



Student Government Assembly Senate Agenda

February 26th, 2021 | 2:00pm

Via - Zoom

The regular weekly meeting was called to order by Alondra Bañuelos, Speaker of the Senate at 2:0 p.m. via Zoom on Friday, February 26th, 2021. *A quorum was present.*

Call to Order: 2:02 pm

- 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
 - President, Braeden Weart
 - Student Trustee, Alaura Ward
 - Director of GITA and Department chair of GWS, Dr. Kat Martinez

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

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

Special Guest:

- **Co-authors of the Safer Spaces Resolution**
 - **Katherine Martinez- Director/ Department Chair of GITA**
 - Context to resolution – post pandemic, statement on the murder of Black men by police. All chairs, faculty, and staff invited to write a resolution to address anti-racism, anti-Blackness, forms of oppression in the institution.

- Support from Dr. Nieto Chicano/a studies, Dr. Mpondi Africana studies, Megan Swarski(?)
 - BIPOC title in order to relate specifically to anti-Blackness, include the conversation around colorism, at the time it best reflected the goals of addressing institutionalized and systemic anti-Blackness
 - BIPOC definition (acronym) Black, Indigenous, People of Color
 - Asian Pacific Identity community raised the question of Asian oppression, feeling of exclusion with term BIPOC. Clarified on the centering of anti-Blackness, encouraged further development on including resolutions to include
 - Critique of BIPOC received in stakeholder process – more inclusive terms
 - **STAKEHOLDER MEETING:**
 - For the original writers of the resolution only to process feedback from faculty senate
 - **Action item: invite of those who founded the Resolution to the Student voice committee dedicated to the Safer Spaces Resolution (X + Jessie)**
- Open discussion 2:15pm
 - X: BIPOC term is common in the work around diversity equity and inclusion in order to center folks who are not white. Receptivity of the term Anti-Blackness. History of labels important in the process of increasing.
 - Jessie: Confusion between safer spaces and BIPOC resolution.
 - AKA: BIPOC Safer Spaces Resolution, The Resolution, Safer Spaces Resolution
 - Alaura: We need to be intentional about the language we use even in the title of the resolution. This is something we have to do to progress.
- **Douglas Mpondi - Chair and Associate Professor of Africana Studies.**
 - Not Present
- **Gayla Stone- Parliamentarian**
 - MSU Denver, CCD, UC Denver, SACAB support
 - 2020 elections
 - When is the next election?
 - Answer: April 12th election (process starting now)
 - Constitution says elections in the Spring.
 - Last election in the Spring of 2020
 - Date set for us – predetermined interinstitutional.
 - University/campus policy overrides constitution????
 - Advice – familiarity with election rules so that there are not invalid elections.
 - Issue around running for multiple positions – unconstitutional.
 - No one is serving multiple elected positions
 - Election manager/coordinator really understand all election rules – look beyond the code and rules- constitution and bylaws some of what is in the constitution that is not in bylaws.
 - Clear up documents to be consistent across the board
 - We need to get this issue settled for the students we serve.

Everything from here on down was tabled for March 12th

- *Motioned: Jessie*
- *Seconded: Maryan*
- *Passage: 2-1-0*

Unfinished Business:

- Write up a resolution in support of the Safer Spaces Resolution
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- 2020 Elections
 - Guest Speaker – Gayla Stone: Parliamentarian
 - X: presented Elections 2020 resolution
 - 1st reading
 - Comment:
 - Dr. Baron: “I understand that the time to contest elections has passed and would advise folks to refer to the member handbook and election bylaws before moving forward on a vote for this.”
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- Pay Increase
- We also talked about getting all the SGA members together to talk about the 2021 election

New Business:

- Amendments to constitution bill write up.

Reports of Co-Advisors

- **WoD Training w/GITA – March 5th**
 - 11:00am – 3:30pm

Reports of the Student Senate:

- **Report of Alondra Bañuelos**
 - Communicated with Letty from Brazen Project.
 - More context about event they would like to put on.
 - Promoting Associate Director for CMEI open presentation and Q&A
 - Will work closely with Met Media.
 - Monday 1:30- 2:05pm, 2:45-3:20pm, and 4-4:35pm
- **Report of X**
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- **Report of Jessie Jennett**
 - Contacted IT about name change, that conversation is underway.
 - Social media – IG updated and connected to FB
 - Creating submission form

- Please follow and share, DM the account any events happening, we like to boost things going on.
 - Got elections graphic up – link for application in the INSTA bio – !!!PLEASE SHARE!!!
- Attended student funding workshop.
 - Contact
 - Ariana Della (Student) & Dave Bourassa
 - Dave is leaving from the student org funding position (CMEI) to be the student travel/professional development coordinator
 - Contacted them to partner with them and create graphics to communicate the different type of funding student orgs are eligible for
 - Campus event funding (\$3,000)
 - Recruitment/Promotional (\$500 per semester)
 - Student Org Funding (SOFA)
 - FUNDING HANDBOOK
- Conferences today – wow
- **Report of Maryan Issack**
 - I was able to get to a hold of Cynthia about the prayer rooms. She sent me a list of things to do, and I have started working on some and will work on a few next week.

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

Adjournment: Speaker of the Senate Alondra Bañuelos called for adjournment at 3: 06pm

Motion to extend meeting until 3:05pm

- *Motioned: Jessie*
- *Seconded: X*
- *Passage: 3-0-0*