Associated Students, Inc.
Sonoma State University

SENATE MEETING
Tuesday, October 11th, 2011
6:00 p.m., Erin Fisher Room, Student Union

AGENDA

I. Call to Order
II. Roll Call
III. Public Comment
IV. Issues of the Week—This is an opportunity for officers to discuss issues that may pertain to their constituents (Discussion)
V. Questions on Reports—this item is an opportunity to ask questions of the officers in regards to their submitted reports. This is also an item to hear oral reports from our Academic Senate Representative and the University President’s designee to our ASI Senate (Discussion)
VI. Business
   a) Presentation on a communication tool submitted by Senator Tyler Stenzel (Discussion)
      i. Discussion
   b) Recommendation of Partial Smoking Ban Policy submitted by Senator Emily Hurd, Chair of Smoking Ban Ad Hoc Committee- Tabled from 9.4.11 Senate Meeting (Action)
      i. Discussion
      ii. Action
   c) Reports from the AS Boards (Discussion)
      i. Legislative Affairs Board - Senator Havens
      ii. Representation and Engagement Board - Senator Burke
      iii. Internal Affairs Board - Senator Barker
   d) AS-I 05.11.12 Approval of the Minutes from 9.27.11 (Action)
      i. Discussion
      ii. Action
   e) AS-I 06.11.12 Approval of the Minutes from 10.4.11 (Action)
      i. Discussion
      ii. Action

VII. Items for the Good of the Order
VIII. Adjournment

Posted on Friday, October 7, 2011 at the ASI Senate Office by Amanda Kosty, Chair of the Senate
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MEETING NOTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Alex Boyar, Paul Ramey, Collin Yballa, Tony Kerr, Emily Hurd, Alex Barker, Amanda Burke, Kimberly Liaz, Laura Paneno, Katie Havens, Stephanie Parreira, Tyler Stenzel, Amanda Kosty, Jeff Young

MEMBERS ABSENT: Samantha Yates (unexcused)

OTHERS PRESENT: Dr. Margie Purser, Jason Fitzer, Erik Dickson, Katie Linderme, Peter Neville, Patrick Maloney, Jude Rowe

I. **Call to Order** - The meeting was called to order by Ms. Amanda Kosty, Chair of the Senate at 6:02pm

II. **Roll Call**

III. **Public Comment**
Jude Rowe addressed the senate and introduced himself again as a member of the Sonoma State Physics department and a representative of the student body. He was instructed to deliver 4 points of view as seen from his constituents. The first comment was “Go Students!” The second comment was “These are not the droids you are looking for.” Next he opened up into a speech about having double standards. He thanked the senate for having the process that it needs to get a grant passed in order to do programming, but that he felt the same consideration was not met in terms of the Student Center. Students are still feeling that the election process was unfair, and that the plans for the student center have not been met and agreed upon in an open way that makes all the students feel okay with the plan. The final item of business that Rowe wanted to express was for the organization SAFE. He handed out a flyer for SAFE and informed the senate that the school is looking to have a re-election on the student center in order for a more fair legal process. He hopes that the senate will take in his student’s point of view as well as the constituents he represents.

Chair Kosty read a letter from Anthony Gallino: This student could not make it to the senate meeting to Chair Kosty read a letter that he wrote to the senate on his behalf. The letter addressed Gallino’s concern over the fee increase over the student center. His belief is that low income students will have a very hard time paying for the fee, and will have to resort to using money that does not come out of grants to pay for it. This is going to put a financial strain on the student body because low income students will be forced to make sacrifices for textbooks, food and rent by having to pay for the student center out of their own pockets. Gallino would like the senate to consider exempting low income students from paying the fee increase for the Student Center.

IV. **Issues of the Week**
**Travel Grant Policy (Senator Paneno):** Senator Paneno addressed the senate with a concern form the athletic clubs on campus. The current club grant policy favors programming over the travel
grants. Because athletic clubs rely more on the supply and travel grants over the programming, the athletic clubs are feeling strain on getting enough money to have the whole team travel. Paneno requested that while we cannot make an entire compromise based on one group of students, she would like to see the Senate meet them “half way.” She proposed to change the tier 2 which affects off campus travel to go from $1000 total for the whole year to $50 a person. The senate then discussed the pros and cons of this money change. Senator Liaz suggested that she urge the clubs to really look into fundraising and use the dues to also help with travel. President Boyar also let the senate know that due to subsidies, the athletic clubs can get assistance from those sources as well. Senator Paneno will take this information to either do further changes, or inform constituents.

