Associated Students, Inc.
Sonoma State University

SENATE MEETING
Tuesday, November 8th, 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) Approval of the Memorandum of Understanding to add additional duties to the Executive Director, submitted by President Alex Boyar (Action)
      i. Discussion
      ii. Action
   b) Presentation on the Disruptive Student Policy from Chair of the Academic Senate’s Student Affairs Committee, Dr. Jennifer Mahdavi (Discussion)
      i. Discussion
   c) Composting System for Dining Services Resolution, submitted by Senator Stephanie Parreira (Discussion)
      i. Discussion
   d) Denouncing California’s 2011 Trigger Cuts Resolution, submitted by the Legislative Affairs Board (Discussion)
      i. Discussion
   e) 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
   f) AS-I 09.11.12 Approval of the Minutes from 11.1.11 (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 Friday, November 4th, 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, Tony Kerr, Emily Hurd, Alex Barker, Amanda Burke, Laura Paneno, Katie Havens, Stephanie Parreira, Tyler Stenzel, Amanda Kosty, Jeff Young, Kimberly Liaz  

MEMBERS ABSENT: Collin Yballa (Excused)  

OTHERS PRESENT: Dr. Margie Purser, Jason Fitzer, Erik Dickson, Katie Linderme (recording), Peter Neville, Neil Markley, Jude Rowe, Anthony Gallino  

I. CALL TO ORDER - The meeting was called to order by Ms. Amanda Kosty, Chair of the Senate at 6:01 pm  

II. ROLL CALL  

III. PUBLIC COMMENT  

1. Sean Richards as a representative of the California State Student Association (CSSA) and the VP of Affairs, spoke about "The Buck Stops Here Campaign." This event will be a call to media/ Public about budget cuts (which could for this fiscal year be a potential 100 million dollars). The concept is that a giant plexi glass box will be passed around to all of the different CSU’s. A fake dollar bill with Jerry Brown’s picture on it will be printed for each campus in different colors (ours will be blue), and CSSA is encouraging the Senate to promote the event so that students can input how they have been impacted by the Budget Cuts. SSU is expected to receive the box approximately on February 26th, 2012. They will be delivering the box to Jerry Brown on March 5th.  

2. Jude Rowe addressed concerns regarding the report for the additional consultation process that was conducted about the Student Center. Rowe mention concern regarding the groups consulted in the process such as the Student Union Corporation Board of Directors and Associated Students Senate who were already in support of the referendum.  

IV. REPORTS FROM LIAISONS  

Dr. Purser reported on enrollment/unit target spring semester which will affect Registration was discussed at the last meeting. The CSU gets a target every year; over the target and SSU needs to return money, under budget they also have to give back money. There is always more available for Fall semester than spring semester, but this year they have decided to put a 16 unit cap on the units that will be available to students for the spring semester. Of course, not every student at SSU will be able to get a 16 unit semester, which is why Dr. Purser
strongly recommends going to advising sessions in order to best figure out the schedule that will work for each student. So far, SSU is down 32 lecturers and 11 faculty members. There is also a possible 9% increase that the State Legislature is pushing for. Graduating seniors will be able to protest the amount of units they can take in order to successfully graduate. Erik Dickson recommended strongly for students to look into extension programs. The other point of business that Dr. Purser wanted to address was the strike that has now been announced through the CSU system. The California Faculty Association had declared a strike two days ago- this strike has not affected campuses so far. On November 17th CSU East Bay and CSU Dominguez Hill’s will be on strike. SSU has decided to not take a formal strike on that day. Some teachers who feel strongly will be taking a personal holiday to help support teachers in those different school systems, but this does not mean that the SSU campus will be closed on this date. There has not been a formal protest since 1983, so more information will come as organization of the strike continues.

