Associated Students, Inc.
Sonoma State University

SENATE MEETING
Tuesday, November 29th, 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) Reports from Programs of the Associated Students (Discussion)
      i. ASP
      ii. JUMP
      iii. Children's School
      iv. Student Government
   b) Evaluation for the Executive Director submitted by President Alex Boyar (Discussion)
      i. Discussion
   c) AS-B 07.11.12 Changing of the Associated Students acronym in the Associated Students' Bylaws submitted by the Internal Affairs Board (Action)
      i. Discussion
      ii. Action
   d) AS-B 08.11.12 Approval of the formatting changes to the Associated Students Bylaws submitted by IAB (Action)
      i. Discussion
      ii. Action
   e) AS-B 09.11.12 Changing of the officer transition date in the Associated Students Bylaws, Article III, Sections 3A and 7A submitted by IAB (Action)
      i. Discussion
      ii. Action
   f) AS-B 10.11.12 Changing of the officer remuneration date in the Associated Students Bylaws, Article III, Section 11 submitted by IAB (Action)
      i. Discussion
      ii. Action
   g) AS-B 11.11.12 Changing of the Associated Students Bylaws, Article IV, Section 4 in regards to the Sonoma State University Elections Code submitted by IAB (Action)
      i. Discussion
      ii. Action
   h) Review of the October Financial Statements for the Associated Students (Discussion)
      i. Discussion
   i) Reports from the AS Boards (Discussion)
      i. Internal Affairs Board
      ii. Legislative Affairs Board
      iii. Representation and Engagement Board
   j) AS-I 11.11.12 Approval of the Minutes from 11.15.11 (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 Tuesday, November 22nd, 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, Laura Paneno, Katie Havens, Tyler Stenzel, Amanda Kosty, Jeff Young, Kimberly Liaz

MEMBERS ABSENT: Stephanie Parreira (unexcused)

OTHERS PRESENT: Jason Fitzert, Erik Dickson, Katie Linderme (recording), Patrick Maloney, Lukas Sprague, Amanda Visser, Alexa Morr, Anthony Gallino

I. Call to Order - The meeting was called to order by Ms. Amanda Kosty, Chair of the Senate at 6:00 pm

II. Roll Call

III. Public Comment – no public comments were made this week

IV. Reports from Liaisons – no reports this week

V. Business
   A) Reports from Programs of the Associated Students
      i. ASP: not available
      ii. JUMP- They have figured out their alternative spring breaks. They received about 70 applications for 34 sports so many are waitlisted. The tutoring and mentor programs are closing up for the semester, so they are now working on retaining their volunteer numbers. They have special programs coming up; this weekend they are going to be rebuilding a local playground, and are hosting food for thought. They week prior to Thanksgiving they had a hung/homelessness awareness week that was very successful.
      iii. Children’s School- the economic crisis is still slightly occurring with the families but the budget issues are slightly better than last year’s financial success of the Children’s School. It is still difficult for families, but they are solid on enrollment for the spring semester. Revenue is also better than the previous semester in regards to budget and benefits. There is also a new research project being done with the youngest group to determine their writing and drawing skills. They are monitoring the progress of the children in terms of their developmental growth by using pencils, paper, and clipboards.
      iv. Student Government- Lukas Sprague presented about the FLP program. Next week is going to be the last meeting of the semester. President Boyar’s presentation went very well and was very influential for the FLP students. They have been having discussion on leadership topics such as vulnerability, team
work, comparing ideas by reviewing other campuses, and they have had some social bonding nights that have gone well. They roughly receive 10-15 students for the meetings, and about 10 students for the social events. Next semester they are going to dig deeper into their information for the programs. They are going to assign one peer mentor per student to enhance the experience. FLP is also planning to do more outdoor events with their students and have a possible sky diving trip. Registration was also discussed.

B) Evaluation for the Executive Director submitted by President Alex Boyar
Boyar provided a brief history on the changes and progress of the policy and provided details about aspects of the policy, including three years open forum aspect of the policy. The executive director position interacts with the campus, so input from areas outside of the Associated Students can be used in the process. (Every year would be far too frequent for the University to handle). Chair Kosty posed the question on whether the forums were common place for this organization. According to Dickson, the forums are common with upper level management. The timeline was encouraged immensely to be reviewed and looked at to see if it is a suitable fit with AS. New dates were suggested such at the first week of May, that way the new AS President and President elect with have transitioned and can set changes and goals earlier. Dates and times were stressed again because they are subject to the new transition dates. Dickson encouraged the Senate to be overly clear on the process to help aid the process in general. The year policy was briefly discussed before closing out the conversation. Discussion was held.

A BREAK OCCURED AT 7:24 PM AND WAS RESUMED AT 7:32 PM

C) AS-B 07.11.12 Changing of the Associated Students acronym in the Associated Students’ Bylaws submitted by the Internal Affairs Board
Members discussed whether the Associated Students should be known simply as “Associated Students” or “Associated Students Incorporated”. Senator Burke mentioned that all of our logos reflect simply as “AS”. A history on how the Incorporated even came to be tacked on to the end of AS was discussed. There are no legal issues with deleting the Incorporated from ASI. Having the bi-laws match up with everything is a general bonus amongst the Senate. Senator Paneno believes that by simply being known as AS will bring everyone on the Senate and As in general closer to the student body, and away from sounding too corporate. A discussion on the maintain AS from ASI to make that distinction of having a business side known was discussed so that the AS did not appear too “cold” by being referred to as Incorporated. Reasoning behind the “incorporated” being there in the first place was discussed.

Senator Young moved to approve the change from ASI to AS in the bylaws, 2nd provided by Senator Barker.

