

Meeting Minutes

I. Call to Order

- a. *Jesse Qin, President, calls meeting to order at 6:35PM*

II. Roll Call

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

III. Approval of Agenda

- a. Clerical change: Under New Business item c., change from \$500 to \$530 for Warren High Table Dinner
- b. *Move to approve: Akinchita Kumar*
- c. *Seconds: Nishat Kuda*
- d. *Objects: Jesslyn Myers*
- e. *Move to amend the agenda to add to Open Forum ASUCSD Approval of STAC charter: Jesslyn Myers*
- f. *Seconds: Christian Walker*
- g. *Passes 10-0-2*

IV. Approval of Minutes from 1/22/15

- a. *Move to approve: Akinchita Kumar*
- b. *Seconds: Bisma Ajaz*
- c. *No objections: PBC*

V. Moment of Rowdiness

- a. *Rachel: Gets MRI on Monday*
- b. *Amarachi: Tomorrow is Spirit Night*

VI. Public Input

VII. Special Presentations

- a. *Provost Visit – Ivan Evans*
- b. *AS Constitutional Amendments – Robby Boparai*
 - i. *Make your own decision on the vote of VP Finance to financial controller. AS has around \$3 million dollars. The VP Finances runs with an agenda, but the position often has them feeling the need to be impartial on the budget as a whole. Agreement in current and past leadership that the VP Finance should have a neutral point of view on the council floor. Noticed overtime there has been a lot of disconnect in VP Finances, often because of slates, leads to no transition process. Solution: created an appointment process similar to existing appointments process.*

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AS selects people who has experience in certain fields. Wants financial controller to be someone chosen based on credentials rather than the slate they ran on or popularity. VP Finance currently feels the need to be neutral despite the fact that they ran on a slate.

- ii. Jesslyn: Inquiring about the board that would appoint the financial controller.
 - 1. Willing to form a process that every college council is comfortable with.
 - Chose the most neutral way to appoint a financial controller.
- iii. Since 2007, the VP Finance has been on the same slate that the president ran on. There have been unqualified candidates. The process of appointment requires approval of the incoming and outgoing president. Open to changing the process.
- iv. Akinchita: Would the current VP Finance have a say in the new financial controller? Yes, but not in the language because after this year, there will be no VP Finance if this passes.
- v. Christian: Do you think this sets a precedent of turning elected positions into appointed ones? No, because every AS has a President and VP External Affairs. Important role in government affairs. Financial process of most AS's have a financial controller. Important to preserve it as an executive position.
- vi. Ryan: Would it maintain the same stipend? Probably reduced a little bit, but up to the next position.
- vii. Joey: The VP Finance deals a lot with the student body, do you think this takes away from that? The VP Finance seldom works with student orgs. The VP Finance doesn't run on specific line items to the funding guide. I support students electing individuals. The process, though, creates a lot of political tension. Wants the skill sets. Igor and myself strongly believe it would be beneficial to have someone who understands finances in the financial controller role. What is the incentive for those who are annoyed to pass on information for the next VP Finance? Lost a little faith.
- viii. Jesslyn: Are there other things you'd like to talk about?
- ix. Talking about changing the term length to Week 10 Spring Quarter. The time we term in is problematic. Term in week 5, but three weeks isn't enough time to transition. The majority of GSA's and undergraduates term in later. We term in the execs the earliest. Seen as problematic because there is an inadequate amount of time to prepare for talking to the UC President. Difficult to contribute UCSD's goal to the conversation.
 - x. *Move to extend time by 10 minutes: Luke Wang*
 - xi. *Seconds: Jesslyn Myers*
 - xii. *PBC*
- xiii. Currently says AVP's are appointed by the exec-elect. Exec elect are the only ones who contribute to the budget. AVPs will be replaced if they are not doing work in those 5 weeks.
- xiv. Unless the college councils change it, the College Council Senators term in week 5. They then have a 5 week period to gain a better understanding of AS. Less political when involved in the previous council.
- xv. Joey: Are you saying that the outgoing exec chooses the incoming AVPs? No, we can build in a process. We can put in several screening processes. There's never been a time that an AVP hasn't been appointed without the position being filled.
- xvi. Amarachi: If an AS council appoints a financial controller, wouldn't that also be a political motive? When people apply, there may be an attempt to select people who will work with you. The AVP process can always be grieved, often replaced a high percentage of the time.
- xvii. Joey: I understand you have a good heart, but do you think everyone after you will

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as well? People run in elections without qualifications, makes it problematic. A lot of schools have financial controllers. Higher likelihood to get someone who does not have qualifications in office.

xviii. Email aspresident@ucsd.edu if you have any questions.

