

Meeting Minutes

I. Call to Order

- a. Jesse Qin, President, calls meeting to order at 6:32PM

II. Roll Call

- a. **Voting Present:** Jesse Qin, Akinchita Kumar, Audrey Fox, Ankit Vyas, Marissa DeFalco, Nishat Khuda, Jesslyn Myers, Akshay Tangutur, Bisma Ajaz, Joey Giltner, Lorna Liu, Adam Kapasi, Akshata Rohra
- b. **Voting Absent (Excused):** Jordan Viernes, Amarachi Metu
- c. **Voting Absent (Unexcused):**
- d. **Members Present:** Michael Chuang, Andrew Salemi, Nicole Farrales, Matthew Sapien, Lulu Suarez, Ryan Huyler, Jennifer Kan, Andrew Thai, Luke Wang, Edward Lin, Andrew Liou, Jenna Lawrence, Adam Johnson, Lilian Fong, Gurunath Nesarajah, Daniel Valdez, Alyssa Aquino, Reva Nanda, Jonathan Young, Medha Begur, Jack Durkee, Rohith Voora, Erika Sasaki, Prashila Amatya, Natalie Koe, Andrew Huang, Jocelyn Sanchez, Megan Von Duhn
- e. **Members Absent (Excused):** Rachel Novotny, Karen Tran, Jeffrey Lee, Mili Parikh, Anthony Malpartida, Andrew Trinh
- f. **Members Absent (Unexcused):** Christian Walker, Nishi Parikh, Travonte Delzeith, Emily Goble

III. Approval of Agenda

- a. Move to approve: Akinchita Kumar
- b. Seconds: Audrey Fox
- c. Objects: Akshay Tangutur
- d. Move to add Amendments to ASUCSD Constitution under Open Forum: Akshay Tangutur
- e. Seconds: Jesslyn Myers
- f. Move to add Budget Request under New Business: Ankit Vyas
- g. Seconds: Andrew Huang
- h. Objects: Akinchita Kumar
- i. Objection withdrawn
- j. Passes 10-0-0

IV. Approval of Minutes from 1/15/15

- a. Move to approve: Akinchita Kumar
- b. Seconds: Audrey Fox
- c. Objections: Ryan Huyler
- d. Move to amend website to asadvocacy.ucsd.edu
- e. Seconds: Akshay Tangutur
- f. Passes 9-0-1

V. Moment of Rowdiness

- a. Jennifer: Littles got positions in AOII.
- b. Adam: Got costume for Spirit Night.
- c. Jack: Patriots are going to win the super bowl.

VI. Public Input

- a. Joey Giltner Campus-Wide Senator. Amendments to ASUCSD Const. articles 5 and 6. VP Finance is now the financial controller and is appointed, not elected. Wanted to keep politics out of money, the VP Finance is naturally neutral. However, making it appointed takes the power out of the people and makes it bureaucratic. The current leadership wants

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to be able to appoint the next VP Finance, which can keep the politics in the money. It was brought to college councils last year, and was not passed, kind of shady to try and pass it again.

- b. TMC College Council brought candy for us. Jar filled with Hershey's Kisses with quotes from the people who the colleges were named after. TMC motto is "Developing scholars and citizens."

VII. Special Presentations

VIII. Unfinished Business

IX. New Business

- a. Council Member of the Week
 - i. Could be you next week!
- b. Kudos
 - i. Alyssa: To Daniel for event description for Semiformal.
 - ii. Nishat: To Marissa for becoming next AOII president.
 - iii. Christian: To WCFC for spending an hour putting up 50 posters today.
 - iv. Luke: To Marissa for being a great Secretary and taking minutes.
 - v. Ankit: To Marissa for taking minutes at Finance.
- c. Appointments
 - i. Warren Elections Manager – TBD
 - 1. Jesslyn Myers
 - 2. Jennifer: Every year the debates in Warren College generally attracts other people who are running. How would you get more people out to debates? Aim to advertise debates along with election. Typically it's thought of as an afterthought. When you tell people to go vote they don't really know what's happening. Maybe table and flyer about the debates.
 - 3. Chita: Why are you interested in this position? Going abroad next fall so won't be running. Still wants to be involved. Went through elections last year, kind of knows the process. Want to keep things civil.
 - 4. Guru: What do you hope to gain? See how elections works behind the scenes. See how the system works and how different admin view elections and their perspective.
 - 5. Lilian: How do you plan on making it more organized and changing it? It will always be a big thing to increase voter turnout. Advertise Warren elections.
 - 6. Jennifer: Seeing as how you have been involved, how do you plan on staying unbiased? I generally try to stay neutral, and look at things objectively and not take sides, but be a resource and keep it professional.
 - 7. Christian: What is your inner color? Turquoise, best of both worlds of blue and green, really relaxing.
 - 8. *Move to Approve Jesslyn Myers for Warren Elections Manager: Jennifer Kan*
 - 9. *Seconds: Adam Kapasi*
 - 10. *PBC*
 - ii. Associated Students Election Committee Representative - TBD
 - 1. Ryan Huyler

