Associated Students, Inc.
Sonoma State University
SENATE MEETING
Tuesday, November 15th, 2011
6:00 p.m., Multi-Purpose Room, Student Union

AGENDA

I. Call to Order
II. Roll Call
III. Public Comment
IV. Reports from Liaisons—Oral reports to be given to the ASI Senate from our Academic Senate Representative and the University President's Designee (Discussion)
V. Business
   a) AS-R 03.11.12 Opposition of the 16 Unit Cap for Spring 2012 Resolution submitted by Executive Vice President Paul Ramey and Senator Emily Hurd (Action)
      i. Discussion
      ii. Action
   b) AS-R 01.11.12 Composting System for Dining Services Resolution, submitted by Senator Stephanie Parreira (Action)
      i. Discussion
      ii. Action
   c) AS-R 02.11.12 Denouncing California's 2011 Trigger Cuts Resolution, submitted by the Legislative Affairs Board (Action)
      i. Discussion
      ii. Action
   d) Reports from the AS Boards (Discussion)
      i. Legislative Affairs Board- Senator Havens
      ii. Representation and Engagement Board- Senator Burke
   c) AS-I 10.11.12 Approval of the Minutes from 11.8.11 (Action)
      i. Discussion
      ii. Action

VI. Questions on Reports— this item is an opportunity to ask questions of the officers about their submitted reports. (Discussion)
VII. Items for the Good of the Order
VIII. Adjournment

Posted on Thursday, November 10, 2011 at the ASI Senate Office by Amanda Kosty, Chair of the Senate
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MEETING NOTES

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Collin Yballa (unexcused)

OTHERS PRESENT: Erik Dickson, Jason Fitzer (recording), Matthew Lopez-Phillips, Dr. Andrew Rogerson, Dr. Margie Purser, Anthony Gallino, Molly Alcorn, Clara Crews, Nick Mahnke, Stephanie Guzman, Nelson Lomeli, Andrew Cosiglio, Nicole Willamssen, Mac Hart, Garrett Wessel, Megan Callahan, Patrick Maloney, Christian Garcia, Alania Sabankaya, Victoria Walsh, Hillary Kaplan, Angelina Richter, Emmaerry, Amma Mooso, Kia Kolderup-Lane

I. Call to Order – Kosty called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

II. Roll Call

III. Public Comment
Kia Kolderup-Lane, President of Students for Quality Education spoke about the 24 hour camp-out addressing the 16-unit cap and several other issues to raise awareness about the eradication of University 238, the unit cap and to promote the good things about the university. Patrick Maloney spoke about the Sit On Salazar as one of the organizers of the event. The event will address the lack of transparency from the University, including the elimination of the University 238 course. Maloney provided some background details to the University 238 course, including the alternative proposed in lieu of the course. Christian Garcia addressed the Senate, voicing concern about eliminating the University 238 course. Anthony Gallino also spoke to the Senate regarding the University 238 course, citing the mission statement of the University as cause to rethink eliminating this course offering. Brook Able, a Peer Mentor and leadership TA provided insight about the impact of the course as an individual who helped teach the course, particularly the impact of the course. Garrett Wessel addressed the Senate about the University 238 course, informing the Senate he chose to attend the institution because of the course and the leadership opportunities offered from taking the course.

IV. Reports from Liaisons
Lopez-Phillips reported there are currently over 30 applications for the Director of the Multicultural Center position; the Judicial Affairs/Orientation Director position has received 19 applications and the Career advisor position has been filled.

V. Business
a) AS-R 03.11.12 Opposition of the 16 Unit Cap for Spring 2012 Resolution submitted by Executive Vice President Paul Ramey and Senator Emily Hurd (Action)
Ramey provided an overview of the resolution and to engage in a conversation over the unit cap. Provost Rogerson provided a broader “historical” context about the cap and the process for deciding to implement the cap. The unit cap is designed as a means to lower the full-time equivalent student ration for the campus to remain within the target provided by the California State University System. If the campus goes over the annualized target, they will be penalized. Provost Rogerson provided details a new plan. During Pass 1 students would be able to register for up to 9 units, during Pass 2, students could enroll for up to 12 units in Pass 2. b students could enroll up to 16 units. Open registration stays at 16 units; during the add/drop period, students would be allowed to register for up to 18 units. Students needing more units to graduate can petition for approval to enroll in more courses. Kolderup-Lane thanked the Provost for his work and attention to this matter; she encouraged the Provost to provide this information to students tomorrow as part of the camp-out event. Gallino commented on the usefulness of a unit cap, asking the student census occur earlier or fewer students be enrolled and that a long-term solution be made. The Provost responded to comments. President Boar also encouraged that a longer-term solution be sought; Boyar also inquired how many state dollars are tied to 1 full-time equivalent. Purser provided an explanation about full-time equivalency and its affect on the institution. Maloney asked that instead of instituting a unit cap in the spring, a solution may be to limit a student’s unit load during the fall semester so that during the spring students are not asked to lower their unit load. Kolderup-Lane commented that her ability to take more than 16 units in most semesters has enabled her to remain on track towards graduation and if she does not take 20 units in the spring, she will be in jeopardy of graduating. Rogerson noted that by managing FTES above the target might indicate to the legislature that the institution and system can function with lower funds/resources. Burked asked a clarification question for graduating seniors. Westfall addressed concerns about students taking courses not aiding towards progress towards graduation and the percentage of the institution budget allocated to academic affairs. Provost Rogerson clarified Westfall’s questions noting 60% of the budget is allocated to Academic Affairs. Lopez-Phillips spoke about enrollment management and the variables involved in the process. It is difficult to know how many students will accept offers or how many units students will take once enrolled in the institution. Lopez-Phillips noted the institution has a high retention rate and implementing the drop list allowed students to enroll in more units than was expected. Ramey expressed concern over the lack of dialogue between students, faculty and the administration and that a level of constant communication would help students feel their voice is being heard. Boyar noted that unit caps protect freshmen students from upper class students who often hoard units. Discussion was held regarding capping the number of units a student would be allowed to enroll in for spring semester. Dr. Purser noted that as a faculty advisor, she has yet to be notified of the unit cap and noted that if the institution over-shoots its target, course sections will be cut, which are the low-enrollment courses, often major courses. Dickson encouraged students to become a part of the conversation; the students should be consulted to help prevent the level of surprise. Discussion was held regarding continuing conversation and engaging students in the conversations.