There was then a discussion on grammar and the name clarification. Language of the Agenda was discovered to not necessarily reflect the action of any proposed motion being done at the Senate meeting. A general discussion on whether the Senate should vote on only the acronym or if the Senate should wait for the Agenda item to reflect all the changes involved with the removal of the Incorporated in ASI. Chair Kosty believed that it was not ready, and that they should wait for the next week when it can be resubmitted.
The motion passed 11-2-0.

D) AS-B 08.11.12 Approval of the formatting changes to the Associated Students Bylaws submitted by IAB

Barker informed the board, this item includes changes including capitalization, addition of necessary letters, punctuations, etc.

Senator Barker moved to approve the formatting changes as presented in the revised bylaws. The motion was seconded by Senator Barker.

President Boyar strongly disagreed with not discussing the changes to the bylaws.

Motioned to approve AS-B 08.11.12 Approval of the formatting changes to the Associated Students Bylaws, approved 10-2-1.

E) AS-B 09.11.12 Changing of the officer transition date in the Associated Students Bylaws, submitted by IAB

Senator Barker gave background on the date changes and transition times. The last full week of April was chosen specifically because of the new transition dates and date changes to the semesters. Vice-President Ramey wanted to see that changes be pushed up further, possibly to April 1st. Senator Havens agreed because she views that the Senators needed more time to adjust to their new positions and that a lack of resolutions could be a consequence. Senator Kerr believed that it is more of a matter of training rather than perhaps the transition dates and times. Vice President Ramey believes that the groups may be only responding to a procrastination deadline rather than needing it to be that late. The idea of possibly implementing mentors was also brought up. Dickson then strongly encouraged keeping the outgoing Senators and the new Senators separate rather than having a mentor program due to the lack of success of mentors in the past. President Boyar advocated having the transition date moved to the first week of April to keep the energy levels up. The possibility of changing the date entirely too possibly the next semester was also reviewed. The connection between transition dates and training was reviewed once again by the Senators. There was question about whether this connection was important more on the training side rather than transition times. There was clarification requested on how committee and conditions of office would then be held should the dates drastically change. Senator Hurd believes that the date should be left alone because the 2 week transition date worked in the past effectively. Dickson then posed the question of whether the Senate is making decisions based on whether something has worked in the past, or whether changes should be made to better the organization. Then a new discussion on tabling this was also discussed.

Item died on the floor.

A BREAK OCCURRED AT 8:57PM AND RESUMED AT 9:07 PM

F) AS-B 10.11.12 Changing of the officer remuneration date in the Associated Students Bylaws, Article II, Section II submitted by IAB
Senator Barker moved to table AS-B 10.11.12 until next week, 2nd provided by Senator Havens.

Motion to table AS-B 10.11.12 until next week, approved 12-0-0.

G) AS-B 11.11.12 Changing of the Associated Students Bylaws, Article IV, Section 4 in regards to the Sonoma State University Elections Code submitted by IAB
Fitzer the Sonoma Student Union Corporation no longer holds student elections for the student members of its board and therefore does not need to be listed as part of the SSU Elections Code or the student election process.

Senator Barker moved to strike Sonoma State Union Corporation from the bylaws in article 4 section 4 a), 2nd provided by Senator Kerr. 3

Motion to strike Sonoma State Union Corporation from the bylaws in article 4 section 4 a), approved 11-1-0.

H) Review of the October Financial Statements for the Associated Students
Dickson explained the October Financial Statements of AS and what AS is doing (mostly referred to page. 3) and answered questions.

I) Reports from the AS Boards

i. Internal Affairs Boards (Senator Barker) – Senator Barker reported back from LAB’s last meeting which was held the Friday before Thanksgiving break. They addressed code discrepancies on the elections, they tabled marketing plans, made the interview questions and discussed interview meeting times

ii. Legislative Affairs Board (Senator Havens) – Senator Havens informed the senate on the minutes from LAB’s last meeting. They are going to send letters to representatives, local legislatures, CSSA, etc. They discussed the protests- the day of action, sit in, and the 9% fee increase. They are also going to work on a resolution for non-violence between the students and the police.

iii. Representative and Engagement Board (Senator Burke) – Senator Burke discussed academic quality enhancement, and will mainly talk to graduating students. They looked over the career center with Anthony and discussed the suggestion boxes. The suggestion box suggested more meet and greets with AS so they are working on setting up something like that. They are seeking more tabling opportunities and they finished up with action reports.

J) AS-I 11.11.12 Approval of the Minutes from 11.15.11

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

VI. Questions on Reports- there were no questions on reports
VII. **Items for the Good of the Order**
Senator Paneno was approached by students who have had exposure to other school that have “A” frames for clubs to sponsor. She is seeking help to implement more of those around the campus. Vice President Ramey notified the Senate that a lunch being held with Dr. Ford, chair of the faculty, at 12:00 November 30, 2011 in Schultz 1125. Senator Liaz was approached by Noah Tenney to interview the Senate, email Liaz or him to be interviewed. Dickson notified the Senate that this week is Aids awareness week, JUMP is informing people on Alternative Spring Break and dealing with the wait lists, and made a final mention to not print our personal papers on the AS printers. Dickson then also reminded the Senate that he is hosting a leadership/involvement panel Friday December 2, 2011 at 11:30AM in the Multi-Purpose Room for transfer orientation. Chair Kosty encouraged the Senate to not get sick and to take precautions to get through the last couple weeks of school. Vice-President Ramey closed the conversation by extending thanks for all the sit-in and to really engage students with the Senates efforts.

VIII. **Adjournment** - Amanda Kosty, Chair of the Senate adjourned the meeting at 9:48 pm

Approved by the Associated Students Senate December 6, 2011

Amanda Kosty, Chair of the Senate