



DASG SENATE MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, November 3, 2021
4:00 pm
Remotely Via Zoom
Chair: Anahí Ruvalcaba
Contact: dasgpresident@fhda.edu

Dennis Shannakian (he/him/his) is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: DASG Senate Fall 2021

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Call to Order

- Anahi Ruvalcaba called the meeting to order at 4:02 pm.

Roll Call

First Name	Last Name	Present	Excused	Absent	Late
Anahi	Ruvalcaba	X			
Sarah	Morales	X			
Sharon	Utomo	X			
Helya	Bahari	X			
Sunnie	Chen	X			
Luiza	Eloy	X			
Catherine	Le	X			
Afizah	Ghazali	X			

Erin	Valdecanas	X		
Justin	Toh	X		
Anya	Bergstrom	X		
Karin	Budi	X		
Adel	Burieva	X		
Anita	Chamraj	X		
Rose	Chan	X		
Mohamed	Elmashad	X		
Nicole	Howard	X		
Saskia	Latievarya		X	
Charlaine	Rusli Jo	X		
Sara	Sangari	X		
Ivy	Sim	X		
Fiza	Syed	X		
Joandra	Teja	X		
Alexander Jason	Tjahjadi	X		
Peter	Tran	X		
Dimitri Jason	Yanovsky You	X X		

Approval of Minutes

- The October 27, 2021 meeting minutes were approved by Anita Chamraj and seconded by Charlaine Jo. The motion passed with no objections.

Public Comments

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- Sara Sangari: VIDA, HEFAS, and chill social event on Thursday over zoom
Zoom Link: <https://fhda-edu.zoom.us/j/97082528837>
- Luiza Eloy: De Anza's Guided Pathways Student Working Advisory Group is hiring! As a GP SWAG student consultant, you will contribute to shaping De Anza's future by providing feedback and insights based on your own lived experiences — and get paid for doing so! We seek to hire student consultants who come from diverse and underrepresented backgrounds. The deadline for completing the student employment interest form is 5pm on Monday, November 15 . This is a paid position that takes 1-2 hours per week. For more information and job description please see • <https://www.deanza.edu/guided-pathways/swag>.
- Rose Chan: Mentors @ De Anza is hosting a transfer panel series. The CSU panel is occurring this Saturday on November 6, 2021, and private school panel is occurring next Saturday. Recordings are uploaded on YouTube for those that missed the panels to view.

Advisor Announcements

- Hyon Chu: Senators receive priority registration class (priority class group two) for registering classes to ensure their schedules can work around governance and ICC meeting times. priority registrations for senators, priority two, used to work around governance and internal committee times. If you have a preceding priority group, you will not be defaulted to the later senator priority group.
- Maritza Arreola: Maritza is finalizing makeup training for those that need to be retrained and new senators.
- Dennis Shannakian: No Comment

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Senate Announcements

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- Sarah Morales (DASG VP): Reminded senators to turn in their timecard for October. Each quarter requires a minimum of 10 hours, and it is currently halfway through the quarter.
- Luiza Eloy (E&D): Reminder to fill out her form; it requires 8 more people to fill out and submit

Student Trustee Announcements

Please note: The Student Trustee is limited to ten minutes. The Senate cannot take action or respond to items during Student Trustee Announcements.

- Michelle Fernandez: Board of Trustees met on Monday and discussed implementing housing projects. The district may potentially invest in a 12-unit housing project located in Palo Alto, CA to house employees. Michelle informally discussed student housing and overnight parking issues with Patrick Aaron. The district does not want to be held liable due to facing litigation in the past over liability issues, but they are working on new potential projects to fix the student housing issues that are undisclosed as of now.
- Michelle Fernandez: Reached out and found out how other student senators received funding to get paid such as grants from Guided pathways, district taxable quarterly stipend of \$2-300, 50% contribution from student gov't fees, and more.

Shared Governance Reports

- Sara Sangari (WG&S): Met discussing facilities updates, gender neutral restrooms, steering committee needs, as well as their mission and goals.
- Fiza Syed (Budget task force and IPBT): Budget task force met and discussed training on college and district budget. IPBT met and discussed the prioritization workbook, changing voting method to choice voting, implementing two positions for the Equity and Engagement division of De Anza, and setting aside a faculty position for the WG&S committee. Academic Senate held a joint meeting with Foothill College to discuss hiring positions.