Parreira focused attention to the resolution on the table for action, asking if the resolution is necessary since the Provost mentioned changing the unit cap to 18 units versus the 16 mentioned in the resolution. Ramey noted the bulk of the resolution addresses communication issues between the University and students. Boyar noted that should the resolution move forward, a change in the title might be needed. Ramey suggested tabling the resolution unless the Senate felt there a pressing need to move forward with its approval.
8:06 p.m. – Meeting resumed
Parreira noted there is not a meeting next week and bringing this item back to the next item would mean approving it during the registration period. Discussion was held about the resolution.

Parreira moved to strike Spring 2012 from AS-R 03.11.12 Opposition of the 16 Unit Cap for Spring 2012 Resolution, 2nd provided by Barker.

Ramey explained he placed Spring 2012 in the resolution on purpose to call attention to the lack of communication that has taken place regarding the unit cap for the spring semester.

Motion withdrawn.

Boyar moved to approve AS-R 03.11.12 Opposition of the 16 Unit Cap for Spring 2012 Resolution, 2nd provided by Young.

Discussion was held about the need to add a statement regarding communication.

Boyar moved to amend the 2nd whereas statement to include “and faculty” following students in the statement, 2nd provided by Burke.

Ramey cautioned broadening the scope beyond the intent of the resolution and to emphasize the need to inform students of the issue. Discussion was held.

Motion withdrawn.

Ramey moved to amend the final whereas statement “or their advisor” between students and of in the statement, 2nd provided by Burke.

Motion withdrawn.

Boyar asked members of the Senate to consider the use of the word demand. Discussion was held. Barker communicated her satisfaction with the current title and statement of the resolution, adding communication to the title would distract from the purpose of the resolution, noting she feels a separate resolution about communication form the university would probably be more powerful. Discussion was held.

Boyar moved to amend AS-R 03.11.12 Opposition of the 16 Unit Cap for Spring 2012 Resolution to include the citation on the 2nd whereas statement from the Cal State website, 2nd provided by Barker.

Motion to amend AS-R 03.11.12 Opposition of the 16 Unit Cap for Spring 2012 Resolution to include the citation on the 2nd whereas statement from the Cal State website, approved 12-0-0.

Boyar moved to amend AS-R 03.11.12 Opposition of the 16 Unit Cap for Spring 2012 Resolution by including “approximately” before 100% over the last 4 years, 2nd provided Burke.
Motion to amend AS-R 03.11.12 Opposition of the 16 Unit Cap for Spring 2012 Resolution by including “approximately”, failed 2-10-0.

Ramey noted the number is not actually 100% and if the Senate is concerned about individuals calling that fact into question, they might want to consider it. Lopez-Phillips encouraged the Senate to make their statement and ask for what they want.

Parreira moved to amend the 2nd whereas statement to change 100% to 97.4%, 2nd provided by Havens.

Dickson clarified how the figure is 97.4% was calculated using information from the CSU website about previous tuition.

Motion to amend the 2nd whereas statement to change 100% to 97.4%, approved 12-0-0.

Motion to approve AS-R 03.11.12 Opposition of the 16 Unit Cap for Spring 2012 Resolution, approved 12-0-0.

b) AS-R 01.11.12 Composting System for Dining Services Resolution, submitted by Senator Stephanie Parreira (Action)

Kosty reminded members of the Senate they were asked to review the resolution and bring feedback to this meeting. Kosty suggested noting what items would be composted in the resolution to provide a common understanding. Gallino noted he considers all resources to be natural whether occurring in nature or result of a synthesized material and they are used in all daily activities. Discussion was held.

Barker moved to amend AS-R 01.11.12 Composting System for Dining Services Resolution to change the word demand in the first resolved statement to requests, 2nd provided by Paneno.