V. Questions on Reports—this item is an opportunity to ask questions of the officers in regards to their submitted reports. This is also an item to hear oral reports from our Academic Senate Representative and the University President’s designee to our ASI Senate

Vice President Ramey wanted clarification on Boyars report as for whether or not financial aid was going to be taken into account. According to Boyar, Within the 3 different types of focus groups, (freshman, seniors, grad students), financial aid will be a factor into whether or not the input given will help to clarify questions about the student center.

VI. Business
A) Presentation on a communication tool submitted by Senator Tyler Stenzel
Tyler Stenzel presented the information about his forum website made to help SSU students give input on the school without having to attend the senate meetings. After the presentation, a general discussion about whether or not the website was approved by the school, ambiguity, negative connotation of words, who would monitor the site, longevity of website, and other concerns came up. The feedback was mostly positive, but more work is requested before actually implementing as a communication tool for the whole senate to use.

B) Recommendation of Partial Smoking Ban Policy submitted by Senator Emily Hurd, Chair of Smoking Ban Ad Hoc Committee- Tabled from 9.4.11 Senate Meeting
Chair Kosty re-opened the discussion on the Partial Smoking Ban Policy submitted by Emily Hurd. In an attempt at structure for one area at a time, Kosty made a list of the top areas that needed more discussion and went in a logical list order to keep the Senate on track. The first talking point covered was the definition of central campus. Dickson had made highlighted changes to the bill where grammatical errors had been made, or any other general changes of the bill.

Senator Parreira moved to amend the definition of central campus to be defined as enclosed in the area of East Redwood Drive, South Redwood Drive, West Redwood drive and Copeland Creek as well as the areas of the GMC. There was a second by Senator Barker. The motion by Senator Parreira passed 13-0-0.

A brief discussion of the bill took place during this time for defining the boundary as well as clarifying that the dining hall, police services, and the central campus would not be included in these boundaries.

A new debate over whether or not they even needed to have a central campus was defined. Vice President Ramey wanted to define the central campus because that would make it more clear for the student body. That then led to a discussion about whether the boundary around the Green
Music Center (GMC) would be more beneficial to exclude due to the fact that the outside public uses the facility as well as the students.

Vice President Ramey moved to amend to strike the expression “as well as in the main roads of East Redwood, Copeland Creek, Expressway, and West Petaluma Hill Road from the bill. There was a second by Senator Barker. The amendment passed 12-1-0.

The question of where people can smoke then began to be discussed. Senator Stenzel suggested to actually recommending a specific place to go and smoke. Another discussion about what 100 ft. actually looked like followed.

Senator Parreira moved to amend the phrase “smoking is not permitted” to be changed to the phrase “smoking is permitted.” The motion was seconded by Vice President Ramey. The motion passed 13-0-0.

**A TEN MINUTE BREAK OCCURRED AT 7:28- RESUMED 7:38**

A discussion on whether or not we should change all the 20ft to 100ft parameters occurred.

Senator Parreira moved to amend section 4 paragraph, 2 to say in outside the central campus in areas. Vice President Ramey seconded the motion. The motion passed 13-0-0.

Dickson then redirected the conversation towards the 100 feet vs. 20 feet discussion. A general discussion of why 100 feet is a realistic distance from the buildings went under way shortly after. A brief clarification that this particular bill only covers central campus, not the residential halls also was mentioned. Another conversation of how we are valuing the health of the students came up as well. This then transitioned from technical 100 feet descriptions to more of a clarification of the document.

Senator Parreira moved to add the expression “but not limited to” in the sentence University should add primarily, but is not limited to the programs offered. The motion was seconded by Vice President Ramey. The motion passed 13-0-0. There was a friendly amendment to remove the word “through” for the total document because it was grammatically incorrect.

A clarification on whether this bill abides to guests was discussed. It is because guests are categorized under the enforcement label. Some senators believed that they were ready to vote, but another grammatical sentence that made an entire paragraph grammatically incorrect had to be addressed.

