

30 March 2020 Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:04pm

Attendance

Quorum was not met (initially)

Zoom etiquette

Co-President Villarreal: If you are not speaking, have your microphone set to mute, then unmute to speak. Try to login 10 minutes before the meeting starts. We will still do verbal votes so everyone can unmute to do so. Lastly, to be added to the speakers list you will click the participants and use the hand raised feature.

Committee Updates

Co-President Villarreal: I wanted to mention the Swenson-Bunn Teacher's Award. Monali is hoping to work with the class representatives on this.

- Co-President Bhakta: We will be looking through the nominations and make a choice of which received the best story. It will be announced at the virtual honors day that is happening.

Co-President Villarreal: A couple things I wanted to mention are to please let Administrative Director Cook know when you get your faculty report in. Since we can't do official tabling hours, we are encouraging you to hold two zoom tabling session hours to give your constituents a chance to meet with you. Of course this will need to be approved once we meet quorum.

Advisor Ruble: I still want to keep working on the issue of parking. I was just wondering what ideas you guys have for continuing to gather feedback on this whether it's a survey, zoom meetings, or policy ideas?

- Co-President Elect Doran: I think it could be helpful to do a combination of surveys and zoom meetings. The zoom calls could be treated almost as a focus group and then we could use that information to work on some policy change ideas.
- Senator Young: I agree. I think surveys are a good idea if we have some solutions that have been thought of. Zoom calls could also work if we do RSVPs.
- Co-President Villarreal: Any other suggestions?
- Advisor Ruble: Those are helpful. I will work on a plan to keep moving this forward.

Quorum is met

Co-President Villarreal: Now that we have enough senators to meet quorum, we can get back on track with the meeting. I realize

Co-President Elect Doran: This would sort of fall under community comment. I have received feedback from the surveys that I would like to share with you all. Would that fit with Robert's rules?

- Parliamentarian Boyden: Yes, I would consider it like tabling feedback.

Co-President Elect Doran: Some concerns we got were lack of communication about moving stuff out, reimbursement, how room draw will work, and equitable grading. So a lot of this has also been addressed now which is awesome. I think the main issue is that there's so much information that it makes it hard to process all of this. I think it could be our role as student senate to help better organize and disperse this information.

- Senator Young: What are your ideas for compiling and sharing this information in ways the college hasn't already done?
- Co-President Elect Doran: I think we could have some of the committees work together such as public relations, health and housing, student academic affairs, and do almost a press release of information.
- Senator Young: I feel like that would almost be creating a web page that already exists. We could maybe send out an email reminding them of where to find this information. Additionally, as you said, a lot of these answers have now been addressed.
- Co-President Bhakta: I think we could include a piece in the gavel gazette relaying the information and how to access it and the Senate's take on all the issues.
- Ombudsperson Menke: I agree with the previous speaker that the only way we should put out anything more is if it is very well done and easy to navigate.
- Advisor Ruble: The Dean of Students office is actually working on compiling a frequently asked questions page through the college to address some of these issues that have been arising.
- Senator Braun: I have seen some of these questions appear even after the emails have

been sent out, so we could help by commenting and directing students as to what email the information appeared in.

- Senator Schaaf: We could try and create a timeline of when things are due, such as housing deadlines.
- Senator Patterson: I think we should also try and do an update on commencement because I know a lot of seniors who are worried about that.
- Senator Jeremiason: This might be slightly off topic, but I know there are worries about the counseling center, because there are some people that cannot go all this time without that resource, and here are only options for brief sessions right now
- Co-President Bhakta: This is referring back to Patterson's question about graduation. There is talk of it happening later in the summer. Students probably will not get a full senior week, but they are trying to plan a day or two for them to catch up and hangout before the ceremony happens.
- Senator Patterson: I talked to my counselor today and they are going to try and make hour long video call appointments available, and they will share more information with students soon once they figure out the technology side of things.

New business

Young: I was just wondering about the changes with the finance by-laws. I know Director Gupta isn't here but is that something we can do without him if he won't be present at meetings?

- Co-President Villarreal: Director Gupta is very sick right now so he will not be able to join the meeting at the moment, but maybe Controller Johnson would feel comfortable speaking to that.
- Senator Young: Okay well maybe I can try and look over our notes from the finance committee and bring it up at the next meeting
- Senator Johnson: All the information for our proposed changes are in the drive if people would like to look them over. We can try and finish that up for next week.
- Advisor Ruble: Controller Johnson, do you want to talk about what we discussed today?
- Controller Johnson: Yes, there are some things that are supposed to be done eight weeks

prior to the final senate meeting but some of this will probably be pushed back a week and everything needs to be done online.

- Menke: Will waiting until next week put us in too much of a time crunch?
- Johnson: No, it should be fine. A lot of the infrastructure for the online finance managing won't relate directly to the by law changes.

Co-President Villarreal: If there is no other new business, we will move onto announcements.

Announcements

Co-President Villarreal: One of these meetings we are all going to dress up sharp for our virtual Senate group photo.

Co-President Elect Concepcion: Co-President elect Doran and I have extended the deadline for our Cabinet positions, so take a look at that.

Co-President Villarreal: We will have the Ombudsperson appointment for next year happening at the meeting next week.

Co-President Elect Doran: I want to emphasize Co-President Elect Concepcion regarding our applications. I also was wondering if you have information about a new tech chair?

- Co-President Villarreal: We do not this week but we will next week
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Chair Carlson-Sather: Unfortunately all my dress clothes are at school so I might have a hard time with sharp dress Monday.

Co-President Bhakta: I just wanted to address the email I sent out earlier about the Swenson-Bunn Award. You can nominate any professor and you can nominate as many professors as you like!

Oloño: Do we want to talk about virtual tabling hours today or at the next meeting?

- Villarreal: We will wait until the next meeting.

Co-President Villarreal: Alright, if there are no other announcements, we will see you next week!
Meeting adjourned.

