



Senate Minutes

January 29, 2025

A. WELCOME - Alfredo Trevedan

B. WORSHIP - Christian Barrera

a. Church Ministry 2 Class

i. The battles that you face, are God's battles

1. You are never alone

ii. 2 Chronicles 20

iii. A big battle was going to take place in Juda

1. The first thing that Jehoshaphat did was seek the Lord

a. This was God's battle

iv. No matter what our battles are, the Lord will be with us

1. He will be with you even if your prayers have not been answered yet

C. NEW SA OFFICER - Alfredo Trevedan

a. Jaziel Soto will be filling in the Assistant Finance Director

i. Has worked for SA before

1. Filled in the Assistant Finance Director last semester

ii. Accounting major

iii. Part of Engage

iv. Has accepted the offer

b. Question

i. Will he be taking the Finance Director position?

- 1. Yes
- ii. Motion - Collin Emde, Second Jhoan
- c. 23/23 Senator votes yes

D. COMMITTEE UPDATES

a. Bylaws Committee - Amanda Leitao

- i. Almost done reviewing documents
 - 1. Will meet with Dr. Negron to discuss changes

b. Community Service Committee - Nathalie Jacome

- i. No updates

c. Finance Committee - Marisol Garcia-Pineda

- i. Not updates

d. Public Relations Committee - Caroline Bridges

- i. No updates
- ii. If you need something posted please reach our a week in advance e.

Safety Committee - Priscille Mikala

- i. Has meet this week
 - 1. Service event will not work
- ii. Talking with campus safety for more lighting on campus f.

Scholarship Committee - Josh Nerona

- i. No updates
- ii. Will be voting on scholarship recipients today

g. Social Committee - Isabel Genovez

- i. Senate Surprise went well
- ii. Next Senate Surprise is being planned

E. VOTING

a. Project Fund

- i. \$11,000

ii. Options

1. Student Missionary Gift

a. Fujifilm Instax Mini - \$4,288

b. Fujifilm Quick Snap Camera - 1,216

2. Studio Lights

a. School of Journalism and Communication - \$1,892

i. Free to all students

3. Computers

a. Modern Languages Department - \$1,500

4. Scholarship Project Proposal

a. Spoke with Student Finance

b. Didn't have options

i. Give \$2,000 to Senate Scholarship Committee

1. #1 thing students have stated they
wanted

iii. Voting/Questions (Has to be voted tonight for)

1. There are multiple projects we can do

a. Lights are used by many students

2. What is the total amount for all these projects

a. About \$10,000

3. Most student missions locations have cameras available

a. It's a good idea, but not necessary

4. Will need film for cameras

a. Expensive

b. Bundle includes film for cameras

c. Need to be in place by February 3

i. Very soon

ii. Won't be a possible due to time

5. How often are the computers used?

a. Not often

b. Would only need 1 higher capacity computer

6. Computer needs to be newer to have a higher capacity

a. Departments have their own computers

7. Suggestion for cameras

a. Use money to renovate/fix issues on campus

i. A/C

ii. Washer

1. Most of these ideas are already in motion

8. Modern Languages Computer

a. Has about 15 computers, where will this computer go?

i. There are no computers in their lab because they are too old

9. Camera's

a. How will you get the cameras

i. More research needs to be done on how many they have

1. Too late

iv. Out of time

1. Motion: Approve Lighting, Computer, Scholarship

a. Second

i. 23/23 Senators voted yes

v. Computers in Department

1. All departments are given a small equipment budget

a. Most departments do not use for computers until a complete necessity

b. International and Leadership Scholarship

i. Students were chosen last semester to receive scholarships

- ii. Today we will be voting on the Leadership and International Student Scholarship
- iii. Motion: I move to approve these recipients, Second
- iv. 23/23 Senators voted yes to for International Scholarship Recipients v.
Motion: Move to Approve Leadership Scholarship Recipients, Second
 - 1. Question - when would students receive scholarships?
 - a. This semester
 - 2. Why did so few people apply for this scholarship
 - a. Issues with advertisement
 - 3. Senators cannot apply for this scholarship?
 - a. Correct
 - 4. What is this scholarship given for?
 - a. Strong student leaders
- vi. 22/23 Senators voted yes
- vii. 1/23 Senators voted no
 - 1. Selected students will receive scholarships

