



January 26, 2023 | [Zoom Link](#)

1. Review last week's [minutes](#): vote to approve
 - **Minutes unanimously approved**
2. First of all, let us welcome our newest addition to Senate: Nicolás Villafuerte Wilson
 - a. Nicolás will be taking over for Vaani as the ISLC Representative :)
 - **Welcome Nicolás :)**
3. We have a candidate forum today!
 - a. [Candidate Packet](#)
 - b. CAB Chair
 - **We need to formally approve Bethany even though she has already been working hard as interim chair**
 - **Bethany hopes to hold more weekly events and collaborative events with student orgs and other groups on campus**
 - **She also wants to work on Spring Ball, an anti-Valentine's Day event, and other fun events**
 - **We will review the Senate candidate and then vote on both (they need to leave the room so we can vote)**
 - **Vote for Bethany as CAB chair: unanimous yes. Congratulations Bethany!**
 - c. Senator
 - **The Senate candidate is Maya, who currently serves on SPAC**
 - **Maya has an interest in leadership as well as history of being a representative for her peers**
 - **She is a transfer student and this perspective is important for ASB**
 - **She hopes to expand the spread of ASB information and help students know more about what goes on in ASB**
 - **Maya proposes distributing an ASB pamphlet during NSO and having NSO leaders give their students more ASB information**
 - **Vote for Maya as Senator: unanimous yes. Congratulations Maya!**
4. Moving back to our legislative [agenda](#)

- a. Two prospective bills to pass next, but not today, we're just discussing them
 - i. SB003 (SAAB Bylaws Update)
 - **This is a bill that updates and reorganizes SAAB bylaws, which have been described as "a nightmare"**
 - ii. SB004 (Monthly Senate Meeting)
 - **Continued discussion from last session: there were concerns about having enough time to cover all the issues**
 - **Senators would be fed during the meetings (Kate wants In N Out)**
 - **New info from M3:**
 - ❖ **We would have 4 meetings in the fall and 4 meetings in the spring semester**
 - ❖ **Senators would still attend weekly committee meetings**
 - ❖ **The first meeting would be in September; this would likely be a training session and legislative work would not get done**
 - ❖ **Senators would have a Senate retreat during September/ October**
 - ❖ **M3 asks about a particular designated day for meetings (or if we want the VP to decide that), asks if we want to make it a constitutional requirement for the VP to feed Senators**

-Vasty suggests meeting for 1.5 hours twice a month to address the concern of not having enough time to cover everything, Destiny agrees.

-SFV clarifies that this bill would go into effect next year

-SFV says that every other Senate in the student government conference meet either monthly or every other week

-Carly advocates for more frequent meetings because this builds more of a student government community, supports the idea of 2 meetings per month

-Kate brings up the fact that it would be difficult to find a weekday where Senators have 3 free hours

-M3 likes the idea of meeting twice a month; brings up meeting at the front end and back end of the month with two free weeks in the middle

-Rose asks if the first meeting would be at the end of August or the beginning of September, Alex responds that it would likely be a month from when school officially starts

-Collin wants to know where the food budget would come from, M3 says that we would apply for a budget from the student fee during allocations weekend

-M3's possible ideas: every 2 weeks, front end and back end of each month (2 weeks on, 2 weeks off)

-We would still be meeting for 90 minute sessions

-Collin brings up that Senators would need to come to Senate prepared, having read the agenda and bills

-M3 brings up that we currently have a casual culture in Senate, but Senate is typically a formal space and more formality would help Senators in future education/ careers. This may detract from friendships/ social connections, the rigidity of parliamentary procedure makes it difficult to make friends.

