Associated Students, Inc.
Sonoma State University
SENATE MEETING
Tuesday, December 6th, 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-A 056.11.12 To appoint Cortney Groth to be the 2011-2012 Elections Commissioner (Action)
      i. Discussion
      ii. Action
   b) AS-A 057.11.12 Approval of the Internal Affairs Board’s recommendation to fill the 2011-2012 Senator of Arts and Humanities Position (Action)
      i. Discussion
      ii. Action
   c) AS-B 11.11.12 Removal of “Incorporated” and “Inc.” from the Associated Students’ Bylaws submitted by the Internal Affairs Board (Action)
      i. Discussion
      ii. Action
   d) AS-A 058.11.12 To appoint Adam Gourley to be the 2011-2012 Vice-President of Finance effective 12.10.2011 (Action)
      i. Discussion
      ii. Action
   e) AS-R 04.11.12 To approve the Resolution: Support of Peaceful Protesting on University Campuses (Action)
      i. Discussion
      ii. Action
   f) AS-B 13.11.12 To approve the Annual Performance Evaluation and Goal Setting of the AS Executive Director Policy (Action)
      i. Discussion
      ii. Action
   g) AS-B 12.11.12 Changing of the officer transition date in the Associated Students Bylaws, Article III, Sections 3a and 7a, and Article VI, Section 1a (Action)
      i. Discussion
      ii. Action
   h) AS-B 10.11.12 Changing of the officer remuneration date in the Associated Students Bylaws, Article III, Section II tabled from 11.29.11 (Action)
      i. Discussion
      ii. Action
   i) Reports from the AS Boards (Discussion)
      i. Internal Affairs Board
      ii. Legislative Affairs Board
      iii. Representation and Engagement Board
   j) AS-I 12.11.12 Approval of the Minutes from 11.29.11 (Action)
      i. Discussion
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, December 2, 2011 at the ASI Senate Office by Amanda Kosty, Chair of the Senate
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MEETING NOTES

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

OTHERS PRESENT: Erik Dickson, Jason Fitzer (recording), Margie Purser, Patrick Maloney, Adam Gourley, Peter Neville, Katie Russon, Noah Teeney

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

II. Roll Call

III. Public Comment- No public report was provided to the Senate.

IV. Reports from Liaisons
Purser – Senate took up a resolution about peaceful protest and the events that took place on campus in contrast to recent events at UC Berkeley and UC Davis. The resolution thanked individuals involved in the events on this campus. The Press Democrat recently covered the issue of over-enrollment and the strategy of the unit cap; the campus is planning for the possibility of having to pay for the over-enrollment and fees. There are talks that the trigger cuts will likely become a part of the base budget for the 2012-2013 year.

V. Business
    a) AS-A 056.11.12 To appoint Cortney Groth to be the 2011-2012 Elections Commissioner (Action)
Kosty introduced the item, asking President Boyar to speak to the item. Boyar turned the floor to Vice-President Ramey as he participated in the interview process. Ramey informed members of the Senate, five candidates were interviewed by the committee. Of the candidates, Groth emerged as the top candidate. Boyar asked about Groth’s interest in the position. Ramey responded, informing the Senate, Groth’s leadership in her sorority has ended and this position afforded the opportunity to participate in student government. Kosty asked Ramey to provide detail about the key characteristics of Groth and those sought by the committee. Discussion was held.

Burke moved approve AS-A 056.11.12, Cortney Groth to be the 2011-2012 Elections Commissioner, 2nd provided by Parreira.

Motion to approve AS-A 056.11.12, Cortney Groth to be the 2011-2012 Elections Commissioner, approved 13-0-0.
b) AS-A 057.11.12 Approval of the Internal Affairs Board’s recommendation to fill the 2011-2012 Senator of Arts and Humanities Position (Action)

K osty introduced the item, asking Senator Barker to address the item as Chairwoman of the Internal Affairs Board. Barker informed the Senate, the candidate chosen is Katie Russo. Barker provided background details about Russo and reasons for selecting her as the nominee for the Arts & Humanities Senator.

Havens moved to table AS-A 057.11.12 until Russo is present, 2nd provided by Liaz

Motion to table AS-A 057.11.12 until Russo is present, approved 13-0-0.

Conversation on this item resumed at 7:19 p.m. Barker provided information regarding the interview process for the position and reasons for choosing Russo for the position of Arts & Humanities Senator. Russo provided a personal introduction to members of the Senate. Members of the Senate asked Russo questions about her perceived ability to perform the duties of the position. Russo provided responses.

Barker moved to approve AS-A 057.11.12 Approval of the Internal Affairs Board’s recommendation to fill the 2011-2012 Senator of Arts and Humanities Position for the remainder of the term in office, 2nd provided by Parreira.