Vice President Ramey moved to amend paragraph 3 of section 4 to add the word “through’ following the word “primary”. There was a second by Senator Barker. The motion passed 13-0-0.

Senator Parreira moved to approve the Recommendation of Partial Smoking Ban Policy submitted by Senator Emily Hurst, Chair of Smoking Ban Ad Hoc Committee to be approved by President Armíñana. Senator Kerr seconded the motion. The bill was passed with a vote of 12-0-1.
C) Reports from the AS Boards (Discussion)
   i. Legislative Affairs Board (Senator Havens) - Senator Katie Havens discussed the minutes of LAB’S last meeting. They have passed the legislative action plan and are now moving their focus to create a panel to educate campus voters on the importance of voting with state and nationwide elections. LAB really needs more people to sign up for tabling and class raps. There is a general lack of participation so far. They especially need people for midnight madness. Dickson wanted to know if a pamphlet or sheet to educate voters on different party criteria had been created. Senator Havens did not realize that it was on one of the minutes, but she said she will take another look at making one.

   ii. Representation and Engagement Board (Senator Burke) – Senator Burke informed the senate on the minutes from REB’s last meeting. They are having a follow up on career councils on campus. Senator Paneno and Senator Young met with Edie to get direction. They discussed goals and training. Partners for committees are out, which means that the senators now have their mentor people to guide while they are on committees. They need the committee letters as soon as possible.

   iii. Internal Affairs Boards (Senator Barker) – Senator Barker had a tough meeting for IAB last time. It was a fairly long meeting at 3 hours. They had approved 6 grants: $300 for fishing club, $400 for woman’s volleyball, $230 for FASU, $1000 travel grant for Intervarsity, and $100 for the Jewish student union. They tabled two grants, one for the physics club to have a plasma display for $1,750 as well as the business club who needed to change the entire request. They also had to send one back to Collin’s desk because it was a small grant for less than $500 dollars and should have not gone to IAB but just to Collin. They discussed the marketing plan about whether or not they wanted a general vs. a multi-faceted plan. They reviewed the bylaws and code discrepancies. They go the audit which is about 50 pages long, and they are now going to review it and bring back to the senate. A question of when the senate can expect the marketing plan was asked, but at this time no definite answer is actually going to be available. They may need a subcommittee to actually handle everything. The audit is top priority right now.

D) AS-I 05.11.12 Approval of the Minutes from 9.27.11
   Some mild clarification questions were asked. We had to changed Senator Paneno’s name from simply Laura to create consistency.

   Senator Havens moved to approve the minutes from 9.27.11. The motion was seconded by Senator Young. The motion passed 12-0-0.

E) AS-I 06.11.12 Approval of the Minutes from 10.4.11
   A discussion of too any changes due to a hanging vote occurred.

   President Boyar moved to table the approval of the minutes from 10.4.11 to the next Senate meeting. The motion was seconded by Senator Young. The motion passed 12-0-0.

VII. Items for the Good of the Order – Senator Yballa promoted the IFC’s strip for salvation program. The general idea is to wear clothing and strip down to your underwear and donate the clothes that you wear. It is on October 13, 2011 at 7 pm in from of the Student Union. Senator Parreira promoted her
petition to stop drilling in the Arctic. If you would like to sign, talk to Senator Parreira. Senator Liaz informed the senate that the Hillel club is breaking down the Sukkah with a ceremony. It is a week-long event and will formally close on Saturday. Senator Paneno promoted the men’s ultimate Frisbee team the grapes of wrath. Their first home tournament will be held Friday at 8:00am and again on Saturday at 8:00am, and both times end at 12:00pm. Please come up to support men’s ultimate Frisbee team! Chair Kosty closed the items for the good of the order with four reminders: the first is that the committee buddies are out and they need to be put in the Senator’s reports. The second is that the arts and humanities officer has resigned which means that IAB is now officially one officer short. The third is that the Accountability report is up, and that all the Senators should review it, and finally, Senators must submit reports, read the reports, and discuss the reports.

VIII. Adjournment - Amanda Kosty, Chair of the Senate adjourned the meeting at 8:49 pm

Approved by the Associated Students Senate: November 1, 2011

Amanda Kosty, Chair of the Senate