-M3 wants a formal Senate and a casual Cabinet

-Yonas brings up possibly meeting for 2 hours so we can finish discussions

-Finn disagrees because tightening up rules/ increasing formality would make things happen more quickly

-Destiny brings up all the times we've adjourned early, saying that lack of time would not be an issue

-General consensus: 3 hours = :(, meeting twice a month = :)

5. Remember that your community outreach project ideas are due next week, Thursday, by 4:30pm when we start our meeting

- a. Required for Senators but I can also help the Representatives with funding projects within their affinity groups
- b. I will send out an email reminding y'all about it :)
- c. Check the "community outreach" tab on the [Senate Schedule](#)
 - Vasty brings up that it would be cool to have more vibrancy and color in campus spaces, such as the Game Room in Templeton
 - He suggests making a mural, Senate could all work together and pool their community outreach budgets and this would be so cool and allow us to create something together that could last for years
 - Vasty wants to use the money to commission an artist/ a group of artists for the mural
 - He found a group of artists who are formerly incarcerated people, we would be giving our money to people who are actually making a change in the community
 - There is a general positive reaction to this idea
 - Vasty says maybe we can appeal for a higher budget for this mural
 - Vasty's idea for the mural responds to the lack of diversity on campus. We could ask the clubs representing marginalized communities what they would want on the mural, and we can organize these ideas together to get everyone represented in the community
 - Personally the notetaker loves this idea
 - Vasty would be the chair of the ad hoc Templeton Mural Committee
 - M3 says Robin and Evette are open to murals in Templeton and agrees that the Game Room is a good location, they will talk to Evette about the mural at their upcoming meeting

- **Straw poll to check for Senator interest: everyone is interested in helping Vasty with this**
 - **Vasty will type up a Google Doc and share it to everyone, if Senators plan on giving Vasty a financial contribution with their community outreach money this would count as their project**
 - **Not every Senator wants to give their community outreach money to Vasty, this is fair and there are benefits to having multiple projects going**
 - **M3 needs to know by next Thursday (before Senate) where Senators' community outreach dollars will be going**
6. Some sad news about our Lyft Pilot program :(
- a. The proposed \$50K would only give students \$25 per *semester* and not per *month*, like we had hoped... But we have a pathway forward!
 - i. Spreadsheet
 - b. But there are still ways that we would partner with Lyft to offer rides to students, and M3 and I were discussing possible alternatives
 - **New situation with Lyft (info from M3 and Rocky): the plan is \$5 off a Lyft ride 4 times per month, with 35% usage we would still be under budget**
 - **This is a comparable program to University of Oregon's Portland campus, which gives students \$7 off 4 times per month**
 - **If we did the \$10 off 3 times per month offer, we would likely run out of money and need to either meet and add to the budget or stop the program**
 - **This would get us out of our Covid bubble era, we want to get out of this bubble eventually but it is nice and comforting to have this money in case of emergency or something else coming up**
 - **Rose agrees that the \$5 option is better, if we end up doing the \$10 option and having to cut it down people would probably be upset**
 - **Nicolás asks if we would give this to every student regardless of need, SFV says yes but there is typically a pretty low utilization rate**
 - **We are anticipating a higher utilization rate (closer to 35-50%) given the popularity of the Lyft story and the buzz around campus, no matter which option we use we may have to re-authorize more money**
 - **This is a pilot program so it is inherently risky, we will be gathering data on utilization and effectiveness that would help the school determine whether they want to keep the program**
 - **With the Lyft survey, we set the precedent that students would be getting much more money per month than they actually will**

- **Most survey respondents said they would use the service mostly late at night, we could possibly cut costs by having a time restriction on the program**
- **Yonas brings up that this program would be more important for students without cars and students who live off campus**
- **Rocky says the point of the pilot program is to figure out the student desire for Lyft program**
- **Cabinet will also deliberate on this, we will talk more about this next week**

7. Any updates on campus? Anything else to add, I yield the floor now...

- **Katie Ensley resigned from Senate :(so we will need to have another special election**
- **Alex Chappelle and M3 are running for President and VP, respectively**
- **They need signatures on their petitions, so sign them and tell your friends!**