VIII. Unfinished Business

IX. New Business

- a. Council Member of the Week
 - i. Rachel Novotny for her work for Spirit Night
- b. Kudos
 - i. Jesslyn: To Jenna Lawrence for helping me when I was locked out.
 - ii. Andrew Salemi: To everyone who is about to put their phones and laptops away.
 - iii. Audrey: To Jenna for making posters for Scholarship Committee.
 - iv. Emily: To Lilian and eboard for their beautiful semiformal posters.
 - v. Aku: To those who helped make posters.
 - vi. Rachel: To Andrew for helping decorate for Spirit Night.
 - vii. Amarachi: To Marissa for being an awesome secretary.
 - viii. Akshay: To Ankit for swiping me at The Bistro.
 - ix. Jesse: To everyone who went to the All-Campus Retreat.
- c. Budget Requests Sponsored by Finance Committee
 - i. Warren High Table Dinner – Warren Account \$530
 - 1. Catering from Buca Di Beppo, 60 people, and three gift cards
 - 2. A way for council to be transparent.
 - 3. Planning on having council meeting Feb 12 in SAC, can come in and work with council
 - 4. Working on a way to make it more interactive.
 - 5. Raffle for people who come.
 - 6. Finance funded in full.
 - 7. Jon: Is the name misleading? Yes, talked about changing the name.
 - 8. Michael: How do they plan on getting people to come in? Posters, having food buffet style. People can come in and sit.
 - 9. Andrew: Changing location to CV Amphitheater? Thought SAC might be kind of small. Looking to take a straw poll about where to have it.
 - 10. Amarachi: Isn't there a room next to CV? You have to use UCSD catering there, which is \$25/person
 - ii. Hot Tub Time Machine – Warren Account \$50
 - 1. Feb 17th, 6-7pm. For 1st year students to get advice from upperclassmen.
 - 2. Packs of Swiss Miss, cookies, brownies
 - 3. Jeffrey: Is there a way to connect peer mentors to this program? Yeah, also this isn't a commitment. One time event.
 - 4. Emily: You could get someone to contact Evey to tell them about the event if they'd like to come.
 - 5. Says that the budget cannot be approved without an itemized budget.
 - 6. *Point of Information: Jesslyn Myers*
 - 7. Fails due to lack of itemized budget.
- d. Rules Changes – Akinchita Kumar
 - i. Went over bylaws for Rules Committee and Finance Committee.
 - ii. Finance and Rules committee weren't the same, reworded them to match.
 - iii. Discharging from committee is in Robert's Rules, so we only added that to

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discharge from committee it requires a majority vote from the entire membership of WCSC.

