

Senate Minutes 4-1

President's Report

Peebles: An email should've been sent out about the online class survey and the senators are urged to fill it out. The last survey was extremely broad and is being used to argue that online classes should be continued after the pandemic. The Telehealth announcement should also be sent out soon and hopefully students will be encouraged to access those resources. The Canvas discussion board has been active and the senators are encouraged to participate.

Vice President's Report

Brooks: The computer projector isn't working but the senators should have the agenda in their emails.

Treasurer's Report

Melendez: We have around \$2000.

Advisor's Report

Shores: We will have a new student life coordinator and he will also be advising SGA.

Secretary's Report

O'zee: got his second dose of the Pfizer vaccine yesterday and encourages the senators to get fully vaccinated as soon as possible.

Stop Asian Hate Bill

Humphrey and Fuston: The goal of the bill is to establish a position in opposition to anti-Asian hate crimes. There is a growing importance to support the campus Asian community. The Asian community on campus is small but it is important for SGA to support them. Asian American attendance has dropped presumably because of the rising hate crimes against them as a community.

Peebles: Does the author believe that the drop could be due to the pandemic?

Humphrey: It could be but the drop was more significant than it was for other demographics.

Audience member: wanted to start a club but wasn't allowed to because it would only have been open to the Asian community on campus and appreciates the bill.

Peebles: (to Melendez) Is UHC open to all students?

Melendez: Yes because it's beneficial to educate non-hispanic students.

Melendez:(to the audience member) Who told you that you couldn't start an Asian culture club?

Audience Member: Nancy Hughes but she might not have meant it in an outwardly prejudiced way.

Brown: Is the drop in Asian attendance specifically due to hate crime increases?

Humphrey: It was assumed so.

O'zee: The disparity between the percentage drop would indicate that the Asian community's attendance were affected by factors that didn't affect other student populations.

Peebles: Would the authors accept an amendment to establish that USAO would support and encourage the creation of an Asian Culture Club.

Melendez: Moves to vote on this bill by show of hands

Bill Passes Unanimously

Open Discussion and Announcements

Baird: will be conducting his senior research project today in the Davis Amphitheater

Melendez: Intramural volleyball has started and Coach O is doing dodgeball. Melendez would also like to take the time to congratulate members of the body who will be accepting a Minerva Award.

Peebles: Thanks the senators on zoom