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2. Jennifer: In the past we've seen a lot of grievances come in at the end. How would you advocate that grievances are for something you actually did wrong, not to just mess with slates? Seems more of slate issue, don't know that I can personally do much about that. It gets messy to penalize people for frivolous grievances.
3. Chita: What do you see your role in this election being? What is your ideal election? Real competition that's really about debating issues and having students caring about issues. Ideally would be 100% voter turnout, with getting students to have enough of an opinion to vote. Being in student government now, sees how issues really do connect to students.
4. Chita: Last year it seems that college council slates got blurred with campus-wide slates. We couldn't communicate with our friends. How do you plan to make that more clear? It's important to make it clear what you can and cannot do, and making it feasible. It's more about making sure you don't talk about elections stuff, not in general. Making sure the candidates know the rules and what the "reasonable" line is.
5. Guru: What's your inner color? Red because it's more applicable to me because I'm more passionate inside than appears on the outside.
6. *Move to approve: Akinchita Kumar*
7. *Seconds: Adam Kapasi*
8. *PBC*

d. Budget Requests

- i. SDCC and Public Speaking Confidence Booster- Aku Rohra
 1. Requesting \$300
 2. 120 sambosas, 60 cookies from Earl's, 32 coffees, flyers from imprints, hot water from Earl's. Totals \$248, added buffer for tax.
 3. Finance decided to lower the price because the event is so short and not sure that that many people would come out.
 4. Luke: Is the expected attendance still 100, or lower? Lower, but we suggested advertising.
 5. Luke: This is coming from the Warren account, I don't think it's appropriate to flyer to everybody.
 - a. Mostly advertising in Warren area.
 6. Finance funded \$225
- ii. Lorna Liu requesting \$130 for event giving out blue books and scantrons
 1. Andrew: Can we encourage her to talk to people about her position in council?
 2. Chita: What was finance committee's decision? Funded in full.
 3. Daniel: We also mentioned having the WCSC banner out there.
 4. Guru: She could also help flyer for Semiformal too.

X. Open Forum

- a. ASUCSD Constitutional Amendments— AS Senators
 - i. Combining Student Services office and Enterprises. Taking place spring quarter week 8. Mentioned this last week.
 - ii. Jennifer: Last time you brought this up I asked how they were going to manage this. Are they actually closing down soft reserves and making Triton Outfitters a separate entity? Nothing confirmed, as far as we know that's the plan. As far as closing down soft reserves goes, as long as there is no dramatic change in how things are going, it probably will be shut down.

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- iii. Because Triton Outfitters is growing so big, they're making it their own thing. Soft Reserves has been running a deficit. Lecture Notes is kind of iffy. With these offices run together, it makes it clear that these services are for the students.
- iv. Ryan: One of the reasons we wanted to merge Enterprises because they were supposed to look at things from a profit standpoint, and that wasn't happening.
- v. Christian: When Robby was running his campaign, he talked about adding more enterprises to generate more revenue. Is that still being discussed? On the Enterprises Committee, it's hard to be entrepreneur driven without it being too political. Not going to add anything this year.
- vi. Matt: Having been AVP, it's a lot of work. My office didn't do as much as this office. It's hard to be proactive with that much responsibility.
- vii. Chita: Why was this change felt necessary? The main reason was the distinction between making revenue and not making revenue. Thought it would be better to combine them to be for the students, but also making money. The AVP position would be one less stipend that could go towards the food pantry.
- viii. Emily: Because Triton Outfitters is branching off, is that going to stop bringing in revenue for AS? It's going to be run separately.
- ix. Matt: Are we going to lose services like Safe Rides because there will be a deficit? It's some of the enterprises that are running a deficit that are the concern.
- x. Merging these offices hopefully won't reduce the budget.
- xi. Jennifer: Coming from our end it seems like a big change. Was it a positive reaction on the AS floor? Does it reflect how things currently are run? Yes, this is coming from the AVPs directly. They felt it would be more efficient. The voting membership of AS passed it. It wasn't a very contentious issue.
- xii. Audrey: If it didn't pass, would Triton Outfitters still be under Enterprises? It would still be under AS.
- xiii. Luke: It seems that this decision was because Enterprises aren't doing as well as they should have been. It seems like it would be driving away the idea that they need to make more money, but just make less money and be okay with it.
- xiv. It's going to take a little bit of extra work because it's a new change. From the presentation it seemed that it's going to be more work, but not too much to handle.
- xv. Ryan: It's not that they're taking on a lot more work. The logic was to have someone focus solely on Triton Outfitters, so the office can focus on other enterprises. Not a lot that personally needs to be managed. AVPs are like cabinet members, thought to be experts in their field because they're appointed, not elected.
- xvi. Straw Poll:
 - 1. OK with changes: 30
 - 2. Against, for whatever reason: 3
- xvii. *Move to approve the amendment of the ASUCSD Constitution combining the offices of Enterprises and Student Services: Jennifer Kan*
- xviii. *Seconds: Akinchita Kumar*
- xix. *Passes 8-0-3*
- b. Section 4 changes the Lock-In
 - i. Fees were locked in to go to a certain organization, like SPACES. AS cannot reallocate funds ever, even if the org dies in the future.
 - ii. Michael: With this new wording is there a change to how a lock-in can be removed or changed? The past lock-ins would still be there, if they wanted to change it they could run a referendum.
 - iii. Alyssa: What is a lock-in exactly? The student activity fees we pay goes to AS. The