V. Business
A) Approval of the Memorandum of Understanding to add additional duties to the Executive Director, submitted by President Alex Boyar
Dickson opened up the conversation with a recap of where they stood with the Memorandum. Markley provided information on section 11c and 12, stating the subject of needing a 3rd party mediator is not really necessary for them to get their information done. There was then a brief discussion on handling the 90 days and whether or not that being allotted 90 days was necessary, or if less days could be an option. There was then a discussion on the language of re-evaluation vs. renew. Neil suggested that if we wanted the memorandum to be more casual the Senate could use re-evaluation and if it was more formal the Senate could use renew. According to Dickson, the contract states that they will be using the term re-evaluation. Then the conversation moved to discuss when the formal evaluation will take place during the year. Some suggestions included the fiscal year, the academic calendar year, or possibly having the outgoing Senate form the re-evaluation.

Senator Young moved to remove 11c from the Memorandum of Understanding to add additional duties to the Executive Director. Senator Burke seconded the motion. A brief discussion was had to discuss pro’s and con’s.

Motion to remove 11c from the Memorandum of Understanding, approved 8-4-0.

Neil then suggested that having the personnel committee meeting in April to do the re-evaluation. The Senate then decided that having it be held in March might be easier for the Senate to do a complete re-evaluation.

Vice President Ramey moved to add to the ending of number 12 to read “Personnel Committee at a Personnel Committee meeting in March.” Senator Barker seconded the motion. A general discussion was held discussing pros and cons.

Motion to add to the ending of number 12 to read “Personnel Committee at a Personnel Committee meeting in March.”, approved 11-1-0.
Senator Barker moved to approve the Memorandum of Understanding to add additional duties to the Executive Director. Senator Parreira seconded the motion.

Motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding to add additional duties to the Executive Director, approved 11-1-0.

B) Presentation on the Disruptive Student Policy from Chair of the Academic Senate’s Student Affairs Committee, Dr. Jennifer Mahdavi  
Dr. Jennifer Mahdavi opened up the discussion by briefly describing the Disruptive Student Policy that they have formed so far. So far, SSU does not currently have any Disruptive Student Policy in place. It is helpful for teachers to know how to protect themselves from disruptive students, for students to know how to protect themselves from unreasonable charges, and to protect others students from other disruptive students as well. The conversation then led for the Senate to give input. These topics included: clarification on rights, students consequences, syllabus wording, student rights, disruptive vs. dangerous and what the behavior line will be for handing this difference, how students can defend themselves, other CSU’s with similar policies, The differences between dangerous disruptive and disturbed, and the responsibilities that the students will have while in class. Some other suggestions that were given were to have a stipulation for students on the procedures, removing the disability line in the document, general language rewording suggestions. Dr. Mahdavi then took the suggestions given by the Senate and will bring them up in the next meeting for the Student Affairs committee. Changes will most likely be finalized by next year.

A BREAK OCCURRED AT 7:55 – RESUMED AT 8:06

C) Composting System for Dining Services Resolution, submitted by Senator Stephanie Parreira  
A logistic conversation opened up the discussion, but was diverted because the costs will be determined by the University rather than the Senate. Many Senators expressed the need that while they like the bill, they would prefer it if there were no additional costs rendered on the student body any further for the composting to take effect. The conversation then re-directed itself to discuss the language of the bill since there were some things that were unclear due to the language. Chico’s composting system was also brought up again as a comparison. Parreira noted she did not include what type of system would be used to avoid rejection of the resolution. There was an overall consensus from the Senate on wanting to implement composting for the SSU campus. Submissions of corrections can be turned into Parreira before it becomes an action item.