Inter Club Council Reports

- ICC chairperson election postponed to next meeting due to lack of time.
- Cedric has been elected as Chair of Club Affairs

Internal Committee Reports

- Sharon Utomo (Finance): Finance committee reviewed DASG and memorial scholarships instructions and rubric, and plan to conduct budget interviews for next week.
- Justin Toh (FM): Finalized details to submit funding proposal. A corporation from the community giving support to De Anza Flea Market.
- Erin Valdecanas (LA): Legislative Affairs discussed redistricting.
- Luiza Eloy (E&D): Equity and Diversity discussed how to combat issues such as sexual harassment, Title IX, expanding the availability of opportunities to report sexual harassment to DASG Senators, and mental health awareness amongst DASG Senators. They advocated for a required check in from DASG senators throughout the quarter on how they are doing.
- Afizah Ghazali (ES): Environmental Sustainability met to complete their budget application, and plan to host Equal Living Event in partnership with Penny and marketing.
- Sunnie Chen (ASFC): ASFC worked to inform students about their community and campus updates.
- Helya Bahari (SSF): SSF worked on student service response survey, solutions, and marketing it to receive responses.
- Sarah Morales (Elections): Elections worked on promoting senate positions and getting students to attend general information sessions, but they have not had any luck with students showing up to information sessions.
- Catherine Le (P&E): P&E has contacted marketing to help promote the Midterm Check in event and will soon promote the Town hall event. The email template has been made so we will begin to contact specific village heads, faculty, students, representatives, etc. They are also working with Flea Market on the winter fundraiser.

Consent Calendar

Business Items

1. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

Title: Review DASG Bylaws Changes – Third Reading

Description: This item is to review suggested changes to the DASG Bylaws.

Calendar: 10/20 First Reading, 10/27 Second Reading, 11/3 Third Reading, 11/10 Vote

Presenter: Erin Valdecanas

Time: 15 minutes

- Changes made to the DASG Bylaws are the same as the previous two weeks besides the addition of the ICC Chair to it and changing of some VP duties to help Maritza with incoming senator training and onboarding. Office of college life must propose updated bylaws at the upcoming Legislative Affairs Committee meeting.

2. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

Title: Why Gender Neutral Restrooms Matter, AB1732, and AB1266

Description: Inform why Gender Neutral Restrooms are important to Trans & Non Binary Individuals, and what AB1732 and AB1266 are.

Presenter: Saskia Latievarya

Time: 10 minutes

- Tabled item by Anahi because Saskia is not here with excused absence.
- Saskia did not mention anyone else speaking in their place.

3. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION/ACTION

Title: Student Trustee Involvement

Description: To discuss and vote on the student trustee contributing more to the decision making in DASG.

Presenter: Michelle Fernandez

Time: 10 minutes

- Michelle Fernandez presented her issues with the current limitations on her role as Student Trustee such as only presenting announcements during senate meetings, not counted in senate meeting minutes, inability to sit in governance committee meetings, lack of voting power that led her to feeling inefficient and uninvolved in her role. Michelle's advisory vote does not count in board of trustee's meetings and has little involvement despite acting as a liaison between senate and board of trustees.
- Hyon Chum asked if this is an allowed action item to be voted on during this meeting or if there are any other procedures.
- Dennis replied and explained that senate can vote to move forward. The process for this action would be to modify this action into the bylaws, and legislative affairs (LAC) would vote on Friday during their meeting.
- Erin Valdecanas moved to pass this motion to modify bylaws to include the Student Trustee as a senator.
- Sara Sangari seconded this motion.
- No objections to this motion were made.

4. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

Title: DASG Office + Prior Senator's Belongings + Old DASB Merchandise

Description: This item is to discuss and propose giving the DASB Merchandise away to alumni and past senators along with their personal belongings.

Presenter: Sunnie Chen

Time: 10 minutes

- Sunnie Chen: Lots of past senators' belongings, merchandise with old DASB logos, ES waterbottles, bags, and other various items were left behind in the DASG office due to the closing of campus in the beginning of COVID-19 lockdown. Questions concerning rebranding items with the old DASB logo and contacting past senators to return personal items arose.
- Afizah Ghazali from Environmental Sustainability committee suggested distributing the reusable water bottles at their upcoming Equal Living Event to students.
- Hyon Chu noted that DASG cannot invite old senators back since the office is still limiting visitors, but for now we can bag and label the items that are non-perishable for past senators.

5. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

Title: Town Hall

Description: Discuss Programs and Events Town Hall.