F. PICKLEBALL PROPOSAL UPDATE - Allen

- a. Senator John has joined project
- b. Will be sending out a survey to students

G. CULTURAL LIAISON PROPOSAL - Jhoan Ogando

- a. Reconsideration
- b. What is the Cultural Liaison position
 - i. Work alongside the Office of Student Life and Activities
 - ii. Work with SA, clubs, and campus initiatives to "enhance multicultural inclusion and awareness"
 - iii. Connect with students to address concerns related to international and cultural inclusivity and belonging
 - iv. Connect and coordinate with cultural clubs to aid in cultural month programming

- c. Segofalang Gabasiane current CL
 - i. Jhoan and Segofalang are friends, and Jhoan respects Segofalang, but the Cultural Liaison may not be a position that is needed
- d. This position is an extra step in communication
- e. Why remove this position?
 - i. The Diversity Committee does what Cultural Liaison does
- f. SA will create an initiative to replace this position
 - i. Can plan what Cultural Liaison does
- g. Wage funds can be placed somewhere else
- h. Limited impact
- i. Extra step in communication
- j. Can find another solution
- k. Last year's Senate already tried to rebrand this position
 - i. We can still be inclusive
- l. Questions
 - i. Why/how was the positions rebranded
 1. Created more jobs
 2. Modified job description
 - ii. Do you know how much the salaries are reallocated? 1.
 - Needs to be researched
 - iii. Would removing the position create more stress for Alexis Grantz 1.
 - No
 - iv. Do you think the position has any purpose?
 1. Has created more communication issues
 2. If we discontinued this position, SA officers can create initiatives
 - a. SA President
 - b. Social VP

c. Spiritual Life VP

v. Will we be removing our current Cultural Liaison?

1. This will take place starting next semester

vi. Why wait until next semester?

1. Current Cultural Liaison has plans in motion

a. Would take a student's job

vii. Did Senate last year think about having an assistant for Social VP 1.

Social VP position already has an assistant

viii. Motion to extend for 1 minute

1. Second

ix. Will we have to update other job descriptions?

1. No

x. Would removing this position create more work for the Diversity
Committee?

1. No

2. They have others who help

xi. Will be voting next Senate meeting

H. SENATE STATEMENT FOR PROTECTING STUDENTS a.

Protecting students during Trump Deportation Administration i. ICE agents can go

into churches and schools and make arrests 1. Effects students under DACA &

students who are here only

on a student visa

ii. Vice President- Alfredo Trevedan made the following statement to

send to Southern Administration

1. "In the light of the fact that the Trump Administration has allowed ICE to rigorously enforce the deportation policy in schools and churches, we request action or a protection plan that manifests keeping all students safe from this policy"

2. Motion to create this statement, Second
iii. Will students know about this?

1. Yes, they will receive this message in the Senate Minutes

iv. What will the protection plan look like?

1. This question would be answered by Administration

2. This statement will be taken to Administration as a push to
show what student Senate believes

v. Motion to approve a received statement by email

1. Time sensitive

2. What needs to be revised?

a. Strong statement

i. Can insight fear into student body

b. Motion to revise via email by Friday

i. Second

ii. 4/23 - yes

iii. 19/23 - no

1. Motion did not pass

vi. Discussion

1. Students may not take the wording well

vii. Move to approve this statement with amendment stating “Immediate
action”

viii. Voting

1. 2/23 - yes
2. 2/23 - No

This statement will be the official statement sent to Administration
tomorrow - 1/30

I. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. SA Executive Positions - Apply Today!
- b. Student Week of Worship - 1/27 - 1/31
- c. SA Smile Initiative - 2/7
- d. Next Senate Meeting - 2/12