Kosty asked members of the Senate to consider whether the word “requests” is too soft of a word choice for the statement being made by the resolution.

Motion withdrawn.

Paneno moved to amend AS-R 01.11.12 Composting System for Dining Services Resolution to change the word demand to urges, 2nd provided by Havnes.

Motion to amend AS-R 01.11.12 Composting System for Dining Services Resolution to change the word demand to urges, approved 12-0-0.

Boyar moved to approve AS-R 01.11.12 Composting System for Dining Services Resolution, 2nd provided by Havnes.

Kosty asked the board to consider what is being stated by the resolution and whether natural resources and composting should be further defined. Discussion was held.

Motion to approve AS-R 01.11.12 Composting System for Dining Services Resolution, approved 12-0-0.
AS-R 02.11.12 Denouncing California’s 2011 Trigger Cuts Resolution, submitted by the Legislative Affairs Board (Action)
Kosty informed the Senate the item is a revised resolution, different from last week’s meeting. Havens noted the State of California is further behind in revenue and the trigger cuts will happen. Kosty asked Havens to identify significant changes between this week’s resolution and the previous version that was presented to the Senate. Boyar noted the most significant changes is the final resolved statement. Discussion was held.

Barker moved to approve AS-R 02.11.12 Denouncing California’s 2011 Trigger Cuts Resolution, 2nd provided by Parreira.

Motion to approve AS-R 02.11.12 Denouncing California’s 2011 Trigger Cuts Resolution, approved 12-0-0.

d) Reports from the AS Boards (Discussion)
i. Legislative Affairs Board - Senator Havens
Havens reported activities from the previous Legislative Affairs Board; members discussed executive compensation, a resolution regarding prison funding and three strikes law. A student loan debt resolution was discussed. The board will work the two resolutions on. Members of the board discussed the Buck Starts Here, which was explained last week by Sean Richards. San Marcos has received about 500 bucks during their time with the box. Havens and Boyar met with Kia Kolderup-Lane about including the Provost in discussion during the event tomorrow and including the Associated Students in that activity. Ramey provided follow-up and encouraged officers to attend the event and participate.

ii. Representation and Engagement Board - Senator Burke
Burke reported activities from the past meeting; the board discussed follow-up on task-list items. Information was provided to the Student Health Advisory Committee to table and promote information about the smoking ban. Burke asked officers to communicate the suggestion boxes located in Charlie Brown’s the Pub and the Rec Center and informed the Senate of comments that have been placed in the boxes thus far. Kosty noted that two of the resolutions passed during this meeting will be discussed during the next meeting. Boyar reported President Arménian has delegated responsibility to Larry Schlereth to explore implementing the policy. Young reported about the hiring of the career advisor position and tabling for the vacant officer positions.

c) AS-I 10.11.12 Approval of the Minutes from 11.8.11 (Action)
Parreira moved to amend AS-I 10.11.12 Approval of the Minutes from 11.8.11 in discussion of the composting resolution, altering a sentence to read “AS-I 10.11.12 Approval of the Minutes from 11.8.11”, 2nd provided by Liaz.

Motion to to amend AS-I 10.11.12 Approval of the Minutes from 11.8.11 in discussion of the composting resolution, altering a sentence to read “AS-I 10.11.12 Approval of the Minutes from 11.8.11”, approved 12-0-0.

Havens moved to approve to amend AS-I 10.11.12 Approval of the Minutes from 11.8.11, 2nd provided by Parreira

Motion to approve AS-I 10.11.12 Approval of the Minutes from 11.8.11, approved, 12-0-0.
VI. Questions on Reports
Dickson noted that including reports on the agenda, they become part of public record and asked officers to include reports that are factual and to not become too informal. Kosty brought attention to her report, which stated that all items submitted may not make it on an agenda due to the few meetings remaining in the semester and items that need to receive more immediate attention. Parreira asked if officers have been paying attention to her green tips in her reports.

VII. Items for the Good of the Order
Ramey spoke about the issue of the unit cap and the two events taking place this week and to capitalize on this issue as students are expressing concern. Havens reiterated Ramey’s statements; even though there are a lot of commitments during this time in the semester, officers need to balance their efforts and put for the effort to be involved in this effort. Dickson received an e-mail from the Executive Director of the Associated Students at East Bay; if students are planning to attend the events, they will need to obey rules/policies of East Bay as they will be enforced. A shooting occurred today at UC Berkeley and campus police may be more attentive to issues. Kosty reminded officers there will not be a Senate meeting next Tuesday; however, reports will need to be in by Friday for the next agenda. She also encouraged officers to promote the available leadership/office positions. Gallino commented about not camping out on campus during the events this week on campus. Lopez-Phillips added to the comments made by East Bay’s Executive Director, the code of conduct applies to students if they travel to the East Bay campus. Dickson encouraged officers to inform students of this nexus that their activities at East Bay can have repercussions at SSU. Kosty reminded officers to keep committee times in consideration when registering for spring semester classes.

VIII. Adjournment – Kosty adjourned the meeting at 10:01 p.m.

Approved by the Associated Students Senate on November 29, 2011:

Amanda Kosty, Chair of the Senate