



Student Government Assembly Senate Agenda

February 19th, 2021 | 2:00pm

Via - Zoom

The regular weekly meeting was called to order by Alondra Bañuelos, Speaker of the Senate at 2:02 p.m. via Zoom on Friday, February 19th, 2021. *A quorum was present.*

Call to Order: 2:02pm

- Roll Call
 1. Alondra Bañuelos – Present
 2. X (Antwaun D. Johnson) - Present
 3. Jessie Jennett - Present
 4. Maryan Issack – Present
 5. Dr. Baron - Present
 6. Guillermo Ramírez – Present
- Public Comment
 - Rachel Lorenz, Student – Met Media Reporter - Present

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

- *Motion to approve previous minutes.*
 - *Motioned: X*
 - *Seconded: Jessie*
 - *Passage: 3-0-0*

Unfinished Business:

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New Business:

- Amendments to constitution bill write up.

- Collaboration with Brazen Project.
- BIPOC/Safer Spaces Resolution feedback from students
 - Draft after we have authors present on it on our next meeting.
 - Student Voice Committee
 - Hold space to hear different perspectives.
 - **GITA Hold of Yourself Student Podcast: Discussion on the Safer Spaces Resolution**
 - **Release date:** Wednesday 2/17/2021 5:00pm
 - **Description:** A brief introduction to the BIPOC Safer Spaces resolution and an overview of upcoming BHM programming including Bridge 2021 among others.
 - **Featuring:** Resolution co-authors Nastasia Santana TRIOTA President, GITA student staff), Netty Rodriguez Arauz (Associate Director for GITA) and Lauren Gutierrez (Building Allies of Diversity student org representative and Bridge 2021 organizer)
 - **Tune in here:** <https://directory.libsyn.com/shows/view/id/gitapodcast>

Reports of Co-Advisors

- **Report of Dr. Baron**
 - No report.
- **Report of Guillermo Ramirez**
 - Elections are starting.

Reports of the Student Senate:

- **Report of Alondra Bañuelos**
 - Connected with Letty Torres from Brazen Project
 - Possibility of collaborating on event to raise awareness on anti-abortion clinics and alternatives org.
 - Connected with Claire Alfus (MSW Department) to learn about work they are doing with graduate students.
 - Will continue to meet.
 - Graduate Culture Task Force
 - Graduate culture survey
 - Need 6 Grad research assistants (paid) to support a qualitative research project under the directive of the Graduate Council's graduate culture subcommittee.
- **Report of X**
 - Books, resources, SAB inquiry
 - Creating scholarship, resource funds, and more
 - Began to develop a bereavement process on behalf of work-study and hourly student employees.
 - Began to develop a request to have a campus wide bereavement policy for students with faculty.

- Began to develop a request in language change for scholarships internal / external including SAP language awaiting response from Director of Financial Aid.
 - Began to develop credit hour / GPA requirement for SGA resolution to change constitution.
 - Elections 2020- reached out to Dr. Pantel and Deputy General Counsel on these matters.
 - Documentation for SGA- Public Records Compliance
 - Wanting clarity if services are being utilized by the greater community of students or if hours need to change.
- **Report of Jessie Jennett**
 - Email about folks should include them.
 - Submission of intentions
 - Focus on succession, student outreach & participation, amending the senate bylaws and ensuring that we have quality transition documents to equip future senators in.
 - How can we give access to students to change their names to their preferred names on Teams?
 - Instagram in progress
 - Social media brainstorming and plan in the social media folder in the One Drive
 - Made zoom backgrounds – will share them in the social media folder if folks want to use them
- **Report of Maryan Issack**
 - Wrote a call/email script so we can start outreaching to students soon.
 - Connected with Cynthia about the prayer room 3 weeks ago and I kept connecting but I haven't heard of anything yet.
 - My next step is to find ways to access the student's directory information to get their emails, names, and 900# to begin our outreach.

Committee Reports:

- Student Voice Committee (Ad-Hoc: Student Fee Review Panel)
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- Senate Bylaws Committee
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- Finance Committee
- Personnel Committee

Public Comment:

- Rachel Lorenz, Student – Met Media Reporter – Present
 - No comment
- Dominique Perez

- No comment

Adjournment: Speaker of the Senate Alondra Bañuelos called for adjournment at 3:19pm

- Motion to extend meeting until 3:15pm
 - *Motioned: X*
 - *Seconded: Jessie*
 - *Passage: 3-0-0*

NOTES:

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- X hasn't heard back from David and Nick for Elections 2020- reached out to Dr. Pantel and Deputy General Counsel on these matters. He will send that to Alondra once he has access.
- The Brazen Project is writing a resolution and wants us to help them hold an event.

- Jessie wants to know more about the Brazen Project so she will reach out and ask questions

- BIPOC Resolution

Asian students feel like they are not a part of the BIPOC Resolution committee

- Invite BIPOC Resolution committee to our meeting next week so they can clarify what the committee is about