Motion to AS-A 057.11.12 Approval of the Internal Affairs Board’s recommendation to fill the 2011-2012 Senator of Arts and Humanities Position for the remainder of the term in office, approved 13-0-0.

c) AS-B 11.11.12 Removal of “Incorporated” and “Inc.” from the Associated Students’ Bylaws submitted by the Internal Affairs Board (Action)

K osty introduced the item, noting this item is on the table as a continuation from an item from last week’s agenda that needed to be brought back as its own separate item. Barker noted, this item is removing Incorporated and Inc as a result of changing the acronym from last Senate meeting.

Havens moved to approve AS-B 11.11.12 Removal of “Incorporated” and “Inc.” from the Associated Students’ Bylaws submitted by the Internal Affairs Board, 2nd provided by Burke.

Motion to approve AS-B 11.11.12 Removal of “Incorporated” and “Inc.” from the Associated Students’ Bylaws submitted by the Internal Affairs Board, 13-0-0.

d) AS-A 058.11.12 To appoint Adam Gourley to be the 2011-2012 Vice-President of Finance effective 12.10.2011 (Action)

K osty introduced the item, asking Senator Barker to speak to the item. Barker introduced Adam Gourley to members of the Senate. Barker provided some background information about Gourley to the Senate and reasons for choosing him as the nominee for the Vice-President of Finance position. K osty asked Barker to inform the Senate about the interview process for the position. Barker noted candidates were asked to respond to questions in a written format as well as an interview with general and Vice-President of Finance specific questions. Gourley provided a personal introduction to the Senate. Members of the Senate asked questions of Gourley and his perceived ability to perform the duties of the position. Gourley provided responses.

Burke moved to approve AS-A 058.11.12 To appoint Adam Gourley to be the 2011-2012 Vice-President of Finance effective 12.10.2011, 2nd provided by Young.

Motion to approve AS-A 058.11.12 To appoint Adam Gourley to be the 2011-2012 Vice-President of Finance effective 12.10.2011, approved 12-0-0.
e) AS-R 04.11.12 To approve the Resolution: Support of Peaceful Protesting on University Campuses (Action)
Ramey provided an introduction of the item. During the week prior to Thanksgiving Break, several student protest movements took place, including SSU. As a means to thank the faculty, staff, administration and campus police and bring other student demonstration events to light, this resolution was written. Hurde commended work on the resolution and the efforts put forward by the members of campus police. Young noted the similarity between this resolution and the recent resolution of Academic Senate. Purser commented that having both resolutions be similar makes the statement stronger. Pareira and Burke also commented in favor of the resolution’s purpose. Discussion was held.

Parreira moved to approve AS-R 04.11.12 To approve the Resolution: Support of Peaceful Protesting on University Campuses, 2nd provided by Paneno.

Ramey provided information about feedback he has received about the resolution; the University should be especially understanding as a place of learning and heightened responsibility to respond appropriately. Discussion was held. Purser noted the Academic Senate’s resolution called for President Arminana to convene a group to create a formal discussion surrounding demonstrations. The statement would be applauding what happened, but more so what should be done.

Ramey moved to amend AS-R 04.11.12 by adding a whereas statement between 2nd and 3rd whereas statement “Universities are public institutions with a special responsibility to support civic engagement;”, 2nd provided by Burke.

Boyar expressed sentiment the statement is well worded. Dickson pointed out that not all institutions are public as suggested in the statement.

Parreirra moved to amend the amendment to add “Public” at the beginning of the statement and remove the 2nd “public”, 2nd provided by Ramey.

Motion to amend the amendment to add “Public” at the beginning of the statement and remove the 2nd “public” approved, 13-0-0.

Motion to amend AS-R 04.11.12 by adding a whereas statement between 2nd and 3rd whereas statement “Public universities are institutions with a special responsibility to support civic engagement approved, 13-0-0.

Havens moved to amend AS-R 04.11.12 in the final resolved statement by eliminating “in dealing with” and replaced it with “to”, 2nd provided by Parreira

Motion to amend AS-R 04.11.12 in the final resolved statement by eliminating “in dealing with” and replaced it with “to”, approved 13-0-0.

Motion to approve AS-R 04.11.12 To approve the Resolution: Support of Peaceful Protesting on University Campuses as amended, approved 13-0-0.

f) AS-B 13.11.12 To approve the Annual Performance Evaluation and Goal Setting of the AS Executive Director Policy (Action)

A break was called until 7:05 p.m.

The meeting resumed at 7:06 p.m.
Kosty introduced the item noting that since the item had numerous questions during the previous meeting that members should introduce topics to guide the conversation. Members of the Senate provided the following topics to be addressed: evaluation dates, cycling of the open forum aspect of the evaluation, Senates level of interaction in approval of the evaluation, progress report. Boyar addressed numerous changes within the document, which he provided to the Senate via written document.