D) Denouncing California’s 2011 Trigger Cuts Resolution, submitted by the Legislative Affairs Board  
Chair Kosty notified for the senate’s convenience on how was a member on the REB. They first item that they wanted the Senate to be notified of was to be aware of the
upcoming trigger cuts. There were three different potential tiers; SSU is expected to have a level 1 tier cut. It would be more helpful for a level 0 tier, but it will most likely not occur. The level 2 tier was dealing more with lower education levels (i.e.: elementary school level children), and thus we will most likely not see that form of a trigger cut affecting the school. There was a clarification on where the remainder will be coming from and what that means according to the tiers. According to Dickson, the remainder relates back to the revenue. Then there was a discussion of the difference between a one-time cut and a permanent cut. President Boyar wanted to emphasize that without trigger cuts, students for the first time ever; students will be paying more than the school is providing for their education. Grammatical errors were also made, so that was briefly discussed.

E) Reports from the AS Boards (Discussion)

i. Legislative Affairs Board (Senator Havens) – The meeting was cancelled this week due to illness and not enough members to meet.

ii. Representation and Engagement Board (Senator Burke) – Met on November 7th, 2011. They have put out their suggestion boxes. One was placed in the back portion of the pub, one is placed somewhere in the Rec Center, and another is placed in Charlie Browns. They are going to have a two week trial to determine the success of everything. REB discussed the career center again and they anticipated that it will take about a month for their new survey to get results. Senator Paneno will help work on a resolution along with Anthony Galino. There was a resolution on courses and seats offered for graduating seniors. They received five responses for these seats and was

iii. Internal Affairs Boards (Senator Barker) – Continued with the changes to the bi-laws. They made changes discussing AS/ASI and IAB settled on having it be AS. They changed the transition dates, as well as the date that officers take office. It is now going to be the last week of April- before finals. It was difficult to set one exact date with meeting times changing every year. They changed details for the Election Commissioner, article 4 Section 4 to create positions if needed, but will only happen if the position is not permanent. They also changed the Remuneration date to May 1st. They removed article 4 section 4. Code discrepancies were also discussed. They added the children’s school to the IAB code- the charges will go to IAB first. They also continued discussion on marketing plans- timelines. They also looked over the policies submitted from President Boyar. Their next meeting will be held 11/18/11.

F) AS-I 09.11.12 Approval of the Minutes from 11.1.11

A general discussion and clarifications of the minutes was had.

Senator Burke moved to approve the minutes from 11.1.11. Senator Young seconded the motion. The motion passed 12-0-0.
VI. Question on Reports
Senator Paneno asked Senator Kerr how the club resolution was progressing. Vice-President Ramey brought up his bill to address any clarification questions that Senators had. His bill addressed the 16 unit cap, and so many Senators took the stance that they wanted to rally behind the SSU students. Stenzel asked Burke about her meeting with city council representative. Stenzel asked Boyar who was on the GMC board of advisors. Stenzel asked Boyar for clarification regarding the President’s Diversity Council report.

VII. Items for the Good of the Order
President Boyar requested that at the tops of the reports sent in for signing that Senators write where the report was coming from. It would make it a lot easier for him to sign more quickly and efficiently. Fitzner notified the Senate that the election commissioner application is out, and that there are several vacant Senator Positions open. It is imperative to the Senate that those positions are filled out soon. Chair Kosty notified the Senate that the VP of Finance, Collin Yballa, is resigning effective December 9th, 2011. If you have any questions for Collin, you may ask him in person. Chair Kosty also wanted to remind the Senate to read the emails that she sent out, as well as clarify what constitutes as outreach hours. According to Chair Kosty, simply attending AS events or JUMP events are not considered outreach hours. If you do tabling or presentations for classes, that will be considered outreach hours. Finally Chair Kosty reminded the Senate on advising/ scheduling classes and to keep tabs of the boards. Dickson alerted the Senate that it is imperative to get people motivated for having the positions on campus, by being motivated as a Senate. Chair Kosty had forgotten one piece of information and that was that her last email is changing the reports to Thursday since campus will be closed on Friday. The reports will be due 10 Am Thursday morning.

VIII. Adjournment - Amanda Kosty, Chair of the Senate adjourned the meeting at 9:34 pm

Approved by the Associated Students Senate on November 15, 2011:

Amanda Kosty, Chair of the Senate