (3 at 2 minutes each)**
7. **Old Business**
8. **New Business**
   1. ASG Senate Bill No. 6- A Bill to Amend the Senate Standing Rules Act of 2019-2020
      1. Author(s): Senator Lizeth Martinez, Director of Diversity and Inclusion Daniel Webster
      2. Sponsor(s): Senator Kate Sego
         1. Opened to a period of Sponsorship
         2. Period of Authorship
            1. Bill’s purpose is to encourage more authorship of legislation
            2. Several questions about ensuring quality of bills
            3. Response that it is basically the honor system
            4. Question about difference between authorship and sponsorship
            5. Response that Sponsorship is just to get the bill on the floor and authorship is actually writing
            6. Question about penalty for not completing requirement
            7. Response that it would be up to next Chair of Senate
            8. Question about possibly raising the level of participation for sponsorship
            9. Response that setting a new expectation for the Fall would make new senators more likely to write it quickly
            10. Question of stopping people from doing mass co-authored bills
            11. Response that there would be nothing stopping this
            12. Question about Chair approving legislation
            13. Response from Chair that they do approve it, but cannot reject legislation unless it does not meet requirements
            14. Response from Senator Martinez that the chair does still give feedback and recommendations
            15. Question about new senators having a writing conference
            16. Response that this a great idea, but would depend on next year’s senate
            17. Question about possibly changing the amount of senate authorship to just 50% rather than having every person write one legislation
            18. Response that a gradual change would not work well with the constant change of Senate
            19. Question about the power of accountability to be with the people electing senators
            20. Response that the true accountability would still be with the people
            21. Chair pointed out that the current penalty for not fulfilling the requirement is currently one absence
            22. Question about requiring sponsors to give some type of report or response about the bill they sponsor
            23. Response that adding regulations for sponsors would be harder than this legislation
            24. End of questions
            25. Bill was referred to Internal Affairs Committee
9. **Announcements**
10. **Adjournment**