Boyar moved to amend AS-B 13.11.12, (ALEX SEND CHANGES) 2nd provided by Barker.

Parreira asked Boyar to explain the rationale for the closed session as she was absent from the previous meeting, Boyar provided information from the Gloria Romero Open Meeting law and the nature of the evaluation being a personnel matter.

Motion approved 13-0-0.

Conversation on dates within the document began, Kosty pointed out several dates referred to in the document.

Ramey moved to table AS-B 13.11.12 following AS-B 12.11.12, 2nd Provided by Paneno.

Motion to moved to table AS-B 13.11.12 following AS-B 12.11.12, approved 13-0-0.

Discussion resumed on this item at 8:22 p.m. Kosty reviewed the topics to be discussed on the item. Kosty asked members of the Personnel Committee to review the rational of having the AS President and AS President elect and the Vice-President for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management involved in the goal setting process, Boyar provided clarification.

Boyar moved to amend AS-B 13.11.12 under goal setting, the last sentence of first paragraph, goals must be sent and finalized no later than the transition of the AS President, 2nd provided by Barker

Dickson noted there is not a transition date in the Bylaws, but rather separate dates for executive officers and Senators.

Motion to amend AS-B 13.11.12 under goal setting, the last sentence of first paragraph, goals must be sent and finalized no later than the transition of the AS President, approved 12-0-1.

Barker moved to add “AS President-Elect, Vice-President of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management and the AS Executive Order” under goal setting, 2nd provided by Kerr

Motion to amend AS-B 13.11.12 by adding “AS President-Elect, Vice-President of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management and the AS Executive Order” under goal setting, 13-0-1

Boyar suggested starting the three-year review/open forum as if the Executive Director were recently hired as there is not previous evaluation data to start from. Kosty and Ramey noted that taking that action does not need to be stated explicitly in the policy. Dickson clarified his date of hire, which would necessitate the three-year review in 2013. Kosty asked members to discuss the Senate’s involvement in the review of the Executive Director and if the Senate should take action or have a “say” in the process.
An alternative would be to leave the evaluation process at the discretion of the Personnel Committee. Discussion was held.

Paneno moved to amend AS-B 13.11.12 by striking the last two sentences of the first paragraph under for evaluation, 2nd provided by Burke.

Motion to amend AS-B 13.11.12 by striking the last two sentences of the first paragraph under for evaluation, approved 13-0-1.

Boyer moved to amend AS-B 13.11.12 “and Senate” from the third paragraph under “for evaluation”, 2nd provided by Barker

Motion to amend AS-B 13.11.12 “and Senate” from the third paragraph under “for evaluation”, approved 13-0-1.

Discussion was held on the topic of progress reports about progression of goals for the Executive Director.

Boyar moved amend AS-B 13.11.12 by removing the last sentence of the document, 2nd provided by Young

Motion to amend AS-B 13.11.12 by removing the last sentence of the document, approved 13-0-1.

Havens moved to amend AS-B 13.11.12 to add no later than 1 week prior to the transition of the AS President, 2nd provided by Parreira

Motion to amend AS-B 13.11.12 to add no later than 1 week prior to the transition of the AS President, approved 13-0-1.

Boyar moved to AS-B 13.11.12 by removing and Goals Setting from the title of policy, 2nd provided Barker.

Motion to amend AS-B 13.11.12 by removing and Goals Setting from the title of policy, approved 13-0-1.

Barker moved to approve AS-B 13.11.12 as amended, 2nd provided by Parreira.

Motion to approve AS-B 13.11.12 as amended, approved 13-0-1.

5 Minute Break called at 9:05 p.m.

Meeting resumed at 9:10 p.m.

g) AS-B 12.11.12 Changing of the officer transition date in the Associated Students Bylaws, Article III, Sections 3a and 7a, and Article VI, Section 1a (Action)

Kosty sought topics from members of the Senate to frame discussion of the item. Dickson asked members of the Senate to consider if executive officers and senators should transition on the same date. Havens discussed the idea of moving up the transition date, expressing it would reduce time in the term of office, especially as many decisions are made during that time of the year. Dickson provided clarification regarding transition, noting once Senate transitions; they will set their meeting schedule. Discussion was held. Barker reiterated the rationale used when the Internal Affairs Board approved this item to be reviewed by the Senate. Dickson noted the Chair rotates on June 1st and that the nomination needed to be confirmed by the incoming Senate. Discussion was held.
Ramey moved to amend Article III, Section 3a to read “the last week of instruction in the spring semester”, 2nd provided by Havens.