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- lock-in says that a certain amount of the fee we pay does to a specific place, ie, SPACES.
- iv. Luke: With this change, would AS have to abide by the lock-in? If a new commission comes about and they want a lock-in, they could pass their own referendum and not have their fees pipelined through AS.
 - v. Joey: Say someone wants Kanye for Sun God, they can pass a referendum for that, but it wouldn't have to be there forever.
 - vi. Maedha: Would not having lock-ins for new orgs mean they have to get their funding elsewhere? When you run a referendum it's set in stone. The student body would have to pass that that org would get their own fee, AS just has to pass the language. Referendums currently lock-in a certain part of the AS budget that automatically has to go to that certain place. AS cannot allocate more money to something else because it's locked in somewhere.
 - vii. New commissions would have full control of their budget.
 - viii. Huang: As long as AS passes the language, can the referendum be held at any time? Yes, but it would have to be a special election.
 - ix. Straw poll:
 - 1. Understood the discussion and comfortable voting: 30
 - 2. No clue what's going on: 6
 - x. Allows more flexibility in the budget in adjusting it. Allows commissions to be more independent and decide how much they really need.
 - xi. Jonathan: What is the purpose of "G"? It says that AS cannot have this jurisdiction anymore, and gives it to the commission.
 - xii. Bisma: How much more flexible will the budget be? Because it's not retroactive, it's not going to change much now. In the future, these lock-ins won't be consuming all of the AS budget.
 - xiii. Aku: Because this is not retroactive, what happens if SPACES shuts down or doesn't need the money? Whoever noticed that would need to write a referendum. Wouldn't worry about it because current commissions are stable as it is. The idea is that the pre-existing ones are meant to be there forever.
 - 1. Joey: To undo a lock-in, the council would have to vote to re-write the lock in and the councils would have to ratify it.
 - xiv. Maedha: How do the old student orgs feel about this? The lock-in has been used for certain community centers or established organizations.
 - xv. *Move to extend time by 10 minutes: Matthew Sapien*
 - xvi. *Seconds: Edward Lin*
 - xvii. *PBC*
 - xviii. Straw Poll:
 - 1. OK with changes: 30
 - 2. Against changes: 2
 - xix. *Move to approve these amendments: Joey Giltner*
 - xx. *Seconds: Nicole Farrales*
 - xxi. *Passes: 8-1-2*
 - c. Section 5 removal of the last sentence of clause "H"
 - i. Goes hand-in-hand with the other amendment.
 - ii. *Move to approve: Audrey Fox*
 - iii. *Seconds: Akinchita Kumar*
 - iv. *Passes 9-0-2*
 - d. Change AVP Finance to a non-voting appointed member
 - i. Chita: It doesn't need to be appointed by someone who is terming out, should be