- iv. For Finance committee, the quorum requirement included an AS Senator, changed that to be a regular voting member.
- v. Luke: Does that mean anything tabled can be presented in council? It's still presented even if it's not approved.
- vi. Jesslyn: Can things be passed by consensus in finance? Should always go to a vote.
- vii. Suggested that we change Open Forum, but kept it the same because items have been misplaced into open forum in the past.
- viii. Luke: What counts as New Business? Any time we vote. Technically no difference otherwise. No time limit in New Business.
- e. AS Constitutional Amendments – Akshay & Jesslyn
 - i. Article V and VI, VP Finance changes to Financial Controller
 - 1. Audrey: Currently is there anyone who is primed currently to be the future financial controller? Current VP Finance works with AVP Student Orgs and SOFAB. Also chief of staff.
 - a. Igor has a chief of staff and 15 interns
 - 2. Huang: Are there rules to make sure that execs transition the exec-elect? Assumed none, the thought that if the outgoing VP Finance/financial controller will help choose the new financial controller, they will hopefully be more invested in the process.
 - 3. Jeffrey: What if in the future the president doesn't want to transition? It will be written in the rules, a very special case. The appointment would still happen.
 - 4. Amarachi: Is there anyone that monitors the activity of AS to make sure they're acting morally or ethically? It's on every member to keep all members of council accountable. Anyone can bring up an issue of people not doing their job. A lot of checks and balances.
 - a. Huang: Technically it's judicial board's job, but they don't meet too often.
 - b. Ryan: Do have two staff advisors who oversee AS, and full-time staff.
 - 5. Akinchita: What is the budget? It goes to about 3 million after lock-ins.
 - 6. Akinchita: Do you see a loophole in taking away student input? The appointments that go through AS is a whole committee. Every appointment has at least 3-4 senators in addition to the chair of the office. Still needs to be appointed by council.
 - 7. Aku: Is the way that the VP Finance could shortlist the number of people, and then still have it go to a vote? Like a pre-screen? With the timeline of events it wouldn't be possible.
 - 8. Emily: Doesn't see that AS has the right to take away the right to vote. Not that many people vote, the ones who do obviously care to find out who they're voting for.
 - 9. Marissa: This failed last year, does anyone have insight as to why? Same concerns that are being brought up now.
 - 10. Huang: Can the financial controller speak to the student body if this passes?
 - 11. Akinchita: Robby talked about wanting to extend the term, doesn't this already fix the problem because they have a longer period of time? As far

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as the other legislation goes, it is one way to address this issue.

12. Ryan: The people that are choosing this person have all been elected. Choosing these people to act on their behalf. Better to choose someone who can best put together a budget. A good safe check that someone qualified is managing such a large budget. The whole transition thing is a good idea that could allow for a very good transition for AVPs.
 13. Ankit: The appointment committee would include the outgoing exec, current exec, and outgoing VP Finance, and the rest of the committee.
 14. Maedha: Can you clarify how the budget is made? We go line by line to approve the budget, and if you want to change the budget you have to object and say where you want to take the money from.
 - a. Ryan: AVPs submit office budgets
 15. Luke: Are there any career staff who help form the budget? SOFAB works with Student Life Business Office.
 16. Joey: Likes to trust that the student body can vote for themselves.
 - a. Straw Poll
 - i. Pass: 17
 - ii. Not Pass: 14
 - iii. Abstain: 6
 17. *Move to approve amendments to Articles V and VI: Joey Giltner*
 18. *Seconds: Christian Walker*
 19. *Objects: Andrew Huang*
 20. *Joey: Seems that the voting members have their minds made up.*
 21. *Huang: People's voices should be heard*
 22. *Move to Call the Question: Joey Giltner*
 23. *Seconds: Christian Walker*
 24. *Fails 6-3-4*
 25. Marissa: The straw poll didn't show a consensus.
 26. Audrey: Do you know if other councils have passed this? Technically has already been passed because it has been ratified by four colleges. If we are still really split, if we don't want to pass this, we are voting on behalf of Warren College.
 27. Anthony: This would give it a new twist that could hopefully change things in a better direction.
 28. Emily: Thinks it faulty logic to say that we can't vote someone in qualified for the job yet trust elected members to select the financial controller.
 29. Ankit: When cross-examining someone you can dig deeper than a statement of qualifications online.
 30. Luke: VP Finance is very technical.
 31. Jenna: Important to be aware of ideal vs actual situation. Currently in debt, not sure how we can expect to see a change if we don't make a change.
 32. *Fails 5-6-2*
- ii. Change to have term in Week 10 instead of Week 5
 1. Luke: How would this negatively impact AS? It goes weird with the timeline. 8 weeks of limbo. Current council would go until Week 10. Bylaws may not match up. The main reason was to increase the transitional period.
 2. Bisma: College senators would term in Week 5? Most college councils follow the AS Term-in Bylaws. Up to our college council to decide.
 3. Ankit: Is there anything that mandates the previous AS to meet up with