Parreira expressed concern with asking students to meet during the week of finals to approve any remaining business items. Ramey noted that if proper preparation is taken into account, there should not be any significant reason that this would be a hindrance to new officers. Dickson suggested to alter the section identifying “a” meeting instead of “the” Senate meeting to allow flexibility.

Barker moved to amend Article III, Section 3a, replacing “the” to “a” in front Senate Meeting, 2nd provided by Young.

Motion to approve the amendment Article III, Section 3a, replacing “the” to “a” in front Senate Meeting, approved 13-0-1.

Motion to approve the amendment to Article III, Section 3a to read “the last week of instruction in the spring semester, approved 12-1-1.

Ramey moved to amend Article III, Sections 7a, to read “...last week of instruction for the spring semester and ending at a Senate meeting...”, 2nd provided by Hurd.

Motion to amend Article III, Section 7a, approved 12-1-1.

Ramey moved to amend Article VI, Section 1a “the AS Senate must meet the last week of instruction for the spring semester of each year”, 2nd provided by Kerr.

Motion to amend Article VI, Section 1a “the AS Senate must meet the last week of instruction for the spring semester of each year”, approved 12-1-1.

Break called to 8:20 p.m.

Meeting resumed at 8:25 p.m.

h) AS-B 10.11.12 Changing of the officer remuneration date in the Associated Students Bylaws, Article III, Section 11 tabled from 11.29.11 (Action)
Kosy introduced the item, noting this item was tabled subject to the altering of the transition date. Barker noted IAB had suggested the 1st of May; however, with the new transition, May 31 would be more appropriate.

Barker moved to amend AS-B 10.11.12 Article III, Section 11 to read “shall not become effective until the transition of the incoming Senate”, 2nd provided by Parreira.

Motion to amend AS-B 10.11.12 Article III, Section 11 to read “shall not become effective until the transition of the incoming Senate, approved 13-0-1.

i) Reports from the AS Boards (Discussion)
i. Internal Affairs Board
   Barker reported on the recent activities of the Internal Affairs Board, including a programming grant from Black Scholars United, discussed nominations for officer positions and continued discussion on the marketing plan.

ii. Legislative Affairs Board
Havens reported the Legislative Affairs Board was unable to meet due to a scheduling conflict with the meeting location.

iii. Representation and Engagement Board
Burke reported on behalf of Representation and Engagement Board including academic quality and enhancement by speaking to graduating seniors and recent alumni to gain feedback. Members of REB continued discussion of the Career Center resolution; Burke will seek feedback from their recent survey and will be inviting the new career advisor to a future meeting. Progress of suggestion boxes was presented to members of the Senate. Enactment reports for the composting and trigger cut resolution were created and reviewed. Appointments were also made to several searches for campus administrators. Kosty noted she is creating a procedural document for enactment reports, that will also apply to the legislative action reports.

j) AS-I 12.11.12 Approval of the Minutes from 11.29.11 (Action)
Members discussed necessary changes.

Havens moved to approve AS-I 12.11.12, 2nd provided by Parreira.

Motion to approve AS-I 12.11.12, approved 13-0-1.

VI. Questions on Reports
Boyar asked about missing reports from Diversity, Involvement and Undeclared Senator. Kosty noted she received one of the reports late.

VII. Items for the Good of the Order
Barker noted according to the board codes, all boards are required to meet twice a month. Internal Affairs Board is the only board that has met twice this month. IAB will be addressing this item when they address board codes next semester. Ramey also noted the codes require REB and LAB to have their reports produced within 10 days and that IAB should review this item as well. Dickson commented that members of the Senate are the leadership of the organization and based upon the code, members should be considered for removal by not adhering what is stated in the respective codes and documents. These positions require a high level of leadership. Parreira announced the Global Environmental Activism Club will be hosting the movie Bag It in the Cooperaage. Burke asked Kosty if reports needed to be submitted this week. Kosty noted reports for this week can be optional. Fitzie asked members to return printed questions from the officer interview and selection process. Boyar apologized and denounced himself for the quality of the evaluation policy that was submitted to the Senate. Liai announced the Multicultural Center is showing Crash with a facilitated discussion after the film. Kosty thanked Yballa for his service to student government as an officer as this is his last meeting. Dickson reminded everyone about the potluck on Thursday; he also commented that Havens is a student member on the Judicial Affairs/Orientation Director search and asked if a member could fill in during an interview time. Linda Williams (AS Accountant) will be out on medical leave for approximately 3 weeks. Petitions for issue referendums will be circulating around campus. Fencing for the Student Center are now up with a summer 2013 completion. Kosty noted that if dates are secured for student advisory councils, e-mail Jason. Ramey discussed his idea to add a new officer position.

VIII. Adjournment – Kosty adjourned the meeting at 9:57 p.m.

[Signature]
Amanda Kosty, Chair of the AS Senate