Presenters: Catherine Le

Time: 10 minutes

- Catherine Le advertised the upcoming Town hall meeting occurring on Nov 19, 2021 from 3-5 PM. This event will be to present updates for school. Catherine asked her fellow senators to speak at the meeting and prepare a slide to include in the slideshow describing their committees and what they do for the campus. Each presenter will speak for no more than five minutes. Anyone with further questions can attend the P&E meeting occurring this Friday from 3-4 PM.
- Helya Bahari noted that the SSF concerns form is located on the De Anza website

6. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

Title: Resources for Students Facing Homelessness

Description: This item is to discuss using its existing facilities for students in need of shelter.

Presenter: Sarah Morales

Time: 20 minutes

Tabled from last week

- Sarah Morales presented the issue of lack of resources for unhoused students. Sarah suggested providing the unused spaces on campus as an overnight resource and asked how campus liabilities differ from day versus night.
- Michelle Fernandez answered explaining that the concern is for conflicts or injuries that may happen on campus at night the district would be held liable. This plan would also require additional security and janitorial costs which conflicts with DASG values against hiring additional campus police.
- Sunnie Chen asked if there could be a sign or a waiver unhoused students can sign to waive De Anza's liability for their safety.
- Anahi suggested using the cafeteria or gym as overnight shelter, but there are sports usage conflicts and cafeteria tables are unmovable. The Flint Center was suggested but Dennis explained that De Anza is getting rid of it because it is earthquake unsafe and maintenance fees are too costly.
- Other solutions were to talk to campus facilities, but CCAB is not meeting this quarter until January 24th.

7. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

Title: Provide Update from Casie Wheat, Assessment Center Supervisor

Description: To provide an update about conversation with Casie Wheat, Assessment Center Supervisor.

Presenter: Fiza Syed

Time: 10 minutes

- Fiza Syed presented her item of discussion concerning the lack of options for placement tests to pass through classes and difficulty in finding answers on how to provide more support and clear resources for students to find alternate placement test methods. Fiza also found it difficult to find alternate placement test routes due to back-and-forth e-mails with Casie Wheat; the Assessment Center Supervisor works with students on an individual case-by-case basis and does not have an alternate placement test route for students to access on the assessment page.
- Suggestions for this issue included inviting Casie Wheat to a senate meeting to ask her questions over zoom and forming a task force with special counselors to provide support for students who need placement test help. Maritza noted that a special task force of counselors for alternate assessment placement tests would require additional funding as well.

8. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION/ACTION

Title: Why Voting Matters

Description: Discuss the DASG sponsoring FAPAC's "Why Voting Matters" Survey.

Presenter: Erin Valdecanas

Time: 15 minutes

- Presenters from Foothill College (Mirian Rodriguez, Nicky Gonzalez, Izzy) and Erin Valdecanas presented on the low voter turnout within the US and FHDA district and how that impacts the allocation of resources towards affordable housing, food insecurity, and other issues in the community. The voter survey respondents are enrolled in a \$100 raffle.
- Anahi asks the presenter how the senators can support FAPAC and improve voter turnout whether it be through classroom education or marketing.
- Nicky Gonzalez responds clarifying that FAPAC is asking DASG to simply lend their name in the upcoming voting cycle and make a referral to the best committee (marketing) to endorse this. No time or funding commitment is required from DASG
- Google slides presentation:
https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1MuDOPS2Yftl1raIXR3OnHpR69OjXYD3oi-rMcJQ8fjU/edit#slide=id.gf9e85fb967_0_66
- Erin Valdecanas made a motion to extend time by 5 minutes
- The motion to extend time was seconded by Anita Chamraj.
- No objections were made.
- The motion to endorse contribution and collaboration between DASG and FAPAC's "Why Voting Matters Survey" was made by Sara Sangari.
- This motion was seconded by Anita Chamraj.
- No objections

Introduction and Approval of Prospective Senators

- Nathanael (Nael) Sjukur: 1st DASG meeting
- Amy Huang: 1st DASG meeting

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- Hyon Chu: The Guided Pathways team survey is going out next week. This institutional research building survey is targeted to frosh (first time freshman) to learn about their orientation experience and build stronger orientation experiences in the future. Survey prizes includes a Microsoft 10th generation Surface Pro and a TI-84 calculator.

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Adjournment

- Anahi Ruvalcaba adjourned this meeting at 5:31 pm.

Upcoming Events

- M@DA has a CSU Panel this Saturday
- VIDA HEFAS and Chill event
- Sunnie Chen: Active Minds Committee is working to provide resources and accessibilities to students. They are also working with other chapters across the nation.
- Luiza Eloy: Psych club is doing clinical cases on Friday. Contact Luiza for additional information.