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- newly elected AS?
4. Bisma: Do you see it as an issue for new senators to come in with an old council? Came down to what all college councils see appropriate.
 5. This hasn't been passed, it might not. If you have strong feelings, please voice them, because we will vote on this next week.
 6. Ankit: What will prevent them from not procrastinating transitioning until week 10? The only change that is impacted was that the VP External and President that cannot represent UCSD when they speak to the UC President. No explicit binding legislation mandating a transition.
 7. Alyssa: Is it possible to put in legislation to mandate a transition? It's definitely a possibility.
 8. Straw Poll
 9. This would specifically impact elected positions only. Hasn't been in the bylaws before because of slate politics.
 10. Jeffrey: Maybe enforce transition by withholding a stipend. Having some consequence.
 11. Joey: AS isn't in a position to hold back a stipend or telling someone that they have to do something.
 12. Christian: Training process should be part of your duties. Having the language would be a good thing.
 13. Michael: The only thing about the mandated transition is how to go about enforcing it. What can you do to hold them accountable?
 14. Ankit: Can you clarify when Presidents and VP Ex meet with UC President?
 15. Joey: It's not in our budget to extend the stipend until week 10.
 - a. Ryan: We already budget the stipend to extend 32 weeks.
 16. Straw Poll:
 - a. Pass as is: 3
 - b. Pass with clause mandating transition: 20
 - c. Have it stay 5th week: 3
 17. Audrey: Bring back to AS the awkwardness of college council timeline.

X. Open Forum

- a. Council Survey Feedback – Akinchita Kumar
 - i. Asked to see a change in tuition, but we have no control over that.
 - ii. Would like to see more discussion involvement, seeing that now.
 - iii. Utilize external forms on website.
 - iv. Need to have members actively go out and talk to people.
 - v. Weekly bonding, can work on big/little competitions.
 - vi. Try to be cognizant of how you say things in discussion.
 - vii. A lot of confusion on Robert's Rules. Please stop chiming in when there is confusion, Andrew will take care of it now.
 - viii. Big bunnies reach out to their little bunnies, and then not responsive. It's on new members to reach out.
 - ix. Try to get food ordered in.
 - x. Reach out to anyone! We're all here to help you out.
 - xi. Joey: Marshall commented on how hot it is in here
 - xii. Luke: For external reps, do we have access to the forms? It goes straight to your email.
 - xiii. Jeffrey: Have more options to get SAC trained.

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1. A little disorganized right now. Lost the list.
- xiv. If you feel strongly about something let us know.
- xv. Jesslyn: It's almost halfway through the quarter. Now is a good point to plan for what you wanted to accomplish before.
- xvi. If you want something in the bylaws changed, do it now.
- b. University Center Budget Priority – Luke Wang
 - i. On budget committee for UCAB, about to finalize the budget for the next school year. The majority comes from student fees. UCAB has been running a deficit for the past few years. Must consider a budget with referendum not passing and having to make cutbacks.
 - ii. Akshay: What are some of the potential UCEN spaces that are contentious? With PC the main thing we can do is limit PC hours: closing 5pm business days, no weekend operations. A lot of cutbacks on staffing. Could cut back on student employees.
 - iii. Emily: If PC closes at 5, does that mean orgs can't use it pass then? Yes, or they would have to pay additional fees.
 - iv. Adam: Expand on lockers.
 - v. Audrey: May not be necessary to have it open 24 hours four days a week, cut back on those hours.
 - vi. Jesse: How has the salon been doing? Those numbers are confidential.
 - vii. If we change the operating hours, we will take a hit from revenue from vendors.
 - viii. Rachel: PC is open pretty early, but nothing in there is open. Kind of unnecessary.
 - ix. Michael: In PC until 8am. A lot is closed, but a lot of commuters come in at that time to wait until class starts.
 - x. The budget is public at universitycenters.ucsd.edu
 - xi. Ryan: Would the budget have to be rewritten if the referendum didn't pass?
 - xii. Huang: Are you looking at making any cutbacks to the Old Student Center? Might return stage in Porter's Pub to the reservation system, would have to pay to staff it.
- c. ASUCSD Approval of STAC charter
 - i. Huang: How would the committee report back to the college councils? They wouldn't. The problem is that it's a student fee paid that doesn't have representatives from every council.
 - ii. Huang: Could we add something to the charter to have them give quarterly reports?
 - iii. Joey: Not all of the fee we pay for transportation goes to the buses, about 400,000 would be decided by STAC. Who gets to decide where the money goes to?
 - iv. Ryan: Important to make sure this is someone that actually commutes using public transport or other ways. This addresses making sure relevant people are in the committee.
 - v. Straw Poll:
 1. Like the way it is: 16
 2. Would like college council representation: 11
 3. Abstain: 0