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- voted on by the students.
- ii. We can't ratify half the document.
 - iii. Chita: Can you give me a background as to why they wanted the outgoing positions to appoint the new AVP? It goes along with how appointments go now. It's how our appointment process works.
 - iv. Ryan: AS liked the idea of making it based more on merit rather than on an election.
 - v. Because it is appointed, it has to be on board with the outgoing president and the incoming president.
 - vi. *Move to suspend the bylaws to have members of the public speak during open forum: Jennifer Kan*
 - vii. *Seconds: Matthew Sapien*
 - viii. *Objects: Akinchita Kumar*
 - ix. Chita: We have a lot of people here on AS, thinks the AS President who wrote the document would change our opinion. Wants WCSC to form their own opinion.
 - x. Jennifer: Could just be info straight from the source
 - xi. Fails 4-4-3
 - xii. *Move to reorder to public input: Joey Giltner*
 - xiii. *Seconds: Travonte Delzeith*
 - xiv. *Point of information: Nicole Farrales*
 - xv. *Point of information: Michael Chuang*
 - xvi. *Point of information: Jennifer Kan*
 - xvii. *Objects: Nicole Farrales*
 - xviii. *Joey: He is not going to talk about the constitutional amendment*
 - xix. *Nicole Farrales: Withdraws objection*
 - xx. *Objection: Luke Wang*
 - xxi. *Joey Giltner: Withdraws Motion*
 - xxii. Alyssa: If this becomes an appointed position, can anyone apply? Yes, it would go through a normal appointment process.
 - xxiii. Joey: The AVP is not responsible to the student body, it is responsible to the person who hires them.
 - xxiv. Mentioned that the appointed person would be approved by the outgoing and incoming president. A lot of times people run on slates with platforms.
 - xxv. *Point of Information: Luke Wang*
 - xxvi. *Straw poll:*
 - 1. We like it how it is: 10
 - 2. No we don't want to pass this: 18
 - xxvii. Ryan: This is more about making this position insulated from politics. Important to have someone independent when dealing with our budget.
 - xxviii. Jennifer: Can you speak on the successes or failures of other AS's that do it this way? It wasn't brought up.
 - xxix. Alyssa: Would it be possible to have the outgoing president and current VP Finance screen people who are running? No way to influence that, the elected members usually run on a slate.
 - xxx. Audrey: Why would they not be a voting position? The current VP finance usually abstains from everything because he is heavily involved in what's being voted on.
 - xxxi. Joey: It depends on the VP finance, because last year it was pretty political.
 - xxxii. Joey: This was brought to the councils last year and it wasn't ratified.
 - xxxiii. Chita: It's really hard to ask for recommendations that wouldn't conflict with the outgoing and incoming presidents. Being able to have one person pick the person

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that controls the finances of 30,000 undergraduates makes me uncomfortable.

XI. Reports

- a. Dean of Student Affairs: **Kafele Khalfani**
 - i. For those of you on the edge of applying to be an Orientation Leader, info session 1-2pm in the Med Conference room on Monday.
 - ii. Spirit Night prep Warren Wednesday.
- b. President: **Jesse Qin**
 - i. All-Council Retreat this Sunday.
 - ii. This weekend the decorations for Spirit Night are getting put up.
 - iii. Props to members of council for voicing their opinion.
- c. Events Board Chair: **Nishat Khuda**
 - i. Semiformal is coming up, FB page is up. Please change your cover photo or profile picture to the graphic.
- d. Senators: **Jesslyn Myers and Akshay Tangutur**
 - i. TEDI retreat this Saturday, register at <http://ccl.ucsd.edu/registration/index.php?go=newstudent>
 - ii. Food Pantry grand opening Feb 5th
 - iii. University appointed new VC EDI
 - iv. Hoping to have exterior stage installed at RIMAC
 - v. Campaign Reform Act passed
 - 1. About spending limits and donations
 - 2. Ryan: Allows slates to raise \$2,300 from students, family, from themselves.
- e. Committees
 - i. **Rules:** Meeting Wed. 6pm
 - ii. **Scholarship:** Instructions posted on how to get cash box trained
 - iii. **WCFC:** Warren Live Shirts came in. Contest to win won if you suggest Warren Live gear to sell.
- f. Members of Council
 - i. Aku: Week 5 event, Monday 6-7pm at SAC. Needs 5-6 people who can come help out. There will be tables to be in charge of.
 - ii. Luke: In UCAB the referendum was changed to add "increase" after every mention of the word "fee". Starbucks to open April-mid-May. Hiring students. UCAB passed \$250 campaign fee for each side of the referendum.
 - iii. Jenna: If your position has to do with housing, residents, or first years, then you can go to the RA meeting because they do have a lot of contact with residents.
 - iv. Audrey: If you want to council hop next week let me know.
 - v. Christian: For Edward Lin: Gates for Sun God are going to be opening at 2pm, music starting at 3pm, ending at 8pm. Floatie program is almost complete. No re-entry is being considered. Task Force pushing for no re-entry. Emphasizes ability to monitor people's condition. Talking about ability to use Dining Dollars at vendors. 21+ area will be in the area modeled after Bear Garden.
 - vi. Jesslyn: Legislation coming to move certain commission reps to have them be non-voting members of council. Their AVPs can speak to their motives. Really contentious.
 - 1. Straw poll:
 - a. In support of removing
 - b. Not in support of removing
 - c. Abstentions

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- vii. Aku: Friday from 5-6pm making posters and would like help.

XII. Announcements

- a. Christian: Student Events Insider email is open to submissions for their event page. Section specifically for Warren events.
- b. Akshay: Feels lack of effort from Warren students for Spirit Night. Would love to see council step up their efforts. Warren usually does well in the past.

XIII. Final Roll Call

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XIV. Adjournment

- a. Move to approve: Akinchita Kumar
- b. Seconds: Andrew Thai
- c. No objections: PBC
- d. Jesse Qin, President, adjourns meeting at 8:46 PM