XI. Reports

- a. Dean of Student Affairs: **Kafele Khalfani**
 - i. Tomorrow night is Spirit Night. Not SPIRITS night. If you're over 21, celebrate after spirit night.
 - ii. Rally tomorrow 3:45-5:30. Bring cash to buy t-shirts for Scholarship.
- b. President: **Jesse Qin**

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- i. All-Council Dodgeball on Jan 31st 6:15-8:15pm in Rec Gym
- c. Events Board Chair: **Nishat Khuda**
 - i. Two weeks until semiformal. Selected hours for flyering on Library Walk. If you sign up for one coat check and one flyering shift you get a free ticket.
- d. Senators: **Jesslyn Myers and Akshay Tangutur**
 - i. Amendment to standing rules passed. Week 8 filing begins, closes Thursday Week 9. Tried to remove 150 signature requirement, but put back in.
 - ii. UCSA open board meeting at UCLA. Divestment will be discussed.
 - iii. If anyone has passionate views about the Che Cafe, let us know.
- e. Committees
 - i. Scholarship: Selling shirts and sweatshirts at Spirit Night Rally.
 - ii. Rules: Meeting next week to discuss terming out times of eboard and jboard members.
- f. Members of Council
 - i. Akinchita: Thanks everyone for the discussion and input.
 - ii. Joey: WTCC having luncheon in Red Shoe room in Feb 10th at 6pm.
 - iii. Luke: GSA wanted the CPI Increase to be right after the first sentence of the referendum to be more transparent. Look at the Che facilities report sent out. Vandalism in UCEN. Marquee was spray painted and destroyed, costs above \$7,000. People are stealing bathroom signs in the Old Student Center.
 - iv. Lulu: Student Health extended hours starting February 3rd.
 - v. Lorna: SDCC and Public Speaking event Monday in SAC. Would like 5-6 volunteers to help out. On Tuesday will be Free Bluebook and Scantron Giveaway. Would like 2-3 volunteers.
 - vi. Jeffrey: Meeting with Director of Dining next week.
 - vii. Ryan: SFAB Rep this quarter. Renovating Muir Field with turf, to be completed Spring. Removing trees by tennis court, replacing them with more native torrey pines. Field primarily for lacrosse and field hockey and IM sports. Zumba Mania Feb 6th, 7-9pm in Main Gym. Opening new position for SFAB. Spirit Night tomorrow. Triton Ballpark opening Sunday.
 - viii. Emily: Please go to dodgeball, there will be raffle prizes.
 - ix. Bisma: Name ideas for event? "Eat and Greet" suggested. Changing location to SAC?
 - x. Akshay: In between senator projects. Open to collaborating events. Go to Spirit Night.
 - xi. Andrew: If you ever have questions about Robert's Rules, more than willing to talk about it one-on-one.

XII. Announcements

- a. Rachel: Everything in Warren needs to be cleaned up noon on Saturday. Tell people to put the bunnies back, it's a felony to steal them.
- b. Joey: Seen at most two students coming in to talk about the Che. Thank you for not passing the VP Finance amendment.
- c. Ankit: Please come eat with me and Michael.
- d. Andrew: Go to Spirit Night.

XIII. Final Roll Call

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XIV. Adjournment

- a. *Move to approve: Akshay Tangutur*
- b. *Seconds: Akinchita Kumar*
- c. *No objections: PBC*
- d. *Jesse Qin, President, adjourns meeting at 9:26 PM*